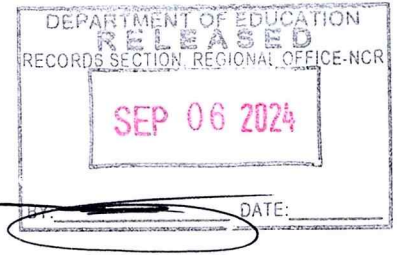




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**Department of Education**  
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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

ORD-2024- 884

TO : **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
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FROM : **JOCELYN DR ANDAYA**  
 Director IV

SUBJECT : **NIHONGO PARTNERS (NP) IN THE PHILIPPINES PROGRAM (BATCH 11) AND TRAINING OF COUNTERPART SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPFL)-JAPANESE TEACHERS FOR S.Y. 2024-2025**

DATE. : September 4, 2024

1. This has reference to the attached Memorandum DM-CT-2024-313 dated August 29, 2024, signed by Gina O. Gonong, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching, relative to the conduct of the above-captioned subject to be held from September 2024 to March 2025, contents of which are self-explanatory, for information and appropriate action.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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### MEMORANDUM


DM-CT-2024- 313

**TO :** **ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE**  
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**DATE :** August 29, 2024

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Curriculum Development-Special Curricular Programs Division, announces the dispatch of the **Nihongo Partners in the Philippines (Batch 11)** to select Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese schools from September 2024 until March 2025.

Organized by the Japan Foundation Manila, the training provider and partner of this Department in the implementation of the Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese, the Nihongo Partners Program aims to enhance the language learning experience of SPFL-Japanese learners by dispatching native Nihongo instructors to assist the SPFL-Japanese teachers during their classes.

In this regard, a **one-day training for the counterpart SPFL-Japanese teachers** from the select SPFL-Japanese implementing schools shall be held on **September 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the **Japan Foundation Manila, Makati City**. Kindly refer to the attachments for the letter of JFM, the list of SPFL-Japanese teachers, tentative schedule of the Nihongo Partners Program, and the program briefer.



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The participation of the teachers shall adhere to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2024, titled *Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2024–2025*, DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Tasks and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*, and DepEd Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Field Operations (OASGFO) Memorandum No. 2022-058 with the subject *Request for the Participation of Learners and Teachers in Extra-Curricular Activities*. In addition, the travel authority of the teachers shall be on the discretion of the school heads and the schools division superintendents as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 1, s. 2023.

The accommodation and travel expenses of the participants shall be shouldered by the Japan Foundation Manila.

For inquiries, all concerned may contact **Ms. Josephine Intino**, SPFL-Japanese Focal Person or **Ms. Janinn Almeyda-Mendoza**, SPFL Lead Focal Person, through email at [bcd.scpd.spfl@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bcd.scpd.spfl@deped.gov.ph) or this number (02) 8632-0170.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is requested.

