

Summary of Japanese-Language Education Overseas Programs

1. Promoting the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (p. 23)

(1) JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education Revised

The second editions of the *JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education 2010* and the *User's Guide* were partially revised and published for the second printing. About 6,800 copies in total have been distributed for the two editions

(2) JF Standard-related Seminars, etc.

A total of 74 seminars, academic, and research meetings were held in and outside Japan

(3) Grant Program for the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education Activities

To promote the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, we funded eight projects carried out by overseas Japanese-language education societies, teacher associations, etc.

(4) Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture

Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture Starter (A1) Katsudo and Rikai coursebooks, conforming to the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, were released

2. JF Language Course (p. 24)

JF Language Course was started at the Kyrgyz Republic-Japan Center for Human Development, supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

JF Language Courses were offered at 30 locations (including Japan Foundation's overseas offices) in 27 countries

3. Survey on the Present Situation of Overseas Japanese-Language Education (p. 24)

This survey is conducted every three years on overseas Japanese-language education institutions, teachers, students, etc. In July 2013, the gist of the 2012 survey results were made public. In December, *the Survey Report on Japanese-Language Education Abroad 2012* and summary booklets (Japanese and English versions) were published. In addition, summary excerpts were compiled, distributed, and made public on the Website

4. Online Educational Tools (p. 25)

(1) Web Version of *Erin's Challenge! I can speak Japanese.*

7.53 million hits in fiscal 2013 (21.13 million hits since fiscal 2010)

(2) *Minna no Kyozaï*

2.96 million hits in fiscal 2013 (70.67 million hits since fiscal 2002)

(3) MARUGOTO+ (MARUGOTO Plus) A1

510,000 hits in fiscal 2013
Spanish version and sister site *MARUGOTO no Kotoba* started

(4) NIHONGO de CARE-NAVI

670,000 hits in fiscal 2013 (4.6 million hits since fiscal 2007)

(5) *Japanese in Anime & Manga*

3.13 million hits in fiscal 2013 (10.97 million hits since fiscal 2009)

(6) NIHONGO-e-Na

1.01 million hits in fiscal 2013 (3.91 million hits since fiscal 2010), lists of useful apps for iOS and Android devices to NIHONGO-e-NA added

5. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) (p. 26)

(1) First Session (July 7)

Test conducted in 101 overseas cities in 21 countries and regions, taken by 198,962 examinees
New test sites: Manado, Indonesia and Tashkent, Uzbekistan

(2) Second Session (December 1)

Test conducted in 202 overseas cities in 63 countries and regions, taken by 242,282 examinees
New test sites: Algiers, Algeria; Antananarivo, Madagascar; and Siem Reap, Cambodia

A total of 441,244 overseas examinees took the JLPT throughout the year

6. Dispatch of Japanese-Language Specialists (p. 27)

(1) Japanese-Language Specialists: 124 posts in 40 countries

Senior Specialists: 39 posts in 27 countries
Specialists: 63 posts in 30 countries
Assistants: 22 posts in 15 countries

(2) Overseas Internships

With the cooperation of 43 Japanese universities having a Japanese-language teacher training program, 346 undergraduate and graduate students were sent as Japanese-language teaching interns to 117 institutions in 25 countries and one region

(3) Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program (J-LEAP)

This program promotes Japan-U.S. cultural and personnel exchanges and supports Japanese-language education in the U.S. Eleven new assistants were sent to the U.S. in fiscal 2013 as part of the total of 21 teaching assistants at primary and secondary educational institutions. They help promote better understanding of Japanese culture and society in their local communities

7. Projects to Support Japanese-Language Education (p. 27)

Members of the JF Nihongo Network ("Sakura Network") include the Japan Foundation's overseas offices, major Japanese-language education organizations, and 126 institutions in 45 countries and 2 regions (as of fiscal 2013). Our 21 overseas offices conduct 156 program schemes, and four Japan Centers in four countries conduct 13 program schemes. Also, grants were provided for 65 programs conducted by the network's core members in 27 countries and regions. Our overseas offices provided assistance for 161 activities conducted by Japanese-language education institutions and organizations in 60 countries where providing assistance is difficult for the offices

