



NIHONGO Partners (Internship in Collaboration with 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 to educational institutions in Asia, where they support Japanese-language education and promote exchange and mutual understanding with local people. During the dispatch, they undertake practicum training in Japanese-language education, introduce Japanese culture, and engage in conversational exchange in Japanese.

◆ Eligibility

Japanese universities, graduate schools, and junior colleges that offer Japanese-language teacher-training courses (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant University")

◆ Dispatch Areas and Countries

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

◆ Duration of dispatch

One week or longer (participants must depart Japan on or after June 1, 2027, and must be back in Japan by March 31, 2028)

◆ Participants

Regular students enrolled in a Japanese-language teacher-training course, or an equivalent program, at the Applicant University (in their second year or above at the time of dispatch), who are native speakers of Japanese or possess Japanese-language proficiency equivalent to that of a native speaker.



◆ Methods of Implementation

The Japan Foundation and the Applicant University shall conclude an agreement based on the approved application and implement the program jointly in accordance with that agreement.

◆ Contents of Support

The Japan Foundation shall cover the following expenses as its contributions to the jointly organized program:

- Round-trip airfare (including airport fees, fuel surcharge etc.)
- Accommodation fees (a maximum limit for 60 days' worth)
- Overseas travel insurance fees (a maximum limit for 60 days' worth)
- * The above-mentioned items will be provided within the limits established by the Japan Foundation.:

◆ Selection Policy

Screening will be conducted in line with the following criteria:

- 1 Positioning of the program within the Applicant University
- 2 Proposed activities
- 3 Cooperative framework and safety management system between the Applicant University and the host institution
- 4 Expected concrete outcome
- 5 Appropriateness of the budget plan
- 6 Safety conditions at the program location

◆ Previous Results (Reference)

334 students from 41 universities (FY2026)

◆ Application Deadline

1 p.m., December 2, 2026 (Applications must be submitted by e-mail.)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2027



◆ Notes for all Applicants

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](#)

