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**SPECIFIED SKILLED WORKER (SSW) WORKING VISA TO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL LIVELIHOOD (SHS-TVL) GRADUATES FROM THE  
CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN IN CEBU**

Attached is a communication letter from the Japanese Consulate General in Cebu outlining a procedure for accepting qualified foreign workers who have a range of skills and expertise. Graduates of Senior High School under the Technical Vocational Livelihood Track are eligible for the "Specified Skilled Worker" (SSW) working visa. One of the prerequisites for receiving the SSW is proficiency in the Japanese language. With this, the Japanese Consulate General in Cebu introduces the Japanese organization that facilitates the Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese (JFT-Basics), one method for demonstrating competency in the Japanese language.

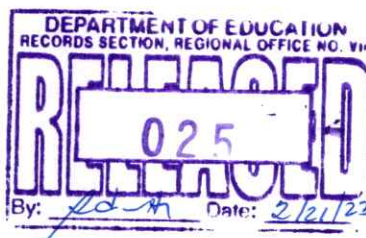
Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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Dear Dr. FETALVERO,

Greetings of peace!

The Consulate General of Japan in Cebu is based in Cebu, and the area of responsibility includes the three regions in Visayas. Our office is maintaining the safety of the Japanese residing in these regions and deepens our relationship with the local people in the Visayas. In addition, we expanded our services by promoting Japanese culture, the Japanese language, and Japanese government scholarship. Currently, we are closely facilitating the activities of the Philippine Association of the Japanese Ministry of Education Scholars (PHILAJAMES)-Cebu, for the promotion of the Japanese government scholarship, the MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology) scholarship. Whereas some of your educators in the Department of Education in Eastern Visayas are the recipients through the Teachers Training Program.

The good news is, Japan established a system for the acceptance of work-ready foreign nationals who have a certain degree of expertise and skills in different fields in April 2019. This new opportunity for a working visa is called "Specified Skilled Worker" (SSW). The SSW is a status of residence created to give foreign nationals more opportunities to work in Japan. These opportunities may open to your Senior High School Students after they graduate from K12. With the different tracks you are offering, this may qualify for the different occupational skills under the SSW visa. The fields under the SSW are related to Nursing Care; Building Cleaning Management; Construction Industry; Machine Parts and Tooling Industries; Industrial Machinery Industry; Electric, Electronics, and Information Industries; Shipbuilding and Ship Machinery Industries; Automobile Repair and Maintenance; Aviation Industry; Accommodation Industry; Agriculture Industry; Fishery and Aquaculture Industries; Food and Beverage Manufacturing Industries; Food Service Industry.

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Furthermore, in obtaining the SSW, one of the basic requirements is to have Japanese language skills. The Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese (JFT-Basic) is one way to have Japanese language proficiency. This exam is administered through Computer-Based Testing (CBT) at a test center in Cebu City. To pass the exam, students must study for approximately 105 hours. Foreign nationals need this level of Japanese language proficiency to live in Japan, primarily for work and to communicate in everyday situations.

In line with these, we would like to introduce your institution to the Japanese organization facilitating the JFT- Basic Test for further details about the program. This move could benefit and be a good opportunity for the Senior High School students after they graduate from the K to 12 programs.

Your favorable response could change the lives of the Filipino learners and their families!

Truly Yours,



Hideki YAMAJI

Consul General of Japan in Cebu