



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Skill Acquisition**

The program is designed to help selected participants acquire both **Japanese language skills** and **basic teaching skills** required to become future Japanese language teachers. Participants will develop foundational to intermediate-level Japanese communication skills, including reading, writing, listening and speaking. They will also be introduced to classroom Japanese, pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary and practical communication.

In addition, the program will focus on teaching methodology, lesson planning, classroom presentation, learner engagement, use of teaching materials, basic assessment methods and student support techniques. Participants will also gain exposure to Japanese culture, etiquette, discipline, punctuality and intercultural understanding, which are essential for teaching Japanese in an effective and authentic manner.

### **Unique Features of the Program**

This is not a regular Japanese language course. It is a **teacher development program** designed specifically to address the shortage of trained Japanese language teachers in Assam and Northeast India.

The program is unique because it combines Japanese language learning, teacher training, classroom practice, cultural orientation and skill development in one structured format. It is supported through collaboration between **The Japan Foundation, New Delhi, Assam Skill University** and the **Indo-Japan Business Council**, bringing together academic expertise, institutional support and India–Japan ecosystem linkages.

The program will be conducted as a limited-seat, selection-based classroom initiative in Guwahati, with close monitoring, attendance tracking and periodic assessments. Its larger objective is to create a pool of trained Japanese language teaching resources who can support schools, colleges, universities, skill institutions and Japan-linked training programs across Northeast India.

## Placement Linkages and Support

The program will provide career guidance and linkage support to suitable candidates after successful completion, subject to performance, proficiency, teaching ability and availability of opportunities.

Successful participants may be guided towards roles such as Japanese language teacher, assistant teacher, language trainer, teaching assistant, support faculty for Japan-linked skill programs, online/offline tutor or Japanese language facilitator.

Through the networks of Assam Skill University, IJBC and other India–Japan ecosystem partners, suitable candidates may be connected with institutions, training centers, skill programs and Japanese language initiatives where teaching support is required.

While the program does not guarantee automatic placement, it will provide mentoring, professional guidance and possible institutional linkages to help trained candidates build a long-term career pathway in Japanese language education.

**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 selected candidates.

- A refundable performance security amount of INR 60,000 in 3 installments.
  - Rs 30,000 by 25<sup>th</sup> June 26
  - Rs 15,000 by 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 26
  - Rs 15,000 by 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 26
  - 100% amount can be paid on enrollment also
- The amount which is a performance linked earnest money deposit can be furnished in two ways.
  - Fixed Deposit Hypothecated / Mortgaged / Lien to Indo Japan Business council .
  - Demand Draft in favor of Indo Japan Business Council payable at Pune.
  - Both Instruments be returned on successful performance.
- 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.

### **Notes:**

- The CEFR B1 (JLPT N3) level represents the "bridge" between being a basic user and an independent, intermediate speaker of Japanese. It is transition from memorizing textbook phrases to actually navigating everyday life, travel, and conversations in Japan. Official Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) score reports officially map test performance directly to a CEFR reference level.
- CEFR A2 and JLPT N4 represent an elementary/basic conversational level of Japanese. At this stage, candidate transits from an absolute beginner who can only repeat memorized phrases into a basic user who can navigate predictable, everyday situations.

### **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. The Certificate will be a joint Certificate of the three stake holders 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>

\* Selected Candidates will also register on Assam Skill University Website.

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

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