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# News!

### Master's Degree Program in Japanese Learning Support (JLS) University of Miyazaki (In planning)



宮崎大学 OVERSTLY OF MITAZAKI 宫崎大学大学院修士課程 教育学研究科学校教育事项 日本語支援教育専修 7年4月設置(FED (お問い合わせ先) 121021

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### **Now Accepting Applications !**

### An outline of this program

This program is the first established in Japan for the purpose of training and preparing teachers of Japanese language to acquire the skills and knowledge for supporting returnee children and children from abroad. This special program includes teaching subjects at school as well as lifestyle guidance in various social areas. The curriculum offers a wide variety of lectures, which covers 5 major areas: Language, Language and Education, Language and Psychology, Language and Society, Language and Culture and Locality.

Students can choose from and participate in 25 interesting lectures such as *Japanese Language Education*, *The Japanese, Japanese Grammar for Teaching, Culture and Language in the Islamic World, African Culture* and so on.

<Teaching Staff>

NAGATOMO Kazuhiko, HIRASE Kiyoshi, HAYANO Shingo, YOSHIDA Yoshikatsu, YOKOYAMA Shozo, TAMADA Yoshiyuki, OBA Takeshi, OGAWA Sakue, SAKAGUCHI Kayoko, FUJII Kumiko, INOUE Shuichi, KAWANO Fujio, OKABAYASHI Minoru (University vice-president)

#### Summer Intensive Training Camp in Okayama

In August 2004, Mr. Shingo HAYANO (Associate Professor of Japanese language) held a summer training camp for Japanese-language teaching competency test in Kurashiki, Okayama. Twenty candidate students participated in this course. (*Photo: Prof. Hayano*)



## Briefings Held in Fukuoka, Kumamoto and Miyazaki

Briefing sessions for applicants were held at the *Fukuoka Garden Palace* on November 6 and 7. They will also be held at the *Kumamoto International Center* on November 13 and 14, and at *Carino Miyazaki* on November 21 and 24. Brochures on briefings in details are available.



Photo: In Fukuoka

### Workshops Held by Teaching Staff

The following workshops were and will be held to prepare for the inauguration of the course:

#### 1) Preparatory Meeting for the Inauguration Date: Sept. 27 (Mon.) 10:30-12:30

- Discussion (Workshops, Lecture meetings, Entrance Exams, Briefing sessions for applicants and Research Reports) -

#### 2) Workshop 1 Date: Oct. 12 (Tue.) 16:30-17:00

- Presentation -NAGATOMO, Kazuhiko: Japanese Learning Support and Multi-lingualism

#### 3) Workshop 2 Date: Oct. 26 (Tue.) 16:30-18:30

#### - Presentations -

- 1) YOKOYAMA, Shozo: *People, language, culture some hints for research in the Persian language and Iran*
- 2) FUJII, Kumiko: *The Japan/Japanese boom in modern Taiwan : a critical perspective*

#### 4) Workshop 3 Date: Nov. 9 (Tue.) 16:30-18:30

- Presentations -
- 1) HAYANO, Shingo: A study on the Japanese accent
- 2) TAMADA, Yoshiyuki: My approach to this project

#### 5) Workshop 4 Date: Nov. 30 (Tue.)

(Details to be provided)



Photo: Workshop on Nov. 9

### Teaching Staff To Be Dispatched for Research Study

Mr. Shozo YOKOYAMA (Associate Professor) and Ms. Kumiko FUJII (Associate Professor), who both hold lecturer's chairs in this master's program, will be dispatched overseas for research study supported by funding from the *Ministry of Education, Cultures, Sports, Science and Technology*. Prof. Yokoyama will engage in research in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Prof. Fujii will be in Taiwan, for 8 months starting November 2004.

**YOKOYAMA**: I've been in Iran 3 times before, but each of them was only for a short period of time. An eight month stay in Iran will be exiting and I am looking forward to events and festivals like 'Ashura' or 'Nowruz' which are really unique among islamic countries and can be seen only in Iran. Persian is one of the 3 most widely-spoken languages in Middle East, so this is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me to study real life and language of Iran.



**FUJII**: I'll be studying at the Department of Japanese Language and Culture, Soochow University which is near the Gugong Palace Museum in Taipei. There are many elderly people who can speak Japanese in Taiwan. This is because they were forced to acquire the Japanese language during its colonial rule. On the other hand, the young generation bolsters the current Japanese boom, as they never experienced the colonial period. Many of these young people also have a command of English nowadays. Experiencing this multi-lingualizing Taiwan is what I look forward to for these 8 months.



# Special University Grant Awarded

Special Grant (4,200,000 yen) from the president of University of Miyazaki for our project was awarded to promote the activity of our project 'Promotion for Cooperative Research on *Master's Program for Japanese Learning Support*', and to send our message to those who are interested in this field.

# Research Report Japanese Learning Support (JLS)

To Be Published

Our research report 'The Japanese Learning Support' will be published in March 2005.

Please send comments & inquiries to:



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From the Editor: We hope that our project will be a catalyst for facing the severe consitions of restructuring, budget-cuts, the decreasing number of students, and so on. TAMADA / YOKOYAMA