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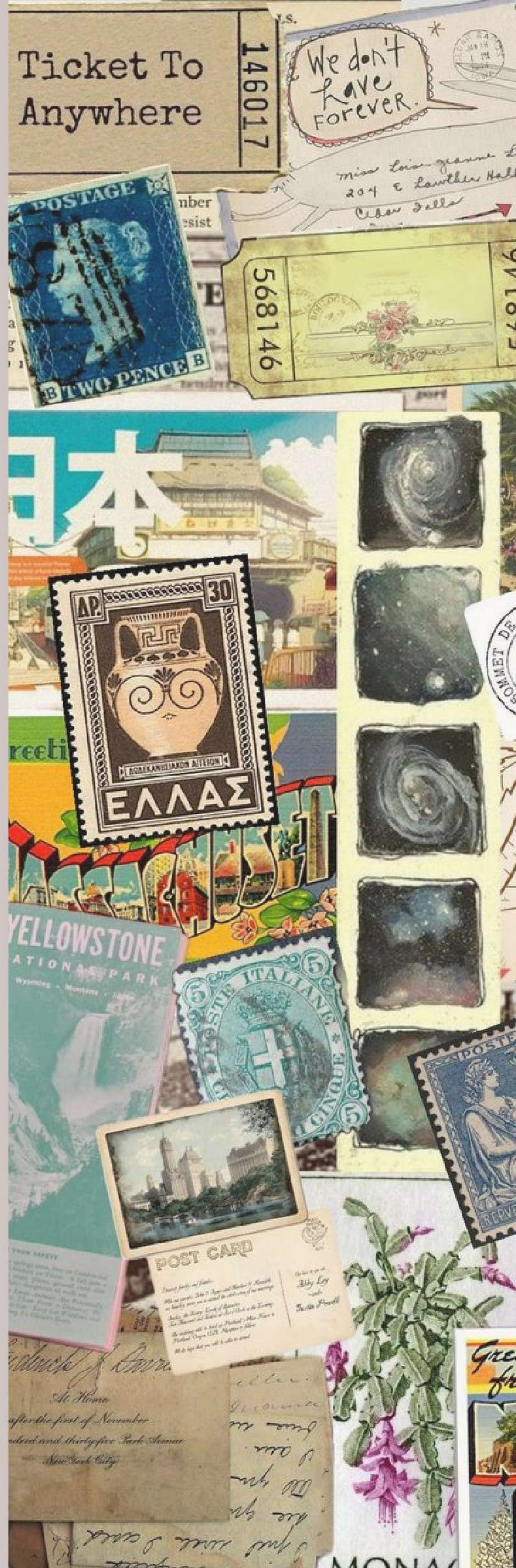
Dear Readers,
It is our pleasure to introduce the latest edition of our careers newsletter, "THE NEXT STEP". In this edition, we continue our Study Abroad Issue, exploring popular countries that many students choose for pursuing higher studies.

This edition highlights the benefits, opportunities, and scholarships offered by Korea and Japan, making them two of the most sought-after destinations for Indian students today. As always, your feedback is invaluable to us.

If you have any suggestions for future topics or ideas you'd like us to cover, please write to us at careers@assamvalleyschool.com.

Your input helps us ensure that we continue to provide relevant and meaningful content.

Sincerely,
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Korea

Home to K-pop, leading tech companies, and one of the most educated populations in the world, South Korea is becoming increasingly popular with international students.



The country has been attracting many students to its undergraduate, graduate, and research programs. With about 400 national and private universities, some institutions also offer state-of-the-art research facilities in several new and emerging scientific fields.

In 2014, fewer than 85,000 international students were enrolled in South Korea, but within a decade the number had grown to more than 200,000. Clearly, it is an attractive place to study abroad, though it may still feel unfamiliar. To help, we have outlined what you need to know about the higher education system in South Korea.

Why Study in Korea?

Studying in Korea offers numerous benefits for international students:

Innovative Environment: South Korea is a leader in technology, making it an ideal destination for students in engineering, IT, and digital media, with access to advanced resources.

Cultural Experience: Students can immerse themselves in South Korea's rich cultural heritage, which blends traditional and modern influences, from historic sites to K-pop and cinema.



Affordability: Tuition and living costs in South Korea are generally lower than in many Western countries, with scholarships widely available for international students.

High-Quality Education: Korean universities, like Seoul National University and KAIST, are globally recognized for their academic excellence and research.

Choosing to study in South Korea is not just about earning a degree; it's about embarking on a unique educational journey that equips you for success in an increasingly interconnected world.



Job Opportunities for Indian Students in South Korea

Engineering and IT Fields:

South Korean universities actively support students in securing positions at leading companies such as Naver, Hyundai, LG, and Samsung.

