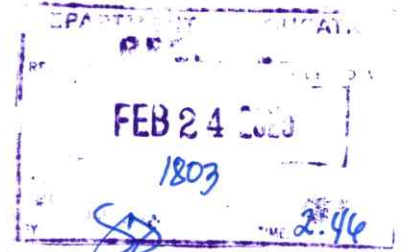


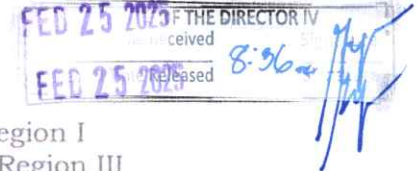


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Foundation Manila, the training provider and partner of this Department in the implementation of the Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese.

Applications are open to all school heads from schools implementing the SPFL-Japanese across the country and who meet the eligibility criteria provided in Appendix A.

Interested school heads must respond to the application form until **March 1, 2025** via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2025ASEAN-JapanEPforPrincipals>.

For inquiries, all concerned may contact Ms. Janinn Almeyda-Mendoza, Supervising Education Program Specialist and SPFL Lead Focal Person, through email address at bcd.scpd.spfl@deped.gov.ph or this number (02) 8632 0170.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is requested.

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Appendix A

Eligibility Criteria for the 2025 ASEAN-Japan Exchange Program for Secondary School Educators

- (1) SPFL-Japanese school heads/principals who are not scheduled to resign, leave their position, or retire (due to mandatory age-related retirement or other reasons) within one year from June 30, 2025.
- (2) Individuals who are willing to continue teaching and giving lectures about Japan at their schools, utilizing the experiences and knowledge gained through the program. Alternatively, individuals who wish to continue engaging with Japanese schools after returning to their home country.
- (3) Individuals who fully understand the aims and objectives of the program and are committed to participating in the entire program schedule. Note that extensions or changes to the itinerary for personal reasons, or being accompanied by family members, are not permitted.
- (4) Individuals who are able to communicate effectively in English.
- (5) Individuals who are in good physical and mental health and will not experience difficulty participating in the full duration of the program.
- (6) Individuals who can set up a PC and Wi-Fi environment and participate in program briefings using online meeting tools (i.e., Zoom).
- (7) Individuals who are eager to contribute to the promotion of a better understanding of Japanese culture in their home country upon returning, in collaboration with the Japan Foundation office and/or the Japanese Embassy.
- (8) Individuals who already possess a valid passport at the time of application.
- (9) Individuals who have already joined the previous exchange program are not eligible to apply.