



Japanese Language Teacher Development Program (Northeast India)

1. Background

Japanese language education is emerging as an important area of academic, cultural, skill development, and employability linkage between India and Japan, particularly for the youth of Northeast India.

There is a growing demand for Japanese language learning in Northeast India, but the shortage of trained Japanese language teachers remains a major constraint in scaling Japanese language education in the region.

2. Purpose

The objective of the program is to develop a pool of trained, Japanese language teachers who can support schools, colleges, universities, training centers, skill institutions, and Japan-linked programs in Northeast India.

The program is intended to contribute to the long-term development of Japanese language education, India–Japan educational exchange, skill development, and Japan-linked employability opportunities in Northeast India.

3. Program Details

Name of Program: Japanese Language Teacher Development Program – Northeast India

Lead Academic Partner: The Japan Foundation, New Delhi

Lead Institutional Partner: Assam Skill University (ASU)

Coordination Partner: Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC)

Mode: Offline, classroom-based program

Location: At the ASU Interim Campus located at : Inside ITI Guwahati Campus, Opposite Dr. B Borooah Cancer Institute Birubari, Guwahati, 781016

Batch Size: Maximum 20 participants, subject to screening and final selection

Duration: Approximately 8 months

Daily Engagement: Approximately 5–6 hours of classroom engagement and equivalent self-study, subject to final program schedule

Start Date: 1st July 2026

Expected End Date: 28th Feb 2027

Counselling Period: From 1st June 2026

Expected Outcome: The program is expected to contribute to the development of a pool of trained and motivated Japanese language teaching human resources in Northeast India, capable of supporting Japanese language education in schools, colleges, universities, training centers, skill institutions, and other relevant educational settings, subject to individual performance and institutional opportunities.

Financials: This is a Japan Foundation-supported initiative. A substantial portion of the academic cost of the program is being supported through the Japan Foundation framework.

To ensure seriousness, commitment, and post-training engagement in Japanese language education in Northeast India, selected candidates shall be required to deposit a refundable performance security amount, subject to terms and conditions separately notified to the candidates.

- A refundable performance security amount of INR 60,000 in 3 installments. (Rs 30,000 + Rs 15,000 + Rs 15,000).
- Refund eligibility, including minimum teaching duration, nature of institutional engagement, documentation requirements, timelines, and other conditions, shall be separately defined and communicated to selected candidates through program guidelines or undertaking documents.

Program Outline:

This program is designed for beginners aiming to achieve:

- Japanese Proficiency: CEFR B1 (JLPT N3) Level
- Teaching Proficiency: Able to instruct learners up to the CEFR A2 (JLPT N4) Level.

Academic Schedule:

- Monday to Friday (5 days per week)
- 9:00 AM – 3:10 PM (5 hours per day) | 25 hours per week
- There are three hours of classroom instruction every morning. During the two afternoon hours, you will engage in self-study in the computer lab using online courses.

Faculty:

Resource persons (Native Japanese) from the Japan Foundation

Course Content:

The program uses the textbook *IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan* as its primary learning material.

Students begin from the absolute beginner level and progress toward CEFR B1 proficiency upon successful completion of the program.

The curriculum develops:

- Conversational and listening skills for daily life in Japan
- Grammar and reading comprehension skills for the JLPT
- Practical Japanese communication abilities
- Foundational Japanese language teaching skills

The program also emphasizes understanding Japanese society, culture, and daily life through cultural learning experiences.

Evaluation and Program Completion:

To successfully complete the program, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Achieve a minimum score of 80% in the final completion examination of the program.
- Maintain an attendance rate of at least 80%.
- Certificate will be awarded on successful completion of the program.

Who can apply?

- Graduates and Postgraduates
- Aspiring teachers
- Japanese language learners
- Candidates interested in teaching careers
- Candidates willing to contribute to Japanese language education in Northeast India

Important Dates:

- Last Date to Apply: 20th June 2026
- Program Starts: 1st July 2026
- Program Ends: 28th Feb 2027 (Tentative)

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/epjgMDgf4kaQZGP99>

For any clarification, please contact the Program Coordination Team at the details given below.

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