



ASIA IN RESONANCE

響きあうアジア 2019

VOICES



Congratulations and I appreciate The Japan Foundation and NIHONGO Partners program that has been working together with us for five years.

The voluntary placements enrich the knowledge of our students and teachers.

We expect NIHONGO Partners program will expand to other provinces in Indonesia thus more school can get the value of the program.

HAMID MUHAMMAD (M.Sc., Ph.D./Former Director General of Primary and Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture·Indonesia)



I've been lucky to be part of DOOR to ASIA, a designers-in-residence Program in Tohoku. The purpose of the program is to not just solve the immediate design requirements of the local companies, but to open up possibilities through conversation and exchange of ideas. DOOR to ASIA made me inspired, changed, and excited for the future.

DAN MATUTINA (Graphic Designer·Philippines)



Living in a country with a different language, working with people there, learning about teaching through trial and error, and reviewing the Japanese language and culture from the outside are valuable experiences for students to form the basis of their later lives. We hope that this fruitful exchange project will continue in the future.

SAYO TSUTSUI (Professor, Osaka University·Japan)



The Japan Foundation Asia Center have led to many warm exchanges with Asia, changing us from “foreign” to family. Even though our languages and cultures are different, I would like to hope that many new buds will grow throughout Japan.

AYUMI SUZUKI (Designer·Japan)



Between 2009 and 2018, we dispatched 52 students in cooperation with 5 universities in 2 Southeast Asian countries. In our teacher training course, we train elementary school teachers in Japanese language education. I wish for the further development of Asia and would like to continue sending out motivated students.

HITOMI GOTO (President, Aichi University of Education·Japan)



Through the NIHONGO Partners, students aiming to become Japanese language educators were able to practice and see the results of their own learning overseas. We hope that direct interaction with local students and staff will contribute to the further deepening of mutual understanding between Southeast Asian countries and Japan.

KOICHI TADENUMA (Professor, Hitotsubashi University·Japan)



University is where the foundation of your personality is laid. The word is the strongest tool for human growth. Native Japanese language speakers interacting with Asian people learning Japanese and participating in the NIHONGO Partners dispatching project can be said to be the best foundation to create of world peace.

MASAKO SANADA (President, Kyoto Notre Dame University·Japan)



Together with NIHONGO Partners, we could have exchanges between Japanese university students and university students in Asian countries. Its influence has exceeded expectations, with some students going on to work in Japanese language education and transportation in Asian countries as a result of this exchange. We sincerely hope that NIHONGO Partners will continue.

RYOICHI KODA (President, Kumamoto Gakuen University·Japan)



We focus on field study that value our relationship with Asia, which is based on the Bible, International Studies and Horticulture. There is no substitute for the experience of interacting and learning with people of different cultures and histories. The Asia center's activities resonate deeply with us and we look forward to further development.

MASAMI OHINATA (President, Keisen University·Japan)



Several students have been dispatched overseas to Japanese language learning sites through collaboration with NIHONGO Partners. This valuable experience not only fosters students but also affects the awareness of faculty and staff and builds a trusting relationship with overseas universities. I hope that our relationship with Southeast Asia will be further strengthened through education.

TOMOKO KANEKO (President, Showa Women's University·Japan)



Many of our students have had valuable learning opportunities through NIHONGO partners. Students who want to be involved in Japanese language education are exposed to different cultures in Asian countries and gain the experience of reviewing Japanese language and culture from the outside. We hope for further development of NIHONGO Partners in the future.

TOMOYO MITSUI (President, Kobe Shinwa Women's University·Japan)



16 of our students have participated in teaching practice in Guangzhou, China under the NIHONGO Partners program. Of these, 6 have already been teaching Japanese in Fukuoka Prefecture. We will continue to work together closely so that we can produce human resources that further enhance Japanese language education in Japan and overseas.

