

# Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Languages

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

## ◆ Onsite Courses

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- (1) Basic Training Program
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- (7) WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

## ◆ Online Courses

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Self-study courses for Japanese-language teachers, "Teaching Methods for Japanese Language Teachers Online Course" on our website "JF Japanese e-Learning Minato." 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 courses are also uploaded on the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) website.

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 7 onsite programs

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The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes 7 onsite training programs for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers and teaching outside of Japan: "Basic Training Program", "Japanese-Language Program", "Japanese Teaching Methods Program", "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals(Teaching Methods)", "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals(Japanese Language)"and "WA Project Special Program for the Japanese Language". 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) "Japanese Teaching Methods Program"  
Six-week programs to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill. In FY 2026, this program will be conducted twice (Summer Session/Winter Session).
- (5) "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.
- (6) "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.
- (7) "WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language"  
A four-week program for teachers of the Japanese language primarily at schools accepting NIHONGO Partners project in the target countries with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills and deepen their knowledge of Japan. .

#### ◆ Eligibility (Common to All Courses)

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 are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan; Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program
- 3 Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education (nine years of elementary and junior high school) in Japan;



- 4 Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program.

Note: Please check the individual program guideline for additional conditions such as countries covered by each program, Japanese-language teaching experience, Japanese-language proficiency, etc.

### ◆ 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, the Japan Foundation will provide the following:
  - (1) Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
  - (2) Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
  - (3) 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.
  - (1) 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/summaryen/ja/render.do>]



- (2) "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.

### ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



\* 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	Main Content	Qualified Area	Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency			Duration (tentative)
				Length of Teaching Japanese-language	JF Standard for Japanese Language Education (JFS)	Japanese language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	
(1)	Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japanese Language</li> <li>Japanese-language Teaching Methodology</li> <li>Japanese Culture/Society</li> </ul>	Worldwide	6 or more months and less than 5 years	Level A2 or higher in the JFS	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or higher	September 1, 2026 – February 25, 2027
(2)	Japanese Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japanese Language</li> <li>Japanese Culture/Society</li> </ul>	Worldwide	6 or more months	Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent * Level B1 or above in the JFS is NOT applicable	Level N4 or N5 in the JLPT, Level 3 or Level 4 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent * Level N3 or higher in the JLPT is NOT applicable	June 2, 2026 – July 23, 2026
(3)	Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching Methodology</li> <li>Japanese Culture/Society</li> </ul>	Worldwide	5 or more years	Level B1 or higher in the JFS	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or higher	July 14, 2026 – August 27, 2026
(4)	Japanese Teaching Methods (Winter)						January 19, 2027 – March 4, 2027
(5)	Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japanese-language Teaching Methodology</li> <li>Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture</li> </ul>	Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan	1 or more years	Level B1 or higher in the JFS	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or higher	(1) August 11, 2026 – September 15, 2026 (2) November 10, 2026 – December 15, 2026
(6)	Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japanese-language Teaching Methodology</li> <li>Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture</li> </ul>			Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent * Level B1 or above in the JFS is NOT applicable	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent * Level N3 or higher in the JLPT is NOT applicable	September 29, 2026 – November 4, 2026
(7)	WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japanese Language</li> <li>Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture</li> </ul>	Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India	1 or more years	Level A2 or B1 in the JFS or their equivalent	Level N3 or N4 in the JLPT, or their equivalent Level 2 or 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	September 22, 2026 – October 22, 2026

## List of Eligible Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (as of August 2025)

East Asia	<u>China</u> , Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macao, <u>Mongolia</u> , Taiwan
Southeast Asia	Brunei, <u>Cambodia</u> , <u>Indonesia</u> , Laos, <u>Malaysia</u> , <u>Myanmar</u> , <u>Philippines</u> , Singapore, <u>Thailand</u> , <u>Timor-Leste</u> , Viet Nam
South Asia	<u>Bangladesh</u> , <u>Bhutan</u> , India, <u>Maldives</u> , <u>Nepal</u> , <u>Pakistan</u> , Sri Lanka
Oceania	Australia, Cook, <u>Fiji</u> , <u>Kiribati</u> , <u>Marshall</u> , <u>Micronesia</u> , <u>Nauru</u> , New Zealand, <u>Niue</u> , <u>Palau</u> , <u>Papua New Guinea</u> , <u>Samoa</u> , <u>Solomon</u> , <u>Tonga</u> , <u>Tuvalu</u> , <u>Vanuatu</u>
North America	Canada, United States of America
Central America	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, <u>Belize</u> , <u>Costa Rica</u> , <u>Cuba</u> , <u>Dominica</u> , <u>Dominican Republic</u> , El Salvador, <u>Grenada</u> , <u>Guatemala</u> , <u>Haiti</u> , Honduras, <u>Jamaica</u> , <u>Mexico</u> , <u>Nicaragua</u> , Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, <u>Saint Lucia</u> , <u>Saint Vincent</u> , Trinidad and Tobago
South America	<u>Argentina</u> , Bolivia, Brazil, <u>Chile</u> , Colombia, Ecuador, <u>Guyana</u> , <u>Paraguay</u> , Peru, <u>Suriname</u> , <u>Uruguay</u> , <u>Venezuela</u>
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	<u>Albania</u> , <u>Armenia</u> , <u>Azerbaijan</u> , Belarus, <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u> , <u>Bulgaria</u> , <u>Croatia</u> , <u>Czech Republic</u> , <u>Estonia</u> , <u>Georgia</u> , <u>Hungary</u> , <u>Kazakhstan</u> , <u>Kyrgyz Republic</u> , <u>Kosovo</u> , <u>Latvia</u> , <u>Lithuania</u> , <u>Moldova</u> , <u>Montenegro</u> , <u>North Macedonia</u> , <u>Poland</u> , <u>Romania</u> , <u>Russia</u> , <u>Serbia</u> , <u>Slovakia</u> , <u>Slovenia</u> , <u>Tajikistan</u> , <u>Turkmenistan</u> , <u>Ukraine</u> , <u>Uzbekistan</u>

