TJSC

Teachers of Japanese in Southern California



Awarded the 2024 Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation

Mission

- Enhance the quality of Japanese language and cultural education in Southern California.
- Create opportunities for exchange and professional development for Japanese language teachers.

Why TJSC Matters?

Opportunities for professional development and recognition

For

Teachers

- Assistance for creating better teaching environments
- Community building among educators

Over 100 educators are members of TJSC

For Learners

- Access to resources for quality education and research
- Promoting global competency
- Guidance in career exploration and job search

TJSC has helped students and teachers for 40 years

For Businesses

- Connecting learners and teachers with Japan-related business opportunities
- Collaboration with businesses on corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives

California houses over 3,000 Japan-based companies

For Families

- Supporting Japanese language, culture and Japanese American communities
- Creating opportunities for community-building both locally and internationally

Parents are welcome to join TJSC

Who We Serve



Traditional K-16 Japanese as Foreign Language programs



Japanese as Heritage Language Programs



Dual Language Immersion Programs



Community Language Programs

Why is Japanese education important in Southern California?

Cultural and Economic Bridges:

Japan is California's largest foreign investor, and proficiency in Japanese language and culture is key to foster vital US-Japan connections.

Global Talent Development:

Internationally competitive professionals are in hight demand in today's globalized economy.

• Career Advancement:

Understanding of Japanese language and culture opens doors to global opportunities.

Regional and Historical Significance:

SoCal is one the oldest and largest centers of Japanese culture and business in the U.S.

• Community Empowerment:

Educators need support to promote inclusivity to attend to the needs of diverse Japanese language learners, including heritage language learners.

Alliance for Japanese Language Support

- Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles
- The Japan Foundation Los Angeles
- Japan Business Association of Southern California
- California Association of Japanese Language Teachers
- Northern California Japanese Teachers Association



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