MASANORI NAKAGAWA (President, Chikushi Jogakuen University·Japan)



NIHONGO Partners is deeply related to the 3-L spirit of our school motto: 'LIFE, LIGHT AND LOVE FOR THE WORLD.' For students who want to engage in Japanese language education, they have a valuable opportunity to live together with Asian people. We hope that the program will continue its great effort to promote mutual understanding.

HARUKI ONISHI (President, Tohoku Gakuin University·Japan)



Our students dispatched through NIHONGO Partners can experience the growing dynamism of Asia, and continue to have ties with the local area after their return and develop them into new relationships. We hope that NIHONGO Partners will continue to support human resource development and exchange activities.

NINAKO MAKINO (President, Momoyama Gakuin University·Japan)



One of our founding principles is internationalism, and as exchange with Asian nations has grown, so have the number of international students from Asia. We hope that the exchange between students will be deepened in the future, including the NIHONGO Partners Program. I look forward to the further activities of the Asia Center.

TSUYOSHI IIDA (President, Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts·Japan)



The activities of the Japan Foundation, including the NIHONGO Partners Program, will contribute to the further development of ASEAN members. We hope that Asia in Resonance 2019 will introduce many people to Southeast Asia and lead to a better future. APU will also work to strengthen cooperation with the Foundation.

HARUAKI DEGUCHI (President, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)·Japan)



In January 2018, I met with teachers and students in the NIHONGO Partners program in Thailand. I saw so many smiles, and I was moved by the bridges now connecting Japan with Asia. Let's keep on bringing smiles to even more children!

May J. (Singer / Artist·Japan)



Nihongo Partners Program is a greatly significant program for Japanese language education in Vietnam. Nihongo Partners have done excellent performances in supporting schools, teachers and students as the bridge between Japan and Vietnam.

I truly hope that this program will maintain for years to promote Japanese-language education in Vietnam, strengthen cultural comprehension for our amity.

NGUYEN TO CHUNG (Ministry of Education and Training - Vietnam's National Foreign Language 2020 Project·Vietnam)



The academic cooperation on NIHONGO Partners Program in Thailand has resulted in some commendable initiatives that have greatly inspired our teachers and students to improve their Japanese language skills.

We sincerely hope that this cooperation will continue strengthening friendships between our countries and support the expansion of the base for cultural exchange.

KOSOL PETCHSUWAN (Senator·Thailand)



My heartiest congratulations to the Japan Foundation Asia Centre for organizing great events to strengthen the relation between Japan and Southeast Asia. The collaboration will surely deepen the understanding of each and every country's beautiful cultures and values. Through differences we may also see many similarities and may share the best for a greater world.

ZORAIDA MUSTAFA (Head of Japanese Language & Cultural Centre, USIM·Malaysia)



Since 2010, Yasuda Women's University has dispatched students every year as NIHONGO Partners, raising student awareness through international exchange. We hope that this event hosted by the Japan Foundation Asia Center will inspire more exchanges than ever between the people of Japan and Southeast Asia.

TOSHIO SEYAMA (President, Yasuda Women's University·Japan)



I have heard about the valuable experiences that students from Mimasaka University have had participating in the NIHONGO Partners dispatch program, where they could engage with Japanese learners in Vietnam. I hope that young people in this region will be able to gain a more international perspective through the activities of the Japan Foundation.

SEIJI HAGIWARA (Mayor of Mimasaka, Okayama Prefecture·Japan)



As a co-sponsor of the Japan Foundation, this school dispatches students as part of the university cooperative NIHONGO Partners program. The aim of this program is to deepen understanding of Japanese language education through the experience of teaching at overseas partner schools. We hope for the success of Asia in Resonance 2019.

TOSHIKAZU INOUE (President, Gakushuin University·Japan)



The NIHONGO Partners program connects people through the Japanese language. Students around Asia will be able to speak directly to their Japanese counterparts and gain an interest in Japan. Likewise, Japanese people can interact with students in Asia, reassess their own culture, and grow as people. We hope this program will continue in the future.

