

## NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities

Section in Charge: International Operations Section II,  
NIHONGO Partners Program Department

### ◆ Outline

This program dispatches students majoring in Japanese-language education at universities in Japan as NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with the universities to support local Japanese-language teachers and students at educational institutions in Asia. They will not only support the educational activities of the local Japanese-language teachers and students, but also aim to deepen communications and understanding between locals and Japanese.

### ◆ Eligibility

Japanese universities, graduate schools or junior colleges, which have Japanese-language teacher-training courses (hereinafter called "collaborating universities")

### ◆ Dispatch areas and countries

Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Timor-Leste, China, Taiwan, Mongolia, and India

### ◆ Duration

More than 1 week (students must depart Japan on or after June 1, 2026, and must be back in Japan by the end of March 2027)

### ◆ Dispatched Persons

Japanese-language native students or students who have high Japanese-language skills equivalent to Japanese-language native students, majoring in Japanese education at universities in Japan.



## ◆ Methods of Implementation

The Japan Foundation and the collaborating universities shall conclude an agreement based on the content of the application, and then implement the program based on that agreement.

## ◆ Contents of Support

The Japan Foundation will pay the below-mentioned items as co-sponsorship contributions:

- Round-trip air ticket (fare, airport tax, airport fees, fuel surcharge, etc.)
- Housing allowance (a maximum limit for 180 days' worth)
- Travel accident insurance cost (a maximum limit for 180 days' worth)
- \* The above-mentioned items will be paid according to the Japan Foundation's regulations:
- \* The Japan Foundation does not cover food expenses, in principle.
- \* Students are not allowed to obtain any scholarship or grant provided by the Japanese government and/or Japanese government-affiliated institutions in addition to this program.

## ◆ Selection Policy

Screening will be made in line with the following criteria:

- 1 Role and contents of Japanese-language teacher-training courses in the collaborating universities
- 2 Training system for students in the collaborating universities and the host institutions;
- 3 Coalitions and security management system for students in the collaborating universities and the host institutions;
- 4 Specific outcome expected;
- 5 Proper budget plan, including the sharing of expenses by the applicant (the collaborating university and the students);
- 6 Outline of the program plan;
- 7 The necessity of Japan Foundation' s support for this program

## ◆ Number of Support (Reference)

274 to 34 universities for FY 2025 (NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities)



◆ Application Deadline

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1 p.m., December 2, 2025, Japan Standard time (Applications must be submitted by e-mail.)

◆ Notification of Results

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April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

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Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

