

340,000 people around the world to take the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test in July

Six percent increase in overseas applications

The Japan Foundation conducts the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) on Sunday, July 5, 2015 in 115 cities of 28 countries and regions outside Japan. This year marked the 31st anniversary of the JLPT and more countries and cities are to hold the JLPT.

Outline of July 2015 JLPT

- <Date> **Sunday, July 5, 2015**
- <Sites> **115 cities in 28 countries and regions abroad and 45 prefectures in Japan**
- <Number of Applicants>
Approximately 340,000 people (250,000 overseas and 90,000 in Japan)
- <Levels> **N1-N5 (five levels with N1 being the highest)**
*Please see the website (<http://www.jlpt.jp/e/>) for the summary of linguistic competence required for each level.
- <Country to hold the JLPT for the first time in July 2015>
The Netherlands (in Leiden)
- <Cities to hold the JLPT for the first time in July 2015>
Mandalay (Myanmar), Shantiniketan (India)

Please note that the JLPT is to be held in Kathmandu (Nepal) as planned.

The number of overseas applicants:

- The number of overseas applicants is 253,980. This reveals a 6% increase.
- Countries and regions with high increase rates:

	Number of applicants	Year-on-year rate
Southeast Asia	52,516	36%
Vietnam	26,575	38%
Indonesia	7,023	20%
Thailand	11,334	19%
South Asia	9,220	22%
India	7,338	34%

(Comparison with the number of applicants for the JLPT in July 2014)

Advantages of acquiring a JLPT certificate include:

- To receive points under the Points-based Preferential Immigration Treatment for Highly Skilled Foreign Professionals system for immigration to Japan (N1).
- To satisfy one of the conditions for applying for the Japan's national exams for medical practitioners (N1).
- To meet one of requirements for Vietnamese nurse/care worker candidates under EPA (N3 or higher).

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