

Memorandum of Cooperation
between
the Ministry of Education of the Federative Republic of Brazil
and
the Japan Foundation
on the Promotion of Japanese-Language Education in Brazil

The Ministry of Education of the Federative Republic of Brazil, represented by the Minister of Education, Aloizio Mercadante, and the Japan Foundation, represented by the President of the Japan Foundation, Hiroyasu Ando, hereinafter referred to as “Participants”,

CONSIDERING Decree No. 7642 of December 13, 2011, which established the “Science without Borders” Program;

CONSIDERING the Memorandums of Understanding concerning the “Science without Borders” program signed on July 31, 2012 between Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES) and the Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) and between the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) and JASSO, respectively;

CONSIDERING the Ministerial Decree No. 973 of November 14, 2014, which established the “Languages without Borders” Program;

CONVINCED that learning of foreign languages is an indispensable tool for the good development of mobility programs and for the internationalization of higher education systems, hereby express their intent to cooperate in the promotion of Japanese-language education under the following terms:



Item 1

The Participants decide to promote Japanese-language education programs (hereinafter referred to as "Programs") in higher education institutions in Brazil (hereinafter referred to as "Institutions"). The Programs will consist of the following four actions:

- a) Conducting free Japanese-language tests (hereinafter referred to as "Tests") for Brazilian students. The selection process details and the number of Brazilian students to take the Tests will be provided in the forthcoming Action Plan.
- b) Providing online Japanese-language courses to Brazilian students, so that they can learn and/or improve their Japanese-language skills.
- c) Promoting and encouraging the development of Japanese-language training in Institutions, to be selected in the forthcoming Action Plan, for which the Japanese side will make efforts to send personnel with Japanese-language education skills (hereinafter referred to as "Personnel"), provided that the university autonomy is respected.
- d) Offering short-term language-training programs in Japan and/or Brazil for Brazilian students in a number to be set on the forthcoming Action Plan.

Item 2

The Japanese side will be responsible for the following actions related to the implementation of the Programs:

- a) Supplying the Tests (hardcopy or online) to the Institutions, grading the Tests and, if needed, providing the training to Institutions' staff for conducting specific assessment.



- b) Implementing the support by Personnel to the Institutions described in 1 "c", provided that the university autonomy is respected.
- c) Offering short-term language-training programs described in item 1 "d".

Item 3

The Brazilian side will be responsible for the following actions related to the implementation of the Programs:

- a) Registration, distribution and allocation of examinees throughout the country, especially in universities accredited to the "Language without Borders" Program.
- b) Arranging appropriate venues, equipment, tools, staff and other necessities to conduct the Tests.
- c) Consultation with the Institutions, when necessary, for the smooth implementation of educational activities by the Personnel.

Item 4

The Brazilian side will provide all tools on the "Language without Borders" website and its Management System and will make efforts to set out necessary conditions for providing Japanese-language courses in Brazilian universities that do not have them yet, provided that the university autonomy is respected.

Item 5

The Participants will establish a technical committee to work out an Action Plan to execute the items adopted in this Memorandum of Cooperation .

Item 6

An additional Action Plan will detail the responsibilities of the Participants related to the Programs and the Tests.



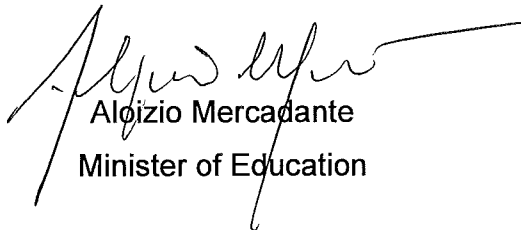
Item 7

This Memorandum will continue until either Participant notifies the other Participant in writing of its intention to end this Memorandum, at least ninety (90) days prior.

The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the implementation of any existing activities.


Signed in Brasília on May 5th, 2016, in two original copies in English.

For the Ministry of Education of the
Federative Republic of Brazil



Aloizio Mercadante
Minister of Education

For the Japan Foundation



Yoo Fukazawa
Director of the Japan Foundation, Sao
Paulo

※Yoo Fukazawa, Director of the Japan Foundation, Sao Paulo, is hereby certified to be endowed with authority to sign on behalf of Hiroyasu Ando, President of the Japan Foundation, to this Memorandum of Cooperation.