

Foreword

Since its establishment in 1972, the Japan Foundation has been promoting cultural exchange between Japan and other countries in a wide range of fields, including Japanese-language education and Japan studies, as well as other academic studies, fine arts (including performing arts and visual arts), publishing, and sports, with the ultimate goal of promoting international understanding, friendship, and goodwill between Japan and other countries around the world.

The Japanese-Language Education Group consists of the Japanese-Language Department (in Tokyo), the Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (in Saitama), and the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (in Osaka). Its activities include sending specialists in Japanese-language education on overseas assignments; bringing Japanese-language teachers overseas to Japan for training; assisting in the development and production of teaching materials, as well as donating such materials; administering the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test; providing incentives for specialized training in the Japanese language and in Japanese-language studies; providing subsidies for educational institutions abroad; and collecting and disseminating information concerning Japanese-language education abroad.

This pamphlet is an overview of the “海外日本語教育機関調査” (*Survey of Overseas Organizations Involved in Japanese-Language Education*) conducted by the Japan Foundation in 2006. For more detailed information, please refer to “海外の日本語教育の現状—日本語教育機関調査・2006年—” (*Survey Report on Japanese-Language Education Abroad 2006: Present Condition of Overseas Japanese-Language Education*, which includes detailed statistical tables and analyses).

In addition, information on educational institutions responding to this survey is available at the “Directory of Overseas Japanese-Language Educational Institutions” on the Japan Foundation’s English website (<http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/japan/oversea/surveydb/index.html>). Please feel free to use this information as needed. Also, please refer to “日本語教育国別情報” (“Information on Japanese-Language Education by Country”) at http://www.jpf.go.jp/j/japan_j/oversea/kunibetsu/index.html for information on the current status of Japanese-language education in each country (available in Japanese only).

This pamphlet has been prepared both in English and Japanese version and are available at the Japan Foundation website as follows:

English <http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/japan/oversea/survey.html>

Japanese http://www.jpf.go.jp/j/japan_j/oversea/survey.html

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