

# Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

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## Online Course

We are offering a self-study course for Japanese-language teachers, "Teaching Methods for Japanese-Language Teachers Online Course" on our website "JF Japanese e-Learning Minato," and we will gradually increase the content, so please take advantage of it.

website: <https://minato-jf.jp/>

The on-demand teaching materials used in the course are also uploaded on the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) website.

Japanese Teaching Methods Videos/Textbooks

website: [https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/urawa/j\\_rsrcs/teaching-methods.html](https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/urawa/j_rsrcs/teaching-methods.html)

## [(1)~(7) Outline of 4 onsite programs]

For FY 2025, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes 4 onsite training programs for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers teaching outside of Japan: "Basic Training Program", "Japanese-Language Program", "Japanese Teaching Methods Program", and "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals". The outline of each program is as follows.

(1) "Basic Training Program"

A six-month program to improve the Japanese-language skill and the Japanese teaching methodology skills.

(2) "Japanese-Language Program"

A seven week program to improve Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology skills.

(3) (4) (5) "Japanese Teaching Methods Program"

Training Programs of four to six weeks duration, which are designed to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill. In FY 2025, this program will be conducted in three separate groups (Summer Session/Autumn Session/Winter Session), divided based on their Japanese teaching experience and Japanese-language proficiency level

(6) "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods)"

A five-week program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc.

(7) "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese-Language)"

A five-week program to improve Japanese-language skill for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Workers, etc.

\* This table shows the basic conditions for each training program. However, there are additional conditions for each training program, so please check the explanation for the individual training program in this guideline and the Application Instructions.

| Program        | (1)<br>Basic                           | (2)<br>Japanese Language | (3)<br>Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer) | (4)<br>Japanese Teaching Methods (Autumn) | (5)<br>Japanese Teaching Methods (Winter) | (6)<br>Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)   | (7)<br>Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese-Language) |
|----------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Main Content   | Japanese-language                      | Japanese-language        |   |   |   |   | Japanese-language   |
|                | Japanese-language Teaching Methodology |                          | Japanese-language Teaching Methodology    |   |   | Japanese-language Teaching Methodology  |   |
|                | Japanese Culture/Society               | Japanese Culture/Society | Japanese Culture/ Society                 |   |   | Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture   | Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture   |
| Qualified Area | Worldwide                              |                          | Worldwide                                 |   |   | Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan |   |

| Teacher's eligibility               |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency | Length of Teaching Japanese-language              | 6 or more months and less than 5 years                             | 6 or more months  | 2 or more years and less than 5 years<br>*(see below)              | 5 or more years                        | 5 or more years (10 years or more preferred) | 1 or more years  |  |
|                                     | JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS) | Level A2 or higher in the JFS                                      | Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent<br>* Level B1 or above in the JFS is NOT applicable   | Level B1 or higher in the JFS or the equivalent                    |  | Level B2 or higher in the JFS (preferred)    | Level B1 or higher in the JFS  | Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent                              |
|                                     | Japanese-language Proficiency Test (JLPT)         | Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent | Level N4 or N5 in the JLPT, Level 3 or Level 4 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent<br>* Level N3 or higher in the JLPT is NOT applicable | Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent |  | Level N2 in the JLPT, or their equivalent    | Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent           | Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent |
|                                     | Duration (tentative)                              | September 2, 2025 – February 26, 2026                              | May 28, 2025 – July 15, 2025  | July 15, 2025 – August 28, 2025                                    | September 30, 2025 – November 13, 2025 | January 20, 2026 – February 17, 2026         | (1) June 3, 2025 – July 8, 2025<br>(2) November 11, 2025 – December 16, 2025 | September 3, 2025 – October 8, 2025                                |

\* For individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, more than 1 year.

## Eligibility (Common)

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education will be applicants. Participants must satisfy the following conditions.

- 1 Teachers who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work after completing this program. Individuals who are not working at overseas educational organizations teaching Japanese-language or are studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are NOT eligible.
- 2 Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program.

## Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture)

## Expense Coverage

- 1 Accommodations, meals during the program, insurance for sickness and injury during the training period.
- 2 For those participants whose institution is located in the regions and countries marked   and   in the table of Appendix (p. 68), the Japan Foundation will provide the following:
  - a. Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
  - b. Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
  - c. Set amount of in-kind allowances (to cover expenses necessary for participation in the program).

