

Strengthening Cultural Exchange in Asia

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1 "NIHONGO Partners" Program

Section in Charge: Japanese Language Program Section II, Asia Center

This program dispatches "NIHONGO Partners" to secondary educational institutions mainly in 10 ASEAN countries in order to support the local Japanese language teachers and students. The "NIHONGO Partners" will support not only the educational activities of the local Japanese teachers but also aim to spread the charms of the Japanese language and cultures through their learning support and cultural activities inside and outside the classroom.

Through local activities and people-to-people exchanges, "NIHONGO Partners" themselves are also expected to deepen their understandings toward the language and cultures of the area or country where they stay, and serve as the bridge between Japan and 10 ASEAN countries in the future.

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria.

- (1) Eager to understand the objectives of this program and aspire to serve as the bridge between Japan and 10 ASEAN countries
- (2) Able to be adapted to the local standard of living (housing, life-style, etc.)
- (3) Must be between 20 and 69 years old, be of Japanese nationality, and be a Japanese native speaker
- (4) Able to engage in everyday conversation in English
- (5) Able to participate in all pre-departure training conducted separately by the Japan Foundation (about one month in duration)
- (6) Able to cooperate with the Japan Foundation on disseminating information about activities and publicize this program using SNS, website, and other media tools
- (7) Mentally and physically healthy

* The above eligibility may differ according to the target area or country, and the period of dispatch.

Dispatch Areas

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

Coverage

Return air ticket (discount economy class fares), travel expenses, living allowance, etc.

* Accommodation will be provided by the Japan Foundation.

Remarks

- (1) Once the details are available, the application instructions and application forms will be available on Japan Foundation Asia Center's website.
- (2) Please note that the dispatch areas and duration of dispatch are tentative and subject to change.

2 Grant Program for Enhancing People-to-People Exchange

Application Form: **AC-PP**
Section in Charge: Arts, Culture and Exchange Section II, Asia Center

This program is designed to expand the bases for exchange and to promote understanding and friendship among the people of Asia. Grants will be provided to cover a portion of the expenses incurred for implementing exchange projects at grassroots or regional levels.

Eligibility

- (1) Applicants must:
 - a. Be organizations based in Japan.
 - b. *Not* be grantees of the first-round of applications (i.e. Grantees of the first-round cannot apply for the second round of the same fiscal year.)
- * Grant programs offered by the Japan Foundation's overseas offices are available for applicants from ASEAN. Please contact our offices in Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Laos, and Cambodia for more information.

Eligible Projects

- (1) Project contents
 - a. Exchange projects at grassroots or regional levels which are to be implemented in 10 ASEAN countries or in Japan.