Project contributing to improving the academic skills of orphaned children in support facilities in the Republic of Uganda

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Kumon Institute of Education Co., Ltd. Company Profile KUMON

Kumon Institute of Education Company name Co., Ltd. Group Hidenori Ikegami Representative Director Mitsunori Tanaka **President July 1958 Establishment** 4,418 million yen Capital Consolidated net 87,588 million yen sales Consolidated 18,329 million yen ordinary income 48 (Japan), 67 (overseas) **Number of offices Number of** 3,371 (total of the Kumon Group) employees



As of March 2024; number of offices: as of July 2024

Spreading Globally



Kumon offers learning opportunities in more than 60 countries and regions around the world.

Europe (19)

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, U.K.

Middle East (3)
Bahrain, Qatar,
U.A.E.

Africa (5)
Botswana, Kenya, Namibia,
South Africa, Zambia

Asia (20)

Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan

Oceania (2)
Australia, New Zealand

North America (6)

Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, U.S.A.

South America (7)

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay

Number of enrollments across the world: 3.55 million

Number of centers: 23,300

(As of April 2024)

Kumon's Origins





One father's love for his son gave birth to the Kumon Method of learning.

- Toru Kumon, a high school math teacher, created hand-crafted worksheets for his son in 1954.
- Takeshi, the oldest son of Toru in his second year of elementary school, developed his ability through studying the materials for half an hour every day. He reached the level of differential and integral calculus when he was in sixth grade.
- Wishing to develop the potential of as many children as possible with this learning method, in 1958, Toru Kumon established the first office in Osaka to roll out the program.



Mission

Kumon's Mission

By discovering the potential of each individual and developing his or her ability to the maximum, we aim to foster sound, capable people and thus contribute to the global community.

Kumon's Study Method



Teaching methods from the standpoint of the study method



Self-learning >

Asking for answers

Doing exercises on their own under instructors' guidance



Acquire academic and self-learning abilities

Improving non-cognitive abilities, such as confidence and self-esteem, as well as calculation skills



Beginning their study at the just right level based on the Diagnostic Test

Instructors' roles

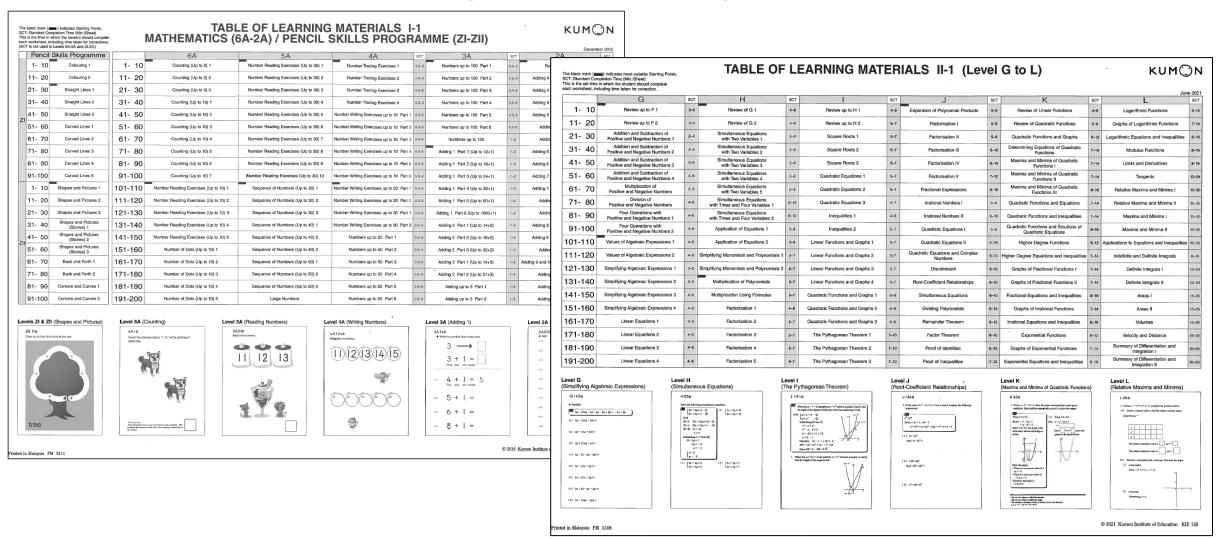
Discovering the academic ability of each student; recognizing, praising, and encouraging them; and bringing out their potential



