



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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Regional Memorandum
No. 459 s. 2026

**PARTICIPATION OF DEPED CALABARZON SPFL-JAPANESE
TEACHERS IN THE “LEVEL UP JAPANESE SPEAKING
COURSE 2026–2027”**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to DepEd Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems Memorandum DM-LS-2026-255 dated June 16, 2026 titled ***Level Up Japanese Speaking Course for Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese Teachers***, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), informs the field of the conduct of the **“Level Up Japanese Speaking Course 2026–2027”** from **July 11, 2026 to March 13, 2027**, during **Saturdays, 09:00 am to 11:30 am**, via an **online platform**.
2. The course is organized by the Japan Foundation Manila, training provider and DepEd’s partner in the implementation of the SPFL-Japanese. It aims to strengthen the Japanese conversational skills of SPFL-Japanese teachers through the Marugoto: Katsudou approach.
3. The following course levels shall be offered:
 - a. Elementary 1 (A2-1);
 - b. Elementary 1 (A2-2); and
 - c. Elementary 2 to Pre-Intermediate (A2/B1).
4. Participants of the SPFL-Japanese Intensive Teaching Course – Batch 9 are required to participate in the Elementary 1 (A2-1) course level, while Batch 1 to Batch 8 teachers may participate in any of the course levels at their discretion.
5. The conduct of the course during Saturdays ensures that classes will not be disrupted, in adherence to DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Tasks and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*, and DepEd Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and

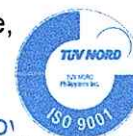


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Field Operations Memorandum No. 2022-058 titled *Request for the Participation of Learners and Teachers in Extra-Curricular Activities*.

6. Further, participating teachers are eligible to avail of service credits commensurate to the number of hours/days of the training as scheduled, pursuant to DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024 titled *Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers*.
7. Concerned SDOs are requested to ensure the participation and attendance of the registered SPFL-Japanese teachers and provide necessary technical assistance and monitoring support throughout the duration of the course.
8. For inquiries, all concerned may contact Ms. Kelly Ko, JFM Program Officer, through email at kelly@jpf.go.jp.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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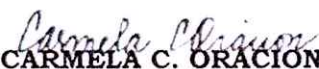


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MEMORANDUM
DM-LS-2026-255

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

ATTENTION : REGIONAL SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE
(SPFL) SUPERVISORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : 
CARMELA C. ORACION
Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : LEVEL UP JAPANESE SPEAKING COURSE FOR SPECIAL
PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPFL)-JAPANESE
TEACHERS

DATE : June 16, 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Curriculum Development - Special Curricular Programs Division, announces the conduct of the **Level Up Japanese Speaking Course 2026-2027** from **July 11, 2026 to March 13, 2027 (during Saturdays), 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** via an **online platform**.

Organized by the Japan Foundation Manila, the training provider and partner of this Department in the implementation of Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese, the online course is designed to strengthen Japanese conversational skills among SPFL-Japanese teachers through the Marugoto: Katsudou approach.

The following course levels will be offered:

- Elementary 1 (A2-1)
- Elementary 1 (A2-2)
- Elementary 2 to Pre-Intermediate (A2/B1)

In this regard, **participants of the SPFL-Japanese Intensive Teaching Course - Batch 9** are required to participate in the **Elementary 1 (A2-1) course level**. Meanwhile, Batch 1 to Batch 8 teachers may participate in any of the course levels at their discretion. Interested participants are requested to register **on or before June 21, 2026** through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/LevelUpJap2026-2027>.



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The conduct of the course during Saturdays ensures that classes will not be disrupted, in adherence to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Tasks and Ensuring Compliance Therewith* and DepEd Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Field Operations Memorandum No. 2022-058 with the subject *Request for the Participation of Learners and Teachers in Extra-Curricular Activities*.

Further, the participating teachers are eligible to avail of service credits commensurate to the number of hours/days of the training as scheduled, pursuant to DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024 titled *Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers*.

For inquiries, all concerned may directly contact Ms. Kelly Ko, JFM Program Officer, through email at kellyv@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is directed.

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