8. Japanese-Language Education for Nurse/ Certified Care Worker Candidates under EPAs (p. 27)

A preparatory Japanese-language training program was conducted from November 2013 to May 2014 in the candidates' countries to help maximize the effectiveness of their upcoming training in Japan. Some 48 nurses and 107 care workers in Indonesia and 65 nurses and 83 care workers in the Philippines underwent the six-month training program

9. Training programs for Overseas Teachers (p. 28)

(1) Graduate School Education in Cooperation with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Graduate Program in Japanese Language and Culture (Master's Course): 4 new students from 4 countries and 4 continuing students from 4 countries

Graduate Program in Japanese Language and Culture (Doctoral Course): 2 continuing students from 2 countries

(2) Advanced Training program for Overseas Japanese- Language Teachers

From 9 countries, 10 Japanese-language teachers with specific objectives such as teaching material development participated in the program

(3) Training programs for Overseas Japanese-Language Teachers

Long-term: 60 teachers from 33 countries

Short-term: 125 teachers from 34 countries and region

JF Language Course teachers: 36 teachers from 23 countries

Country-based

Korea: 54 teachers

China: 19 teachers at universities, 20 teachers at secondary schools

Thailand: 62 teachers

The Philippines: 17 teachers

'Nikkei' (Japanese descendants) teachers: 9 teachers from 4 countries

Japan-Hungary Cooperation Forum's Special Program: 6 teachers

(4) Training programs in Cooperation with other Organizations

The Japanese Speakers' Forum 2013 ("Nihongo-jin Forum"):

35 teachers from 6 countries (including Japan)

10. Training programs for Overseas Learners (p. 28)

(1) Programs for Specialists (Foreign-Service Officers/Public Officials)

39 people from 35 countries and regions for 8 months
Besides Japanese-language training, participants visited government agencies, public organizations, educational institutions including universities, and companies to meet people and exchange opinions. Courses at the Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University were also incorporated

(2) Programs for Specialists (Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields)

65 people from 29 countries for 2 or 6 months

The program aimed to have cultural and scientific specialists learn the language necessary to gather and convey information and to exchange opinions with people. Participants also visited universities, research institutions, national libraries, and museums and talked with people

(3) Programs for Overseas Students and Learners

Outstanding students: 66 people from 66 countries

JF Language Course outstanding students: 26 people from 24 countries

University students: 119 people from 28 countries

Students from cooperating Japanese universities: 127 people from 25 countries

High school students: 41 people from 11 countries

Lee Soo-Hyun Youth Exchange Program: 30 people from Korea

JET Memorial Invitation Program for U.S. High School Students: 32 people

(4) Training in Cooperation with Local Organizations

Training for JET Program teachers arriving in Osaka: 12 people from 3 countries

Nationwide JET Program Japanese-language teaching method training: 28 people from 11 countries

Kamenori Earth Youth Summit and Pre-Japanese Lessons: 12 people from 2 countries

11. Commissioned Training Programs (p. 28)

Hakuho Foundation, Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers: 13 teachers from 13 countries

Japan Russia Youth Exchange Center, Preparatory Training for Young Japanese-Language Teachers before Dispatch: 21 teachers

Training for Russian Japanese-Language Teachers in Primary and Secondary Education: 7 teachers

Training for Indonesian University Students sponsored by the Osaka Gas Foundation of International Cultural Exchange: 2 people

Japanese-Filipino Nikkei-jin International School Program: 12 people

Canon Vietnam Japanese-Language Program: 1 person

New Zealand Japanese-Language Teacher Training: 7 people

Naples Eastern University Training in Japan: 23 students

Qatar Youth Training in Japan: 18 students

12. Libraries of the Japanese-Language Institutes

Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa visitors: 17,242

Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai visitors: 18,698