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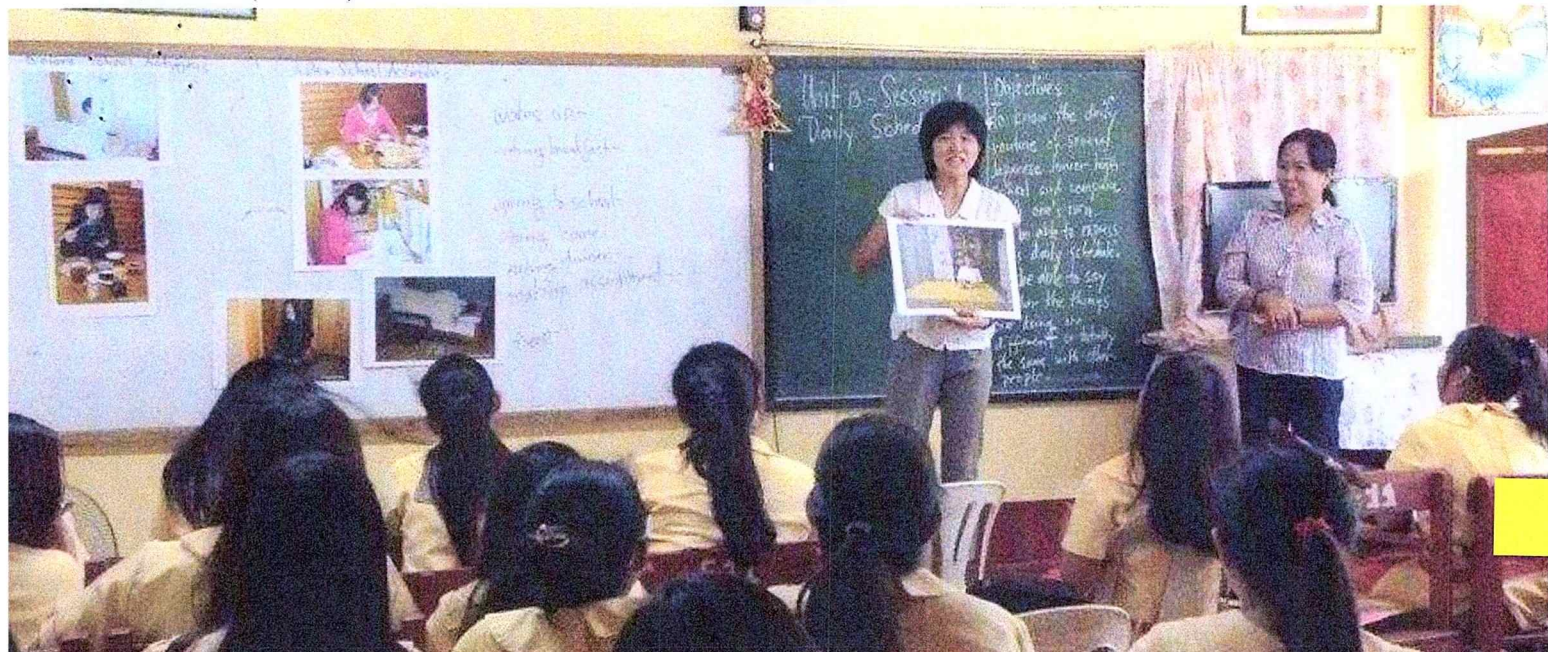
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**NIHONGO PARTNERS-DISPATCH CJH SCHOOLS  
S.Y. 2024-2025**

REG	NAME OF NP	SCHOOL	INVITED CPs for TRAINING
NCR	Sakura Tamaki	Pitogo HS	Charry S. Sarmiento John Jerome Icarangal
		Gen. Ricardo G. Papa, Sr. Memorial HS	May D. Marasigan
	Nonoka Miyasaka	Sauyo HS	Mildred P. Mangulad Sarah Fajilagmago
		Sta. Lucia HS	Ivy M. Salas Vendela Nikka Refamonte
	Mayu Yamaguchi	City of Mandaluyong Science HS	Laveline V. Resurrecion
		Manuel A. Roxas HS	Maria Katrina M. Menor
	Sara Tsubasa Gunshi	Valenzuela City School of Mathematics and Science	Allen Ann D. Delica
		Carlos Albert HS	Ann Kirsty I. Lesondato Joana May Z. Ignacio
4A	Ikue Takafuji	San Pedro Relocation Center NHS	Ma. Celine N. Calado Jessa H. Estuye
	Rikako Ishikawa	Pantay Integrated HS	Alexis P. Atienza Gladys R. Precilla Regie T. Garcia Merlen De Gozar
5	Eri Okamoto	Cabangan HS	Jason R. Ecal Ernie B. Medallon Elisa Espadero
7	Emu Oka	Cabancalan NHS	Jocelyn G. Gutang Jesrail M. Bongco
	Asahi Yamane	Ramon M. Durano, Sr. Foundation - STEC	Gersey Ann Khen Nuñez Donnahlou Lao
		Elpidio H. Perez Memorial Technical Vocational HS	Jennylou M. Tito Uldarico Ochea, Jr.
	Yuka Matsuda	Lourdes National HS	Shiera Marie A. Lagas Gladys A. Abuhan



# Nihongo Partners Program



**Go, Asia! A new future starts here.**

The NIHONGO Partners Program endeavors to support local Japanese language teachers and students by dispatching Japanese nationals predominantly to secondary education institutions in Asia.



<https://asiawa.jpf.go.jp/en/partners/>



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# What are Nihongo Partners?

NIHONGO Partners are people that The Japan Foundation Asia Center sends from Japan for a certain period of time to work as partners of Japanese language teachers and students at educational institutions in Asia. They are primarily sent to secondary educational institutions, more commonly known as high schools in Japan. These partners work as assistants in classes and introduce Japanese culture. They are also encouraged to interact widely outside the classroom. They do not merely teach, but also learn about the country's local language, culture and customs. They are sent for short periods ranging from about three months to a year, and within this period of time, they discover and experience new things, expanding their horizons and building their future.

