

“Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin” Readers Survey – your input counts –

“Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin,” a newsletter issued three times a year – January, May, and September – provides information on Japanese education, targeting people trained at the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa or overseas language institutions offering Japanese programs. Since its first publication in 1990, the circulation has grown as the number of trainees and Japanese language institutions has increased. The total circulation reached 17,000 as of January 2003, 90% of which is sent out overseas. The copies are also posted on our website since 1998 as PDF files, allowing visitors to browse almost all the articles in the 28th and later issues on the Internet.

On the other hand, the Japan Foundation, run with the profit gained by managing the endowment fund and government subsidies, is facing a considerable budget cut in the midst of the series of administrative reform in the Japanese government. “Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin,” as a result, will have to be reviewed as to the number of pages and where to distribute. We are planning to shift the focus onto the web publication, reducing the paper circulation substantially. To help us determine what the future “Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin” should look like, please answer the following questions. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Please send back your survey to the contact below via postal mail or via fax by the end of March 2003. Or, send us an email to request a form in MS Word file to participate by email.

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“Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin” Survey

- * Select one choice that describes you best, or provide an answer accordingly.
- * Fill them out for yourself and yourself only. If there are more than one respondent in your institution, have one individual answer on behalf of the rest, or copy this survey form for each respondent to answer independently (do not put answers from multiple respondents in a single form).

1. About Yourself

(1) Write your name and the institution you work for (optional).

Name _____ Institution _____

* The following questions are mandatory.

(2) What is your nationality, and what country do you live in currently?

Nationality < _____ > Country you live in < _____ >

(3) What is your mother language?

1. Japanese 2. Other than Japanese (please specify: _____)

(4) How do you relate to the Japanese language?

1. Former trainee at the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa
2. Japanese-Language Specialist of the Japan Foundation
3. Teacher/staff of a Japanese language institution other than 1 and 2
4. Library staff
5. Student 6. Other < _____ >

(5) What level of Japanese education are you involved in? (check all that apply)

1. Elementary 2. Secondary 3. Higher (university and above)
4. Other < _____ >

(6) How long have you been teaching Japanese?

1. less than 1 year 2. less than 5 years 3. less than 10 years 4. more than 10 years

(7) How long have you been learning Japanese?

1. less than 3 years 2. less than 10 years 3. less than 20 years 4. more than 20 years

(8) Do you have a certificate of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test?

1. Level 1 2. Level 2 3. Level 3 4. Level 4 5. Don't have any

2. About your environment

(1) Availability of paper copies of “Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin.”

1. They are kept in libraries or teachers’ rooms, giving free access for teachers and students.
2. They are placed where no one but the Japanese teachers can access.
3. They belong to an individual with no other readers.

(2) Availability of the Internet

1. I can access the Internet from my organization’s PCs.
2. I can access the Internet from my own PC.
3. Neither my organization nor myself have an access to the Internet.
4. Other <

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3. About the usage of “Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin” on the web

(1) Have you taken a look at PDF files of “Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin” posted on our website?

1. Yes, I have.
2. No, I haven’t.
3. Tried, but unable to

(2) What would you do if “Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin” were to be available only on the website?

1. Read the entire pages on the web (or print them out).
2. Pick up the articles I am interested in and read them on the web (or print them out).
3. Wouldn’t read at all.
4. Other <

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4. About current articles

* Legend

[You read that article: 1: always 2: sometimes 3: occasionally 4: hardly]

[The level of Japanese of that article is: a: difficult b: moderate c: easy]

* Give your comments in the space provided in < >, if you have any.

(1) Cover story (1 2 3) (a b c)

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(2) Japanese Language Teaching Report in the World (1 2 3) (a b c)

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(3) Japanese Life As Seen in Photographs (1 2 3) (a b c)

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(4) Ideas for Japanese Language Classrooms (1 2 3) (a b c)
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(5) Aspect of Japan Today in the Newspaper and Magazine
(1 2 3) (a b c)
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(6) Approachable Japanese Grammar (1 2 3) (a b c)
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(7) Useful Web Sites for Teachers (1 2 3) (a b c)
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(8) Research on the Japanese Language & the Japanese Language Education
(1 2 3) (a b c)
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(9) Bookshelf (1 2 3) (a b c)
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(10) Articles on the Japan Foundation's activities (1 2 3) (a b c)
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(11) News (1 2 3) (a b c)
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5. About future articles

What would you like to see in the future "Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin"? Your candid opinion will be appreciated.