Globally Used Learning Materials



Arithmetic and mathematics (over 5,000 steps)



About Kumon Connect

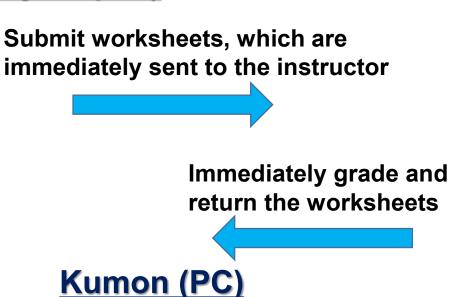


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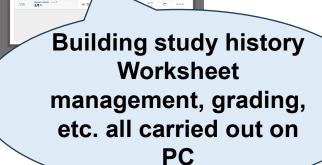
Student (tablet and stylus pen)



Receiving timely feedback, which helps increase motivation to study



Instructor (PC)



Provide remote support

Enabling to remotely keep track of the student's study and to provide support

Introduction of the Kumon Method at Schools and Facilities



One Package: how it works

- *We have adopted ICT based on the standpoint that humans are the main actors in education.
- •Based on this concept, we provide the all-inclusive package containing worksheets, instruction methods, training, daily support, and the student management system.

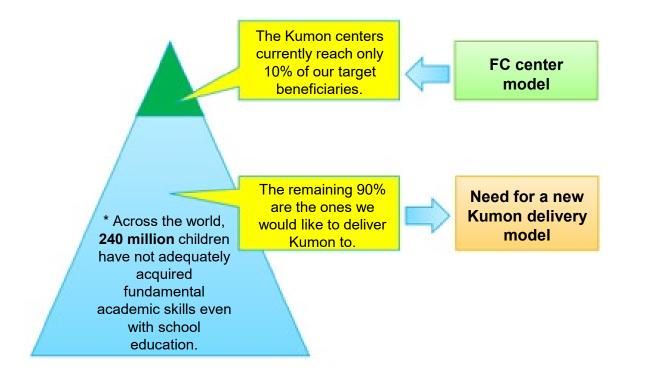


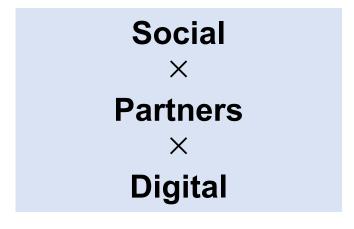
Licensing Operations Promotion Department: What We Do



Mission

Through collaboration with a variety of partners, our franchise (FC) center business aims to deliver the Kumon method to groups that would otherwise be unable to receive it.







Licensing Operations Promotion Department: What We Do





Nepal: introduced at schools

Japan: introduced at juvenile training schools



Namibia: educational support



South Africa: introduced at companies



Uganda: introduced at facilities



Bangladesh: introduced at centers, schools, and a facility





Japan: introduced at children's cafeterias





What is Ashinaga Uganda Kumon Time?

- In May 2023, the Kumon learning method was introduced in the "Terakoya" program, which offers basic educational support at Rainbow House, a support facility for orphaned children run by Ashinaga Uganda.
- Forty students in grades 4 and 5 have studied arithmetic and mathematics using tablets for 45 minutes each time, three times a week.
- Terakoya teachers have prepared materials, provided guidance, and given grades with the support of university students sent from Japan on Ashinaga's overseas training program (Ashinaga scholarship students).