Opportunities span diverse areas, including cybersecurity, data science, semiconductor and electronics engineering, automation, robotics, artificial intelligence, and software development.—These opportunities make South Korea an ideal destination for those in engineering and IT.

Finance and Banking: Seoul has emerged as a prominent financial hub in Asia, offering numerous job opportunities for Indian students in the finance and banking sectors. Collaborations with institutions like Korea Development Bank, KEB Hana Bank, and Shinhan Bank open doors to roles in market research, business consulting, logistics, and international trade.

Teaching and Education: Graduates with strong English communication skills can explore diverse job prospects in the education sector. Opportunities include private tutoring, roles in EdTech companies, government-supported programs such as TALK and EPIK, as well as teaching positions in universities and international schools.

Advanced Degrees: Students with a master's or PhD can access specialized opportunities in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, nanotechnology, environmental sciences, and renewable energy. Many also join prestigious research labs as assistants, contributing to cutting-edge projects in these fields.

Hospitality and Tourism: South Korean universities provide pathways into the hospitality and tourism sector, with opportunities in luxury hotels, airlines, travel agencies, and event management. Collaborations with renowned hotel brands such as Hilton, Marriott, Shilla Hotels, and Lotte further enhance employment prospects.



SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

There are different Korean Government scholarship programs: The details of such programmes are given below:

Sr. No.	Programme	Link
1.	Global Korea Scholarship Program	https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew_invite.do
2.	Korean Government Support Program for Foreign Exchange Students	https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew_exchange.do
3.	Support Program for Self-financed Students	https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew_excellentMercy.do
4.	GKS (Global Korea Scholarship) Invitation Program for Students from Partner Countries	https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew_majorNation.do
5.	GKS for ASEAN countries' Science and Engineering Students	https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/en/sub/gks/allnew_GKSforASEAN.do

Japan is becoming an increasingly popular choice for Indian students pursuing higher education abroad. Renowned for its advanced technology, rich culture, and top-tier universities, Japan offers a unique educational experience that blends academic excellence with personal growth. In recent years, the number of Indian students choosing to study in Japan has grown significantly.

Beyond academics, Japan offers a holistic and enriching experience that extends well beyond traditional classroom learning. Students are immersed in a culture that values discipline, hard work, innovation, and respect for tradition, which helps them develop a broader worldview and essential life skills. With its safety, high living standards, and abundant career opportunities, Japan stands out as an appealing choice. For Indian students, studying in Japan means not only receiving a top-quality education but also experiencing personal growth and building meaningful international connections in one of the world's most dynamic and culturally rich countries.



Why Study in Japan?

Japan is becoming a favored destination for international students. Here are several reasons to consider studying there:

Affordable Tuition Fees:

- Tuition at public universities averages around JPY 535,800 (approximately INR 3.3 lakh) per year, making it accessible compared to many Western countries.

Scholarship Opportunities:

- Various scholarships are available, including the prestigious MEXT Scholarship, which covers tuition, living expenses, and airfare.

World-Class Universities:

- Home to top institutions like the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University, Japan emphasizes research, innovation, and academic excellence.



Unique Internship Opportunities:

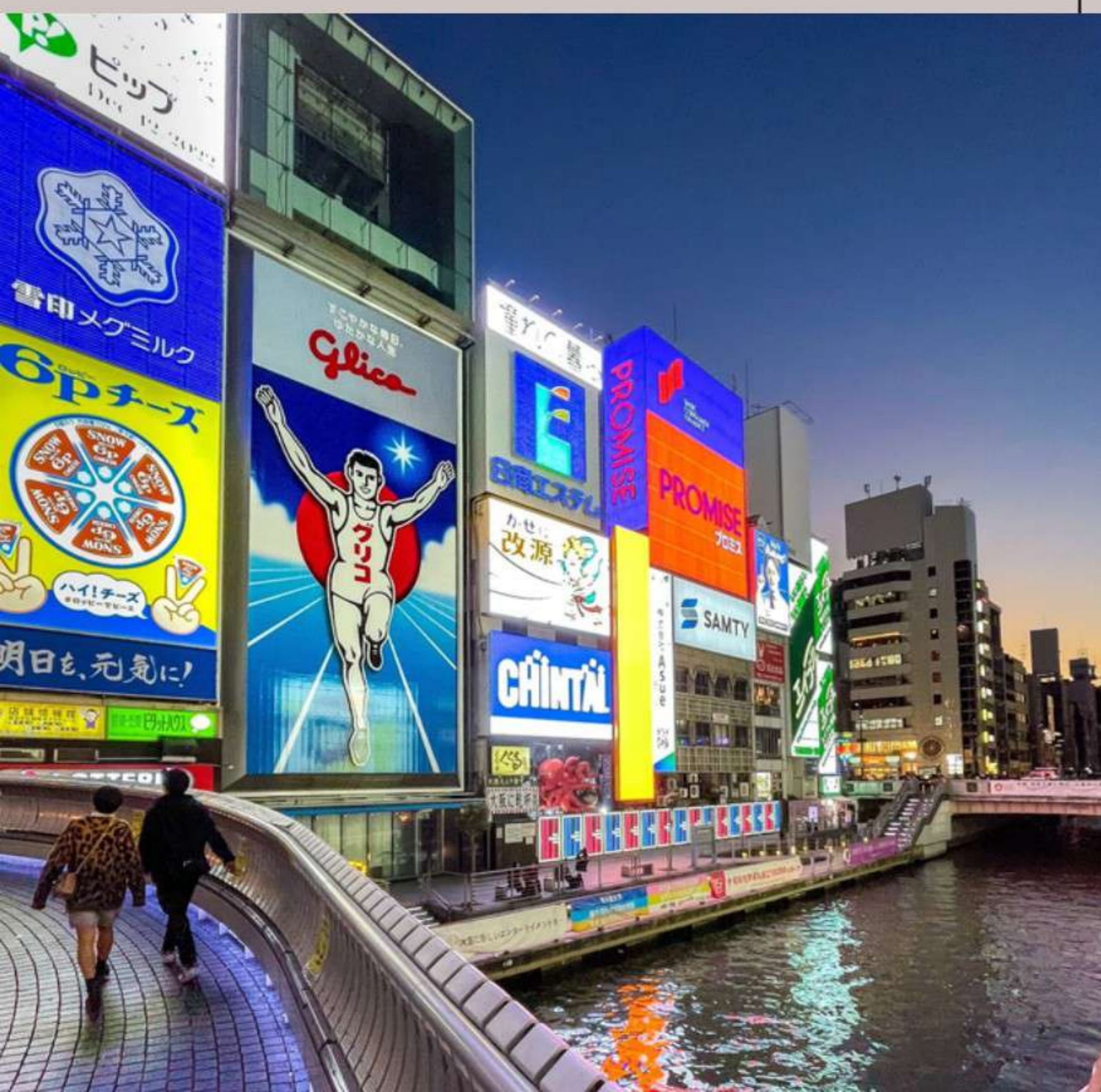
- Collaborations with companies like Toyota, Sony, and Honda provide valuable internship experiences, enhancing resumes and industry understanding.

Experience a Well-Organized Society:

- Japan's discipline and efficiency, seen in its punctual public transport and clean environments, offer valuable life skills beyond academics.

Access to Cutting-Edge Technology and Research:

- As a leader in fields like robotics, artificial intelligence, and renewable energy, Japan is ideal for students interested in research and development.



Job Opportunities Available in Japan

Jobs in IT, engineering (mechanical, electrical, and automotive), education (teaching English), healthcare, and translation/interpretation are in demand for Indian students in Japan. Due to Japan's aging population and labor shortage, industries like IT, manufacturing, healthcare, and construction face especially high demand. Some jobs, particularly in IT and education, can be filled with just a bachelor's degree and strong English skills, though many employers still prioritize Japanese language proficiency (JLPT N3 or higher).

In-Demand Fields

IT and Technology:

High demand for software engineers, product managers, and business development professionals.

Engineering:

Opportunities exist in automotive, mechanical, and electrical engineering, with specialized skills in demand.

Education:

Assistant language teacher (ALT) positions are common, and educators in other specialized fields are also sought after.

Healthcare:

A growing need for nurses and medical professionals due to Japan's aging population, though this may require Japanese language skills and relevant exams.

Translation and Interpretation:

Bridging the gap between international businesses and the Japanese market creates demand for bilingual professionals.

Job Search Tips



Scholarships

Recently, our school signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Japan, under which we will be recommending suitable candidates for admission to APU annually. This agreement opens new opportunities for our Aviators in terms of scholarships, cultural exchanges, and many other aspects of their future studies.



The recent trip to Japan offered students a unique chance to experience the country's rich culture, advanced technology, and educational system. Highlights included visits and sessions at the University of Tokyo and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, along with Seikei High School in Tokyo, paving the way for future student exchange programs.



Another notable scholarship offered by the Japanese government is the Overseas Study Support System (Agreement Acceptance) Scholarship, provided by JASSO. This program supports Japanese universities, graduate schools, junior colleges, technical colleges (including specialized courses, excluding those for second-year students and below), and vocational schools that host students from partner institutions abroad. Eligible students can study in Japan for a period ranging from eight days to one year under exchange agreements between higher education institutions.

Further details are given in the following link:

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/ja/planning/scholarships/jasso-scholarships/>

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