## Remarks

- 1 Candidates may simultaneously apply for multiple programs. However, candidates can only be allowed to participate in one program at most.
- 2 On the occasion of training participation, he/she cannot visit Japan accompanied by family.
- 3 The participants should devote themselves to the program and to attend every activity of the program during their stay.
- 4 Regarding the Japanese-language proficiency of candidates, please check the following website.
  - a. The levels of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (the JF Standard) of the official website of the JF Standard.  
[<https://www.jfstandard.jp/publicdata/ja/render.do#sec02>]
  - b. "N1-N5: The standard of linguistic competence required for each level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)" on the official website of the JLPT  
[<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>]
- 5 For Secondary School in Korea, we also offer the "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese-Language from the Republic of Korea" (approximately three weeks). Please contact the Japan Foundation, Seoul for details.

## [Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants]

Special conditions will be applied to the organizations and individuals that meet the following requirements for “(1) Basic Training,” “(2) Japanese Language,” and “(3)(4)(5) Japanese Teaching Methods.”

- Educational organizations for Japanese descendants that provide Japanese-language education in qualified areas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela).
- Candidates who are elected by the applying organization must be:
  - (a) residents of the countries in the qualified areas, and Japanese emigrants or their offspring (in principle, up to the third generation);
  - (b) individuals who are nationals of the countries in the qualified areas or Japanese nationals.

If the eligibility above is met, the following conditions will be applied:

- 1 Individuals who have completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan are also eligible.
- 2 Length of Teaching the Japanese-language (Applicable only for “Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Summer)”): Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons not included) are also eligible.

\* The conditions of Japanese proficiency and the participation of training programs in Japan are the same as written in the eligibility of each program.

# (1) Basic Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-BT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 6-month program designed for teachers who are early in their career with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills, acquire the basic teaching methodology, and deepen their knowledge of Japan.

## Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(\* The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 38)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;  
\* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching Japanese-language: Individuals with six or more months and less than five years of experience in teaching Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - a. Level A2 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
  - b. Level N4 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or higher of the old JLPT
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month.

## Duration

September 2, 2025~February 26, 2026 (tentative)

## Description of the Program

Participants will be divided into groups based on the results of a placement examination to be taken upon arrival in Japan and will attend the following classes. The program will be conducted in two separate courses based on the number of participants and their Japanese-language proficiency.

**1** Japanese-Language

Participants will take classes that aim to improve their proficiency using the Japanese-language through various language activities.

**2** Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

Participants will organize their basic knowledge of teaching methods, recognize their problems through trial classes and review of their Japanese teaching activities, and consider the solution.

**3** Japanese culture / Japanese society

Participants will have exposure to Japanese culture and society in a real situation that will deepen their understanding of the Japanese-language and culture. (Field trips and cultural programs are also planned)

Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability which means deeper understanding of their own culture and deeper understanding and respecting of culture of other countries through interaction with their classmates.

In addition to **1**, **2** and **3**, special classes and individual instruction for trial classes are provided.

### Selection Policy

**1** See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

**2** Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.

**3** Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2024

### Number of Participants (Reference)

45 out of 103 applications for FY 2024

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Results Notification

Within April 2025

## (2) Japanese-Language Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-JT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a seven-week program designed to provide an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.

### Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(\* The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 38)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;  
\* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching the Japanese-language: Individuals with six or more months of experience in teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - a. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
  - b. Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent\* This program does not apply to applicants who have B1 or higher in the JFS, or JLPT N3 or higher.
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2019 to December 1, 2024.

### Duration

May 28, 2025~July 15, 2025 (tentative)



## Description of the Program

### 1 Japanese Language

Participants improve their proficiency using the Japanese-language which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language through several language activities. Also, participants will organize knowledge about Japanese-language such as vocabulary and grammar.

### 2 Japanese Culture/ Japanese Society

Participants will learn and experience Japanese culture and society that could be introduced to their Japanese-language classes by several ways such as lectures and workshops. Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability through interaction with their classmates. In addition, field trip, visits to local schools and cultural demonstration such as Taiko(Japanese drum) are planned.

## Selection Policy

1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024.

## Number of Participants (Reference)

34 out of 115 applications for FY 2024

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Results Notification

Within April, 2025

## (3) (4) (5) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Summer / Autumn / Winter)

Application Form: **NC-MT-S (Summer) / NC-MT-A(Autumn) / NC-MT-W(Winter)**  
Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-  
Language Institute, Urawa**

Training Programs of four to six weeks duration, which are designed to improve the teaching methodology, will be conducted three times: in Summer, Autumn, and Winter in FY 2025. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.

### Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program (Conditions partly differ between Summer, Autumn, and Winter programs):

(\*The eligibility in regard to ①, ② and ③ below differs for individuals who meet the "Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants". Please see p. 38)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;  
\*Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan.
- ③ Length of teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included):  
(Summer) Individuals with two or more years and less than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language;  
(Autumn) Individuals with five or more years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language;  
(Winter) Individuals with five or more years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language (10 years preferred)
- ④ Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application:  
(Summer / Autumn)
  - a. Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education(JFS)
  - b. Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent  
(Winter)  
Level B2 or higher in the JFS, or Level N2 or higher in the JLPT are preferred.
- ⑤ Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2019 to December 1, 2024.

