



The OMF International Japanese Language Center (JLC)

Who may study at JLC?

JLC, situated in northern Sapporo, is set up for the use of OMF International missionaries but is able to offer its facilities to other missionaries or foreigners when circumstances permit. (If there is a problem of space then OMF missionaries take preference.) OMF missionaries come from evangelical Protestant churches in a number of different countries. A non-OMFer studying at JLC would need to accept the Christian ethos of the school and be willing to maintain the spirit and standards of JLC. (Overseas Missionary Fellowship used to be called the China Inland Mission and was founded by Hudson Taylor in 1865.)

Who supervises JLC?

JLC is administered by Peter and Janet Dallman, Language, Orientation and Training (LOT) Coordinators for OMF while the actual language program is supervised by Alaric Dunsmore-Rouse, the Japan OMF Language Adviser (LA).

The language program

Western OMFers who have not studied Japanese before usually take two years to complete a full time course of study. Most classes are one teacher to one student. Every effort is made to tailor courses to the needs and desires of non-OMFers and short-term workers. Students who have studied Japanese before may be requested to meet with the Language Advisor and a teacher to assess their language level.

Application and admission

Application forms can be obtained on request. No applicant should move to Sapporo with a view to studying at JLC before being accepted as a student. We regret that OMF cannot help with the processing of non-OMFer visas. Priority will be given to full-time, long term students but every effort will be made to accept short term and part time students whenever possible. The right of admission to or termination of studies remains with the OMF staff at JLC. JLC does not operate on a term system and students may start at any time. JLC is closed on Japanese public holidays, over Golden Week, and for about two weeks over Christmas and New Year.

Fees and language materials

As OMF International is a religious, non-profit organization, the actual cost of classes is charged. At present the tuition fee is 3,000 yen per class for individual classes, 2,000 yen per class for 2 students, and 1,500 yen for 3 or more students. Fees are charged monthly, in arrears. Classes may only be cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. Classes that are cancelled with less than 24 hours notice may need to be charged to the student.

Required textbooks must be purchased (through JLC or personally) by the student. Supplementary texts may be loaned from JLC but will remain OMF property. Costs of CDs and photocopied materials are covered by a small monthly media fee of 1,000 yen.

Schedule

The normal student attends 2 – 3 classes at JLC a day, and will need to study for a minimum of another 2 – 3 hours of private study to review the material taught in class, do homework, and prepare for the next day's class.

One class is 45 minutes.

The schedule for a normal JLC school day is as follows:

Period 1	9:00 - 9:45
Period 2	9:50 - 10:35
<i>Tea break</i>	<i>10:35 -10:50</i>
Period 3	10:50 -11:35
Period 4	11:40 -12:25
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>12:25 -13:10</i>
Period 5	13:10 -13:55
Period 6	14:00 -14:45
<i>Tea break</i>	<i>14:45 -14:55</i>
Period 7	14:55 -15:40
Period 8	15:45 - 16:30

Accommodation

The LOT Coordinators may be able to give help and advice regarding accommodation. Please contact them directly.

Child care for children of JLC students

We regret that no childcare is routinely offered to students while they study at JLC. However, occasionally childcare help may be available.

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