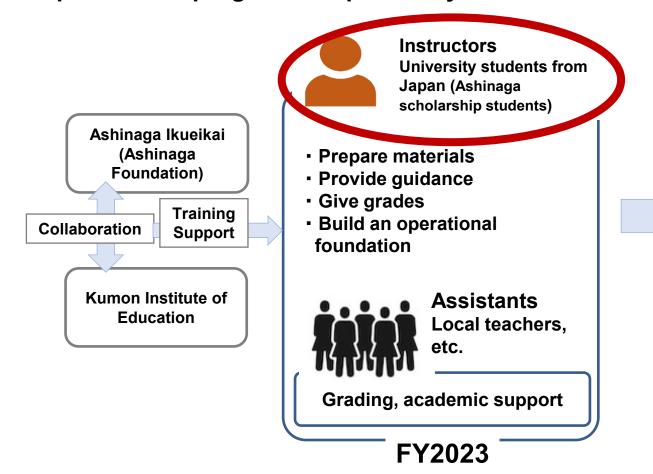


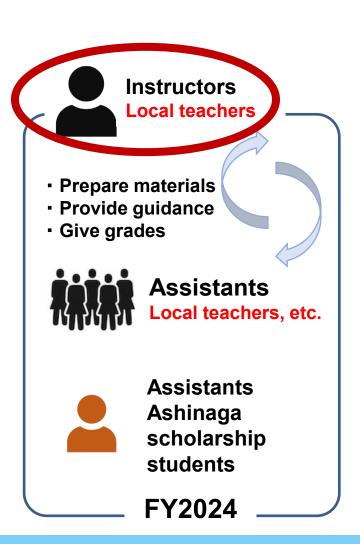




Program scheme

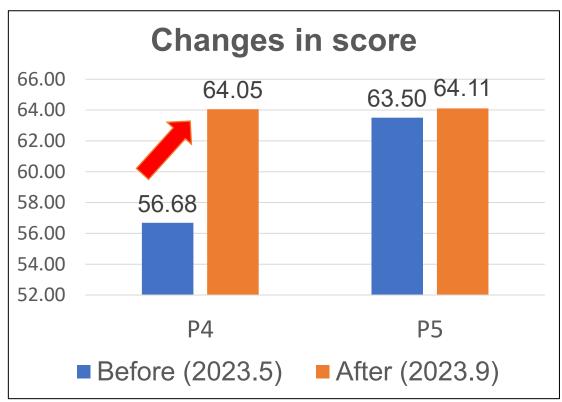
Since FY2024, the Terakoya teachers have provided guidance and operated the program independently.

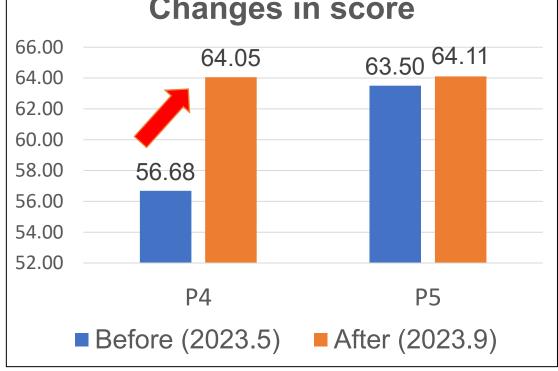






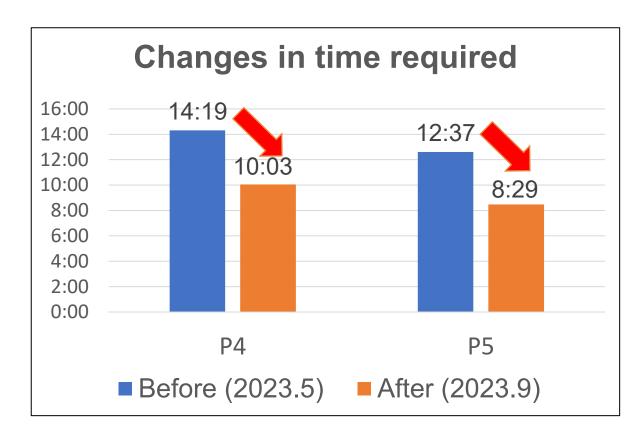
Learning achievements (score and time)





Changes in score

The P4 students showed a remarkable improvement. They have successfully acquired accurate calculation skills.