## Duration

(Summer) July 15, 2025—August 28, 2025 (tentative)

(Autumn) September 30, 2025—November 13, 2025 (tentative)

(Winter) January 20, 2026—February 17, 2026 (tentative)

## Description of the Program

### 1 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

- a. This program is aimed to introduce, organize, and expand knowledge on Japanese teaching methodology with the aim of improving expertise as a teacher. Participants will review their educational site and consider how to solve the problem utilizing the content of this training program.
- b. In the Summer Course, which is targeted for teachers with little teaching experience or teachers who did not have the chance to learn about Japanese teaching methodology, participants will also learn about the basic Japanese teaching methods and teaching techniques.
- c. In the Winter Course, advance study using on-demand materials will be mandatory, and during the training in Japan, activities such as reflection and sharing of practices, discussions, etc., will be the main content.

### 2 Japanese Culture/Japanese Society

Participants will have lectures and workshops to help them to consider the contents and methods of culture introduction as part of Japanese-language education or cross-cultural understanding education.

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screenings will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024.

## Number of Participants (Reference)

75 out of 206 applications (Total for summer and autumn terms in FY 2024)

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Results Notification

Within April 2025

## (6) Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)

Application Form: **NC-FN-M**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 5-week onsite training program for teachers of the Japanese-Language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their teaching skills and to deepen their knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture.

### Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
  - a. Teachers of the Japanese-language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
  - b. Individuals who are Japanese nationals or nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
  - c. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
  - d. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese-language for one or more than year as of April 1, 2024 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);

- e. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - (a) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
  - (b) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
- f. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.

### Duration

(Session 1) June 3, 2025~July 8, 2025 (tentative)

(Session 2) November 11, 2025~December 16, 2025 (tentative)

### Description of the Program

#### 1 Japanese-language teaching methodologies

By learning how to teach “IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan,” a Japanese-language textbook developed by JFJLI, Urawa, participants will study a task-accomplishment approach to teaching in order to deepen their understanding of how to teach the basic Japanese necessary for living and working in Japan.

#### 2 Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture

Participants will consider methods that utilize the class as a way to study aspects of the affairs, society, and culture of Japan that are useful for life and work in the country.

### Selection Policy

1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results, etc.

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024

### Number of Participants (Reference)

96 out of 146 applications (Total for summer and autumn terms in FY 2024)

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Results Notification

Within April 2025

## (7) Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese-Language)

Application Form: **NC-FN-J**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a five-week training program for teachers of the Japanese-language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their Japanese-Language.

### Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
  - a. Teachers of the Japanese language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
  - b. Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
  - c. Individuals who have not completed compulsory education (nine years of elementary and junior high school) in Japan;
  - d. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
  - e. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese-language for one or more year as of April 1, 2024 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);

- f. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - (a) Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
  - (b) Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
- \* This program does not apply to applicants with Japanese-language proficiency beyond the above (a) and (b).
- g. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite or Online) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.

### Duration

September 3, 2025~October 8, 2025 (tentative)

### Description of the Program

**1** Japanese-Language

Using "Irodori: Japanese for Life in Japan" (Elementary 1 & 2) developed by JFJLI, Urawa, as the main textbook, participants will improve their ability to communicate in Japanese, which is necessary for living in Japan.

**2** Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture

Participants will learn about the affairs, society, and culture of Japan that are useful for life and work in the country.

### Selection Policy

**1** See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

**2** Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results, etc.

**3** Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024

### Number of Participants (Reference)

None (To be started in FY2025)

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Results Notification

Within April 2025

Appendix

## List of Applicable Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (as of August 2023)

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| East Asia       | China, Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macao, Mongolia, Taiwan   |
| Southeast Asia  | Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam   |
| South Asia      | Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka   |
| Oceania         | Australia, Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu  |
| North America   | Canada, United States of America  |
| Central America | Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent , Trinidad and Tobago   |
| South America   | Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela  |
| Western Europe  | Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican   |
| Eastern Europe  | Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan |



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|--------------|---|
| Middle East  | Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Republic of Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, Yemen  |
| North Africa | Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia  |
| Africa       | Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Republic of South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe |

The country and area where the Japan Foundation will provide round-trip air tickets, airport tax, foreign travel tax and set amount of in kind allowances, etc. in "Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields." (p. 27~29):

The country and area where the Japan Foundation will provide round-trip air tickets, airport tax, foreign travel tax and set amount of in kind allowances, in "Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language." (p. 34~48):