

Summary of Japanese-Language Education Overseas Programs

1. Promoting the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (p. 21)

(1) JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education Revised

The third edition and first printing of *the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education 2010* published. Pamphlet explaining the JF Standard produced.

(2) JF Standard-related Seminars, etc.

A total of 63 seminars, academic, and research meetings were held in and outside Japan.

(3) Grant Program for the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education Activities

To promote the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, we funded seven projects carried out by overseas Japanese-language education societies, teacher associations, etc.

(4) Marugoto: Japanese-language and Culture

Marugoto: Japanese-language and Culture Elementary 1 & 2 (A2) Katsudo and Rikai coursebooks, conforming to the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, were released.

2. JF Language Course (p. 22)

JF Language Course was started at the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center, supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JF Language Courses offered at 31 locations (including Japan Foundation's overseas offices) in 28 countries.

3. Online Educational Tools (p. 23)

(1) Web Version of *Erin's Challenge! I can speak Japanese.*

6.77 million hits in fiscal 2014 (27.9 million hits since fiscal 2010)

(2) *Minna no Kyozaï*

2.4 million hits in fiscal 2014 (73.07 million hits since fiscal 2002)

(3) MARUGOTO+ (MARUGOTO Plus) Elementary 1 (A2) MARUGOTO+ (MARUGOTO Plus) Starter (A1)

1.41 million hits in fiscal 2014 (1.92 million hits since fiscal 2013)

(4) NIHONGO de CARE-NAVI

670,000 hits in fiscal 2014 (5.27 million hits since fiscal 2007)

(5) *Japanese in Anime & Manga*

2.23 million hits in fiscal 2014 (13.2 million hits since fiscal 2009)

(6) NIHONGO-e-Na

1.27 million hits in fiscal 2014 (5.18 million hits since fiscal 2010)

4. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) (p. 24)

(1) First Session (July 6)

Test conducted in 105 overseas cities in 23 countries and regions, taken by 206,961 examinees

(2) Second Session (December 7)

Test conducted in 208 overseas cities in 65 countries and regions, taken by 242,503 examinees.

A total of 449,464 overseas examinees in 213 overseas cities in 66 countries and regions took the JLPT in 2014.

First-time countries (1): South Africa

First-time cities (8): Wonju, Korea; Arwaikheer, Mongolia; Columbus and Boulder, United States; Granada, Spain; Strasbourg, France; Astrakhan, Russia; and Johannesburg, South Africa.

5. Sending Japanese-Language Specialists Overseas (p. 25)

(1) Japanese-Language Specialists: 126 posts in 40 countries

Senior Specialists: 38 posts in 27 countries

Specialists: 64 posts in 32 countries

Assistants: 24 posts in 17 countries

(2) Overseas Internships

With the cooperation of 51 Japanese universities having a Japanese-language teacher training program, 260 undergraduate and graduate students were sent as Japanese-language teaching interns to 99 institutions in 25 countries and one region.

(3) Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program (J-LEAP)

This program promotes Japan-U.S. cultural and personnel exchanges and supports Japanese-language education in the U.S. Nine new assistants were sent to the U.S. in fiscal 2014 as part of the total of 20 teaching assistants at primary and secondary educational institutions. They help promote better understanding of Japanese culture and society in their local communities.

6. Japanese-Language Education Support Projects (p. 25)

Members of the JF Nihongo Network ("Sakura Network") include the Japan Foundation's overseas offices, major Japanese-language education organizations, and 127 institutions in 47 countries and regions (as of fiscal 2014). Our 21 overseas offices conduct 156 program schemes, and four Japan Centers in four countries conduct 14 program schemes. Also, grants were provided for 66 programs conducted by the network's core members in 27 countries and regions. Our overseas offices provided assistance for 149 activities conducted by Japanese-language education institutions and organizations in 63 countries where providing assistance is difficult for the offices.

7. Japanese-Language Education for Healthcare Worker Candidates under EPAs (p. 25)

A preparatory Japanese-language training program was conducted from November 2013 to May 2014 in the candidates' countries to help maximize the effectiveness of their upcoming training in Japan. Some 44 nurses and 147 care workers in Indonesia and 36 nurses and 151 care workers in the Philippines underwent the six-month training program.

8. Training programs for Overseas Teachers (p. 26)

(1) Graduate School Education in Cooperation with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Graduate Program in Japanese-language and Culture (Master's Course): 4 new students from 4 countries and 4 continuing students from 4 countries

Graduate Program in Japanese-language and Culture (Doctoral Course): 1 continuing student from 1 country

(2) Advanced Training Program for Overseas Japanese-Language Teachers

From 6 countries, 10 Japanese-language teachers with specific objectives such as teaching material development participated in the program.

(3) Training Programs for Overseas Japanese-Language Teachers

Long-term: 57 teachers from 29 countries and regions

Short-term: 87 teachers from 30 countries and regions

JF Language Course teachers: 41 teachers from 24 countries

By country:

Korea: 55 teachers

China: 24 teachers at universities, 19 teachers at secondary schools

Thailand: 86 teachers

Nikkei (Japanese descendants) teachers: 4 teachers from 3 countries

(4) Overseas Japanese-Language Education Project

Nihongo-jin Forum: 36 teachers from 6 countries including Japan

9. Training programs for Overseas Learners (p. 26)

(1) Programs for Specialists (Foreign-Service Officers/Public Officials)

35 people from 34 countries and regions for 8 months
Besides Japanese-language training, participants visited government agencies, public organizations, educational institutions including universities, and companies to meet people and exchange opinions.

(2) Programs for Specialists (Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields)

39 people from 16 countries for 2 or 6 months
The program aimed to have cultural and scientific specialists learn the language necessary to gather and convey information and to exchange opinions with people. Participants also visited universities, research institutions, national libraries, and museums and talked with people.

(3) Programs for Overseas Students and Learners

Outstanding students: 63 students from 63 countries

Students at cooperating Japanese universities: 73 students from 24 countries

High school students: 35 students from 10 countries

Lee Soo-Hyun Youth Exchange Program: 20 students

JET Memorial Invitation Program for U.S. High School

Students: 32 students

(4) Overseas Japanese-Language Education Project (Cooperation for Osaka Prefecture)

Training for JET Program teachers arriving in Osaka: 11 teachers from 3 countries

Training in Osaka for Japanese-language teachers from Queensland, Australia: 4 teachers

(5) Japanese-Language Education Capacity Building

Southeast Asia Teachers' Training College in Japan: 62 students from 2 countries

10. Commissioned Training Programs (p. 26)

• Preparatory Training for Young Japanese-Language Teachers before Dispatch (Japan Russia Youth Exchange Center): 19 teachers from 1 country

• Global Children's Japanese-language Network (Hakuho Foundation):

① 5th Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children: 20 children from 1 country

② 5th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children: 13 children from 13 countries

③ 6th Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers: 13 teachers from 12 countries

• Korean Elementary and Secondary Japanese-Language Teacher Training in Japan: 10 teachers

• Qatar Youth Training in Japan (Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage - Qatar): 18 students

• Japanese-Filipino Nikkei-jin International School Program: 10 teachers

• New Zealand High School Student Training in Japan: 17 students

• Canon Vietnam Japanese-Language Program: 1 student

• New Zealand Secondary School Japanese-Language Teacher Training: 7 teachers

• Osaka Gas Foundation of International Cultural Exchange training of University of Indonesia students in Japan: 2 students

• Other Commissioned Training Programs: 45 people

11. Libraries of Japanese-Language Institutes

Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa visitors: 17,489

Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai visitors: 16,562