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

- \* 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.”**: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 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.”**: \_\_\_\_\_ and

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

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

### ◆ Outline

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

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)".

- 1 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, 2025 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- 2 Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - (1) Level A2 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
  - (2) Level N4 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or higher in the old JLPT

### ◆ Duration

September 1, 2026 ~ February 25, 2027 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2025

#### ◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

48 out of 112 applications for FY 2025

#### ◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025  
(Japan Standard Time)

#### ◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026



## ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

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

### ◆ Outline

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

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Eligibility (Common to All Courses)".

program:

- 1 Length of teaching the Japanese language: Individuals with six or more months of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2025 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);
- 2 Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - (1) Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
  - (2) Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 in 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.
- 3 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 2020 to December 1, 2025.

### ◆ Duration

June 2, 2026~July 23, 2026 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

## ◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

34 out of 124 applications for FY 2025

## ◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025  
(Japan Standard Time)

## ◆ Notification of Results

Within March 2026



## ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

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

### ◆ Outline

Training Programs of six weeks duration, which are designed to improve the teaching methodology, will be conducted two times: in Summer, and Winter in FY 2026. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.

### ◆ Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.  
Qualified Areas: Worldwide

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)" :

- 1 Japanese-language teaching experience: Individuals with more than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included).
- 2 Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application:
  - (1) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education(JFS)
  - (2) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
- 3 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 2020 to December 1, 2025.

### ◆ Duration

(Summer) July 14, 2026—August 27, 2026 (tentative)

(Winter) January 19, 2027—March 4, 2027 (tentative)



## ◆ Description of the Program

### 1 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

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.

### 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 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.

2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

## ◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

110 out of 250 applications (Total for summer, autumn and winter terms in FY 2025)

## ◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025  
(Japan Standard Time)

## ◆ Notification of Results

Summer Course: Within March 2026

Winer Course: Within April 2026



## ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)





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

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

### ◆ Outline

This program is a 5-week training program for teachers of the Japanese-Language at overseas organizations that provide 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 in countries listed below, that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications are accepted only from institutions and organizations. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

- 1 Qualified Areas:  
Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan
- 2 Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)" ..
  - (1) Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese-language for one or more than year as of April 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
  - (2) 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
  - (3) Individuals who have not participated in an onsite training program for "Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates" or "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method) "conducted by JFJLI, Urawa, since April 2020.



## ◆ Duration

(Session 1) August 11, 2026～September 15, 2026 (tentative)

(Session 2) November 10, 2026～December 15, 2026 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

## ◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

69 out of 137 applications (Total for session 1 and 2 in FY 2025)

## ◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025  
(Japan Standard Time)

## ◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026



## ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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

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

### ◆ Outline

This program is a five-week training program for teachers of the Japanese language at overseas organizations that provide 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 in countries listed below, that provide Japanese-language education for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications are accepted only from institutions and organizations. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

- 1 Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan
- 2 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
  - (1) Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for one or more year as of December 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
  - (2) 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).
  - (3) Individuals who have not participated in an onsite training program for “Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates” or “Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method) ” conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.



## ◆ Duration

September 29, 2026～November 4, 2026 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

## ◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

35 out of 52 applications for FY 2025

## ◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025  
(Japan Standard Time)

## ◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026



## ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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## (7) WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

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

### ◆ Outline

This program is a 4 week program designed for teachers of the Japanese Language primarily at schools accepting NIHONGO Partners project in the target countries to improve their Japanese-language skills and deepen their knowledge of Japan.

### ◆ Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education in Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos and India. Applications are accepted only from institutions and organizations. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)"

- 1 Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos or India.;
- 2 Length of teaching Japanese language: Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching Japanese language as of December 1, 2025(teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- 3 Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - (1) Level A2 or B1 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
  - (2) Level N3 or N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or of the old JLPT

### ◆ Duration

September 22, 2026 ~ October 22, 2026 (tentative)



## ◆ Description of the Program

- 1 Japanese Language  
Participants will take classes that aim to improve their proficiency using the Japanese language through various language activities.
- 2 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.

## ◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: track record and future potential of the acceptance of the NIHONGO Partners, 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to individuals aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants who have not visited Japan as of December 1, 2025

## ◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

None (To be started in FY2026)

## ◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025  
(Japan Standard Time)

## ◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026





## ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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