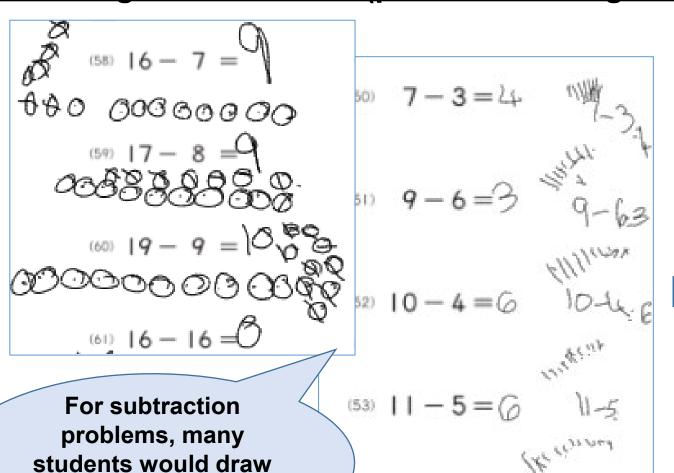


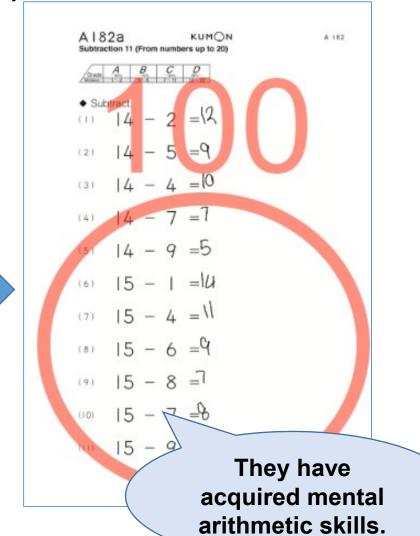
Changes in time required

The students in both P4 and P5 required less time. They have successfully acquired skills to calculate fast.



Learning achievements (problem-solving method)

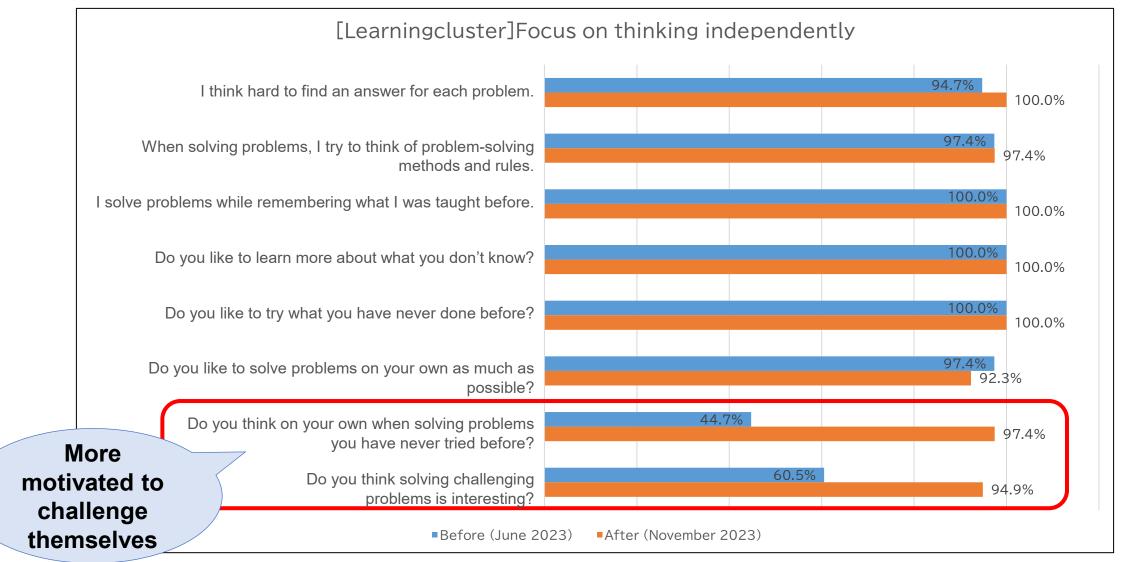




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Learning achievements (non-cognitive abilities)





Voices of the Terakoya teachers and children



I would like Kumon to help children not only acquire calculation and math skills but also develop problemsolving skills and a willingness to take on challenge in their daily lives.

Indeed, we are already seeing positive effects on the children's life skills such as time management.

Through Kumon, I have gradually become able to calculate without using my fingers.

Thanks to Kumon, math is no longer something I can't do.





Japanese training program students: their self-development and contribution within Japan

From FY2023 to FY2024, a total of three Ashinaga overseas training program students were involved in the local Kumon Time. Building upon their learning experience at Ashinaga Uganda, one of them has participated in Ashinaga Ikueikai's learning support program in Japan after returning to the country. Another student wrote a graduation thesis on the activity in Uganda and was selected as a representative case for their study group.

They have been playing an active role also in Japan, leveraging the experience in Uganda.





▲ A social event, organized by the training program students, for Ugandan students and Japanese orphaned children supported by Ashinaga

Conclusion and Way Forward



Learnings from the Uganda Project

- Enhancing non-cognitive abilities can also improve science and math skills.
- Recognizing and praising accomplishments through studying at the just right level suggests the potential of student-centered education.
- Presence of people interacting with students and of partners can maximize the impact of education.
- To establish education deeply and sustainably in the community, it is essential that local people be enabled to independently give guidance and operate the program.