## What do Nihongo Partners do?

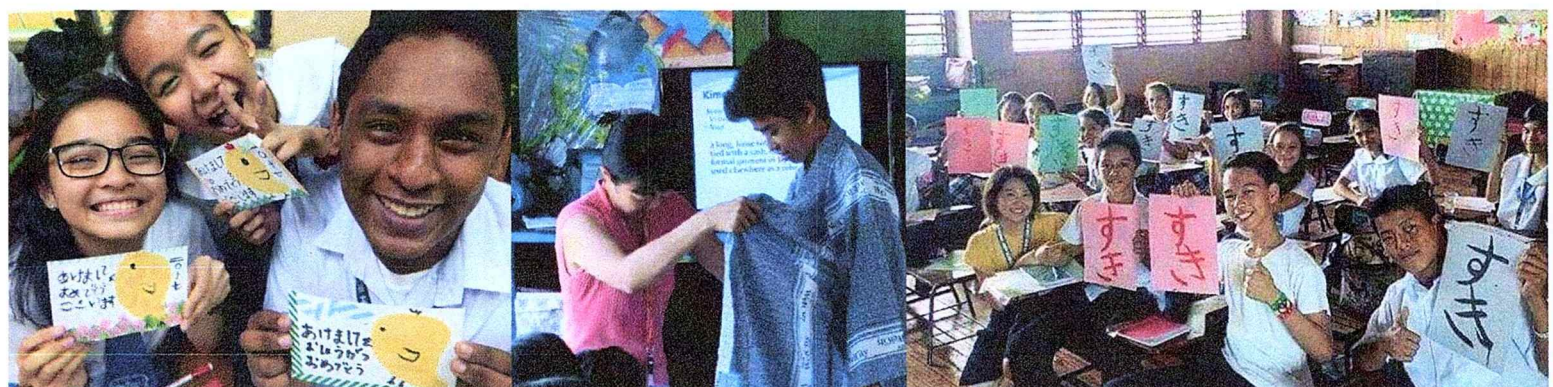
Assist the local  
Japanese-  
language teacher  
during classes



Introduce  
Japanese culture



Learn about the  
host country's  
culture - language,  
customs and  
tradition



# Nihongo Partners Q&A

**Q: The NIHONGO Partners (NP) is...?**

A: Teaching assistants to the Nihongo teachers at schools. They introduce Japanese culture and so on. They will act as resource persons/teaching assistants to the local Nihongo teacher at school, but they will not be able to teach Nihongo /"enTree" on their own since they do not have a teacher's license. The NPs are not trained to teach Nihongo like CJH Teachers, so classroom setting cannot be controlled by NPs alone. The JFM would like to ask CJH Teachers to be in the classroom together with NPs when lessons are conducted.

**Q: To which countries are they dispatched?**

A: Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Vietnam, Brunei, Laos, Cambodia, China, Taiwan

**Q: Until when will this last?**

A: Until the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. - **Extended**

**Q: How many NIHONGO Partners will be dispatched?**

A: A total of 3000. Around 100 of whom will be dispatched to the Philippines.

**Q: Are there different types of schools?**

A: Yes. Main school and sub-school. NPs will initially focus on the main school. Once they get used to the activities, they will go to sub-schools as often as twice a week, or as seldom as once a month.

**Q: Do the NIHONGO Partners need to record their work hours, i.e.timesheet?**

A: No.

**Q: Do the NIHONGO Partners involve themselves with the local educational institutions such as DepEd?**

A: No.



# Nihongo Partners Batch 10



## Batch 10: September 5 - December 15, 2023 (3 months)

- Mr. Hidetoshi NAKAMA (Pitogo HS / \*Pasig City Science HS)
  - Ms. Misaki TAKADA (Capt. Albert Aguilar National HS / \*San Pedro Relocation Center National HS)
  - Ms. Megumi MATSUBAYASHI (Lagro HS / \*Sta. Lucia HS)
  - Ms. Tomoka TAKAHASHI (\*Paradise Farms National HS / \*Sapang Palay National HS)
  - Ms. Haruna SATO (\*Capas National HS)
  - Ms. Satori MINEO (\*Mayapyap National HS)
- \*New NP host school*

Luzon  
(NCR, Region 3, 4-A)

- Ms. Kaho IWASHITA (Abellana National School)
- Ms. Hinako YAMANAKA (Cabancalan National HS)
- Ms. Rie KOBAYASHI (Marigondon National HS / Cordova National HS)
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