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Invitation to join the "Sakura Network"

Thank you for your continued cooperation with our activities aimed at strengthening Japanese-language education in your country or region.

Since fiscal 2007, the Japan Foundation has been building up the "JF Nihongo Network" ("Sakura Network") to enhance the quality of overseas Japanese language education and provide opportunities to learn the Japanese language with the cooperation of institutions concerned with Japanese-language education worldwide.

The Sakura Network members play a significant role in terms of enhancing Japanese-language education in their region or country by utilizing various support programs provided by the Japan Foundation, and our members have succeeded in launching a number of excellent projects. As of July 2021, the number of Sakura Network members has expanded to 292 institutions in 93 countries/regions and a lot of fruitful projects have been implemented under the proactive initiative of our members.

We would therefore like to invite you to join the Sakura Network. This membership will be valid from the date of certification to December 2024 and will be automatically renewed every five years unless either your institution or the Japan Foundation notifies you that it wishes to terminate this membership as before.

If your institution joins the Sakura Network member, you can apply for "Support Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education (Special

Program for Sakura Network members)" in fiscal 2021. Furthermore, after 2022 preference will be given to Sakura Network members in the selection of our programs, "Support Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education (Grants)" and "Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese-Language (On-site)" in order that Sakura Network members are able to implement projects that significantly impact an entire region or country in terms of enhancing Japanese-language education.

If you would like to accept the invitation to join the Sakura Network, please return the signed Letter of Acceptance to the nearest Japanese Embassy. All member institutions will receive a certificate of Sakura Network membership and will be registered on the Japan Foundation website.

https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/

We appreciate it if your institution joins the Sakura Network and provides continued support for enhancing overseas Japanese-language education.

Sincerely yours,

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