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Spring Entrance Examination 2018 for 5th and 6th Grade Applicants

外国語作文（英語）

Foreign Language Essay (English)

平成 30 年（2018 年）2 月 3 日（土）実施

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Attention

1. Keep your test booklet closed until you are instructed to open this booklet.
2. You may freely use blank space in the booklet. Any marks in this booklet will not be scored.
3. There is a separate answer sheet. All answers should be written within the space provided on the answer sheet **in English**.
4. You will be given 45 minutes to complete Foreign Language Essay.
5. Remain silent during test time.
6. Write your name and registration number on the test booklet, and write your registration number on your answer sheet.
7. No questions concerning the test content will be answered.
8. Both your test booklet and your answer sheet will be collected after the test.

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Read the article below and answer the following question.

A record-high 34,335 foreign students at public schools in Japan required Japanese-language training as of May last year, reflecting an increase in foreign workers in the country, an education ministry survey showed June 13.

The figure as of May 1, 2016, topped the 30,000 mark for the first time since comparable data became available in fiscal 1991. The ministry attributed the rise to a larger number of workers entering Japan, which is seeking manpower in the runup to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.

“We have taken various measures, such as training teachers and allocating Japanese-language lecturers at schools. But the number of (foreign) children is growing so fast that we have been unable to catch up with it,” Yasuhiro Obata, head of at the International Education Division of the ministry, said in a phone interview.

Of the many languages spoken by students from overseas, Portuguese tops the list with 8,779 children, followed by Chinese with 8,204, Filipino at 6,283, Spanish at 3,600, Vietnamese at 1,515 and English at 982, the survey showed.

According to the survey, 2,491 schools said they could not offer language lessons for such children because they do not have Japanese-language teachers.

Obata also noted that the survey showed an imbalance in the number of children between urban and rural areas.

“We cannot deal with this problem in a uniform manner nationwide,” he said.

Noriko Hazeki, head of the nonprofit organization Multicultural Center Tokyo, said many public schools still lack the resources to support children who can not speak, read or write Japanese.

Some people have visited the center to seek help after a public school rejected their child because of poor Japanese language skills. They often ask parents to have the child acquire basic Japanese skills first, she said.

“There is this reality that many children could not enter an elementary or junior high school” if they can’t speak Japanese, Hazeki said. “That’s because those schools lack systems to support those children who can’t understand Japanese.”

Adapted from:

• “Japanese-language training hits record high.” The Japan Times ST: June 23, 2017 (<http://st.japantimes.co.jp/news/?p=nm20170623>)

• Reiji Yoshida and Mizuho Aoki “Number of foreign students at public schools who lack Japanese language skills hits record high.” JAPAN TIMES NATIONAL: June 13, 2017 (<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/06/13/national/number-foreign-students-public-schools-lack-japanese-language-skills-hits-record-high/#.WcOpdchJaUk>)

QUESTION

Give at least one possible solution to the problem of Japanese-language training for foreign students in Japan. Support your solution with reasons based on your knowledge and experience.

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外国語作文（英語）解答用紙 / Foreign Language Essay (English) Answer Sheet

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