HIROKI YAMAGUCHI (President, Saitama University·Japan)



Through NIHONGO Partners, our students can bring Japanese education abroad, and use those skills in Japanese education both in and out of Japan in the future. This program provides a chance for our students to make good on our school's motto, "Learn, and help others learn." We hope this will continue in the future.

HIROAKI HATAYAMA (President, J.F. Oberlin University·Japan)



NIHONGO Partners provides an extraordinary opportunity for students to put into practice what they've learned in the classroom. They can experience the limitations of what they know and have learned, gaining interest in other customs and ways of thinking. We hope they will continue enjoying this growth and increasing diversity.

TAKAHISA MIYAUCHI (President, Kanda University of International Studies·Japan)



The NIHONGO Partners Shizuoka Promotion Program is a very important program that spreads Japanese education around the ASEAN region and promotes both Japanese culture and Shizuoka's appeal abroad. Shizuoka Prefecture hopes for the continued success of the program as it raises up global citizens who understand different worldviews.

HEITA KAWAKATSU (Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture·Japan)



Every year, the students dispatched via the NIHONGO Partners program are surprised at the cultural and educational differences between Japan and Vietnam. Many gain an interest in other parts of Asia and even in attending Japanese schools in other countries. I hope this program connecting Japan with the rest of Asia continues.

YUICHI ASARI (Chair of Kushiro Campus, Hokkaido University of Education·Japan)



The concept of ASIAN ELEVEN and JapaFunCup, of bringing Japan and Southeast Asia together through the border-transcending sport of soccer, is one that we share and which inspires us to connect people through music. We will be cheering for a wonderful resonance to be created between Japan and Southeast Asia!

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Little Glee Monster (Vocal group·Japan)



Japanese-Language education at secondary schools in Lao PDR started officially in 2015. The Asia Center has started sending teaching assistants through NIHONGO Partners since then. Now we have three Japanese dispatched to Vientiane. We hope that the Asia Center will continue this program many years ahead in the future.

SISAMONE SITHIRAJVONGSA (Director General, Department of External Relations, Ministry of Education and Sports·Laos)



I would like to express our gratitude to Japan Foundation Asia Center for being our Partner for the Special Program in Foreign Language – Nihongo. This program helps our teachers and learners develop competence in Nihongo and engaged in meaningful interaction across borders of society. Let's continue to strengthen our ties.

Thank you and mabuhay!

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES (Secretary, Department of Education·Philippines)



The activities of the NIHONGO Partners program embody this school's founding spirit, "PAX MUNDI PER LINGUAS" (World Peace through Language), and we fully support its goals. Let us work together to promote Japanese language education and support cultural exchange activities in Asia, so that we may create a bridge between Asia and Japan.

TAKESHI MATSUDA (President, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies·Japan)



As a university faculty member, I would like to thank NIHONGO Partners for the valuable experiences they provide for the young people who will be the future leaders in Japan and Southeast Asia. We sincerely hope for the success of "Asia in Resonance 2019" and for the continuation and development of NIHONGO Partners.

TERUMASA OSHIRO (President, Kyoto Sangyo University·Japan)



Interest in Japan among people in Asia has grown, especially now toward Japanese culture and consciousness of the Japanese people. Japanese culture and values appeal to the people of Asia for the sense of permanence that has been handed down. Now everyone should let the people of Asia know all about the essence of Japan!

KEIICHI SATO (President, Kokushikan University·Japan)



Setsunan University supports NIHONGO Partners!

This university is a comprehensive university with seven schools and so far, 16 students (including prospective students) have been dispatched to Thailand and Indonesia as NIHONGO Partners. Their valuable experience abroad has had a positive on current students who aim to become intellectual professionals.

