

Short-Term Training Program for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese Language

This program is designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language abroad with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills and teaching methodology, and to deepen their knowledge of Japan by participating in the program at the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute Urawa (Kita Urawa, Saitama Prefecture, Japan).

Eligible Candidates

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.

- a) Those who are employees of the applying organization and who will continue working in the aforementioned organization after their return to their home country. Current undergraduates and those currently studying to become Japanese language teachers are not eligible.
- b) Those who have at least **two years** of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2009 (private lessons not included);
- c) Those who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher-training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than two months during the period from April 2004 to December 1, 2009.
- d) Those who have a proficiency in the Japanese language of Level 3 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or its equivalent (meaning that one must have completed elementary-level grammar, know 300 kanji, have a vocabulary of 1,500 words, be capable of carrying on everyday conversation, and be able to read and write simple sentences) at the time of application;

If candidates have never taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, they are requested to answer the questions in the Japanese Proficiency Self-Check Test attached to the application form and to write down the test score in the designated column in the application.

- e) Those under the age of 55 as of December 1, 2009;
- f) Those who have NOT completed their compulsory education (elementary and junior high school, 9 years) in Japan;
- g) Those who have nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan; and
- h) Those who are in good physical and mental health.