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Japanese Language Programs Remain Strong in Michigan: Thousands of K-12 and College Students Enrolled in Japanese Language Courses in the State

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit recently completed its annual survey of Japanese language education in the state of Michigan. This survey lists the number of K-12 schools, universities and colleges offering Japanese language programs in the state, as well as the number of students enrolled.

In Michigan, there are 32 high schools and 14 elementary and middle schools that offer Japanese language courses with a total of 3,031 students in the state enrolled at the K-12 level. In addition, there are 17 colleges and universities offering Japanese language programs with 1,793 students enrolled.

“Japanese language education in Michigan has remained strong for many years. As a matter of fact, Michigan boasts the fifth highest enrollment of Japanese language students in the entire country. I have had the chance to visit many schools throughout the state and have always been impressed by the students’ sincere enthusiasm when it comes to their language studies. With 502 Japanese facilities providing more than 40,000 jobs to people in Michigan, it is certain that students who graduate with a working knowledge of Japanese will have a great variety of career opportunities presented to them right here in this great state.”—*Consul General of Japan, Mr. Mitsuhiro Wada.*

For more information on the Japanese language survey, including a full list of colleges and universities offering Japanese language programs along with K-12 enrollment numbers, please visit the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit website at: www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/

About the Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit

The Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 by the Government of Japan to serve in the states of Michigan and Ohio. The Detroit office is one of 14 Japanese Consulates General in the United States. The Consulate strives to promote better understanding of Japan and Japanese culture through educational and cultural programs. The office protects the interests of Japanese citizens and strengthens the Japan-U.S. alliance through furthering relations with local governments, companies, educational institutions, cultural organizations and the general public. For more information, visit www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ or call (313) 567-0120.

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