KIICHIRO YAGI (President, Setsunan University·Japan)



The NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with Japanese universities is an excellent way to offer Japanese and Southeast Asian youth an opportunity to learn from each other in the future. I hope that exchanges between students and children will further promote mutual understanding between Japan and Southeast Asia

YOSHIHISA BABA (President, Soka University·Japan)



Students have traveled to all parts of Southeast Asia with the "NIHONGO Partners" program, developing as adults as they interact with local people and face challenging situations and learn to overcome them. I hope that this exchange program, which leads to human development, continues in the future.

KAYOKO HAYASHI (President, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies·Japan)



Through our participation in NIHONGO Partners, our students have achieved tremendous growth while gaining invaluable experiences in Southeast Asia. The need for global human resources who are active within and outside the country will further increase. I hope for the continuation of this program and further development of the Japan Foundation.

KAZUO TAKAHASHI (Vice President, Director of Center for Global Education and Exchange, Toyo University·Japan)



The students dispatched short-term as NIHONGO Partners grew greatly through the opportunities they had to interact with local people. As more and more people from Southeast Asia come to Japan, I hope that "Asia in Resonance 2019" will also be a great opportunity to contact Southeast Asian cultures and deepen mutual understanding.

KAZUYUKI KIRYU (Vice President, Mimasaka University·Japan)



At Bunkyo University , we aim to foster adults filled with love for people and to develop a society overflowing with love by providing education based on a human-loving spirit. By bridging national and ethnic groups, the "nurturing" that we aim for will be further enriched. Thank you for your continued support of Asia Center.

KENJI KONDO (President, Bunkyo University·Japan)



The Japan Foundation Asia Center provides our students with valuable, long-term experiences and learning opportunities. This time, which can only be experienced as a university student, is a decisive time for thinking about the future. Please continue providing this kind of activities to expand the perspective of students.

YUKO TANAKA (President, Hosei University·Japan)



Even by assisting, you can experience teaching overseas. It is an experience not available through other overseas programs, and in that sense offers a valuable luxury.

Students can have a very meaningful share in foreign cultures and lookback on Japan from their teaching position. I hope this program will continue in the future.

TAKASHI MATSUO (President, University of Kitakyushu·Japan)



Joining NIHONGO Partners is an invaluable experience for students who want to engage in Japanese language education in the future. Students do not just teach Japanese, they develop the ability to dive into different cultures and think independently about how to inform others about Japan.

KEIICHIROU TSUCHIYA (President, Meiji University·Japan)



The NIHONGO Partners program is a place to gain valuable experience. A place to learn about the wonders of Japan. The new opportunities created when both sides meet are full of possibilities to open up 21st century society. I look forward to the new relationships that will be formed between Asia and Japan.

YANGCHOON KWAK (President, Rikkyo University·South Korea)



Southeast Asia is a multicultural world. It is a world of friendship where people of different ethnicities, languages and histories coexist with other different cultures in mutual respect and appreciation.

YOSHIAKI ISHIZAWA (Professor, Sophia University·Japan)



I am grateful to have the opportunity to design colorful uniforms for ASIAN that transcend borders, race, gender and age. I hope the players will give the world their full passion of their playing!

SEBASTIAN MASUDA (Art Director, Artist·Japan)



I would just like to say congratulations and thank you to the Japan Foundation Asia Center for always doing such wonderful collaborations throughout Southeast Asia and Japan.

I wish the Asia Center will continue many more projects to bond Southeast Asia and Japan all together as a whole.

SHARIFA AMANI (Actress·Malaysia)



Thanks to the Asia Center, Setan Jawa will be shown in Tokyo in July, 2019.

Setan Jawa is a black and white and silent movie with live concert, which is something special for me in my career. Please come to watch this wonderful special presentation.

GARIN NUGROHO (Film director·Indonesia)



It is my hope that through the NIHONGO Partners program, people of all ages will experience the joy of traveling to Asian countries, and meeting many people. My heartfelt wish is for the NIHONGO Partners to continue its excellent program.

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SHINJI TANIMURA (Musician·Japan)