

# **Japan Settlement Support Program for Convention Refugees and Their Family Members**

**Currently only on-line course is available for application.**

**~ For Convention refugees and their family members  
who wish to learn the Japanese language,  
understand Japanese customs, and find jobs ~**

**Refugee Assistance Headquarters  
Foundation for Welfare and Education of the Asian People**

# Introduction

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For individuals who are recognized as refugees by the Minister of Justice and their family members, the Government of Japan offers Settlement Support Program for free of charge, such as Japanese language education, guidance on life in Japan and vocational counseling service.

- The Settlement Support Program provides program participants with an opportunity to study the basic Japanese and learn about social systems and customs which will be useful for living in Japan.
- Employment referrals will be available for program participants who wish to find jobs.
- Living expenses will be provided throughout the course term, and settlement allowances (money to be used in preparing for settlement in Japan) will be provided upon completion of the program. (See page 3 for details.)
- For preventing COVID19 infection, Settlement Support Program is provided only via on-line. Those who have PC and internet environment will be accepted first. If you do not have internet or PC at home, please contact RHQ.

**Note:** It is possible that application might be declined. No baby-sitting service available during the on-line course.

## Program Overview

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### Japanese Language Education / Guidance for Japanese Life / Vocational Counseling Service

#### 1. Japanese Language Education

(572 units: 1 unit = 45 minutes)

- Participants will acquire the basic Japanese reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
- Participants will learn Japanese necessary for living in Japan.

#### 2. Guidance for Japanese Life

(120 units: 1 unit = 45 minutes)

- Participants will learn about the Japanese social systems including medical service, insurance, pension and tax, and about the Japanese customs, the knowledge of which will be useful for living in Japan.

\*Classes are structured according to a combined curriculum of Japanese Language Education and Guidance for Japanese Life..

#### 3. Employment Support Service

- For those who wish to find jobs, assistance on job search will be available.  
(We may not be able to find what you want.)
- Transportation expenses at a job search are covered.
- Vocational training of 1 month up to 6 months for maximum, can be offered by prospective employers. Stipends will be provided as livelihood allowance during the period.



Image of the on-line learning

## Time and Schedule of the Course

- The course (total 692 units: 1 unit = 45 minutes) divides into two parts, Japanese Language Education (572 units) and Guidance for Japanese Life (120 units:).
- All units of learning are group learning via on-line.
- Schedule: Daytime course Monday through Friday 9:30~15:50  
Evening course Monday through Friday 18:30~20:55  
\*Class time may change depending on the curriculum.
- Duration of the course: Daytime course April 2021~September 2021 (planned)  
Evening course April 2021~March 2022 (planned)

## Qualified Applicants

**Individuals who are recognized as refugees by the Minister of Justice and their family members (\*1) are eligible to apply for the Settlement Support Program. However, those who have received settlement support in the past at the International Refugee Assistance Center (closed in March 2006) or at the center cannot apply. (\*2)**

(\*1) “Family members” in this context mean foreign nationals residing in Japan who have been granted the status of residence as family members of convention refugees, such as spouses, parents and unmarried children.

(\*2) Depending on the circumstances (health conditions, Japanese language levels etc), applicants may be requested to postpone their enrollment or their applications might be declined.

# Livelihood Support Allowances

Participants of the Settlement Support Program will be provided with the following allowances throughout the program.

<p>Living Expenses (Money for daily life) *Might not be provided depending on the situation</p>	<p>Adults (12 years old and over)      ¥ 1,600 /day Children (11 years old and under)      ¥ 800 /day *As for the Evening Course participants, half the amount will be provided through a one-year period.</p>
<p>Settlement Allowance (Money to prepare for settlement)</p>	<p>Adults (16 years old and over)      ¥ 156,900 Children (15 years old and under)      ¥ 78,450 *The settlement allowance will be provided only once upon completion of the program.</p>
<p>Medical Expenses (Money for treatment of diseases or injuries)</p>	<p>Expenses for medical treatment are provided in the event of a fever, headache, toothache or first aid for injuries, occurred in the class. Medical expenses of chronic illnesses or critical illnesses will not be covered. (All participants are to join the public health insurance scheme at their own expense.)</p>

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## Counseling Services for Daily Life, Japanese Language Education & Job Referral

Counselors provide free counseling on various issues such as life in Japan, jobs, and Japanese language education and others. Please feel free to contact us. Your privacy will be protected.

- TEL (toll-free): 0120-090-091 (Monday – Friday, 9:30 – 17:00)
- \* Services are available in Japanese, English, French and Burmese.

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