

Toward EDU-Port Japan 2.0

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EDU-Port Japan Project

FY 2020 budget: 72 million yen
FY 2021 budget (draft): 75 million yen

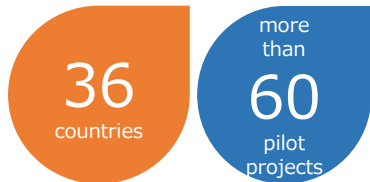
Background/overview

- ◆ In the field of education, Japan has a lot of potential to contribute to the world.
- ◆ Japanese-style education draws international interest due to its unique approaches
 - ◇ Elementary and junior high school education centers on cultivating a well-balanced solid academic ability, rich humanity, and healthy body.
 - ◇ Colleges of technology, KOSEN, develop engineers so they will have practical and sophisticated skills.
- ◆ Collaborating with relevant organizations, MEXT builds a public-private collaboration platform as well as supports pilot projects that promote Japanese-style education across borders.



Past efforts

Conducting the five years
from 2016 to 2020



The number of
Participants
from Japan

approx.
15,000

Total number of
participants
from partner countries

approx.
69,000

- ◆ Worked on collaborative projects in a variety of areas, including public health, ICT education, early childhood education, music, physical education, teacher training, and human resource development in science and technology
- ◆ Held symposia and other events to share findings and insights from the project with Japanese audiences



MEXT will promote initiatives to share expertise and findings on educational issues affecting the world both during and after the COVID-19 crisis with educators across the globe.



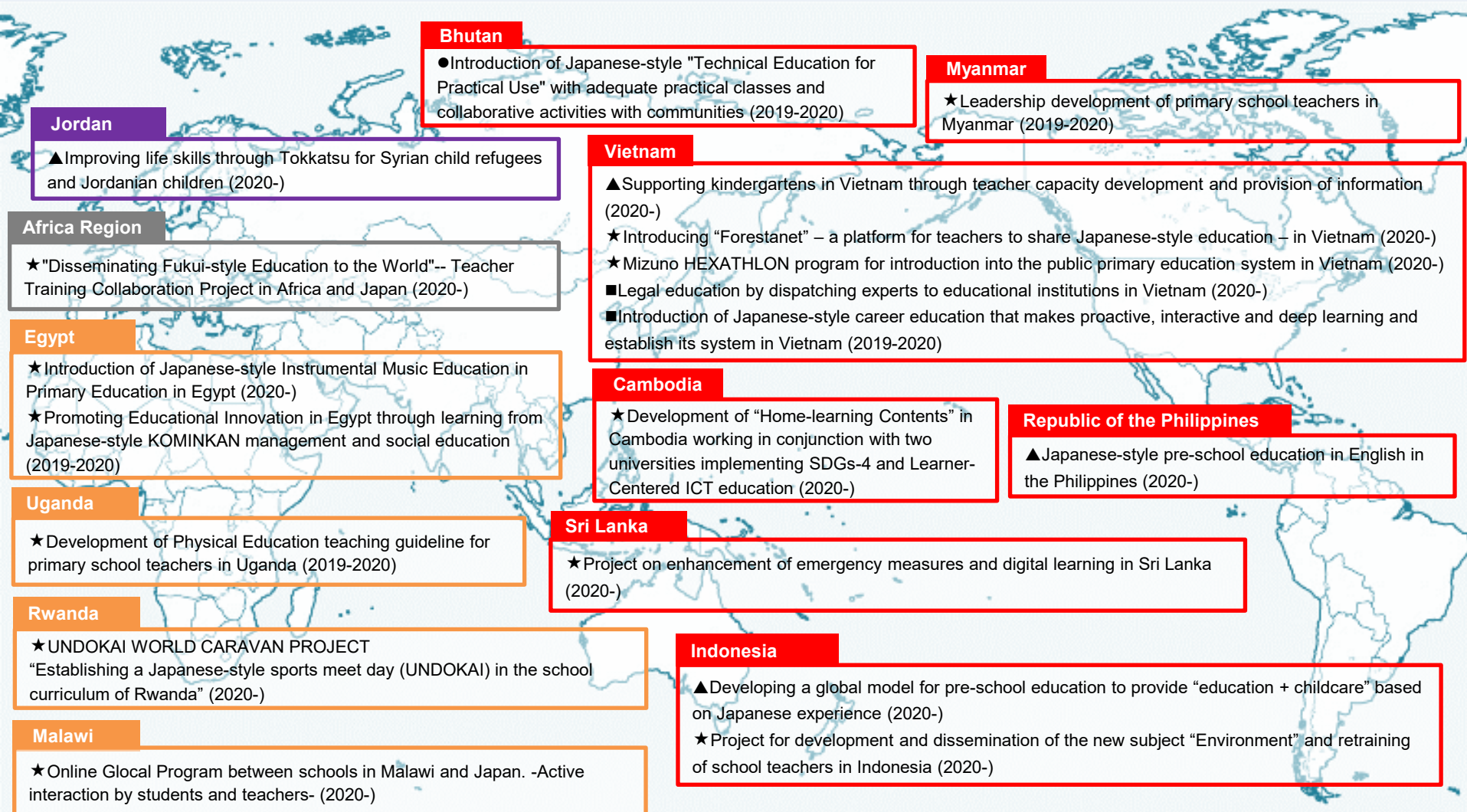
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List of Pilot Projects (2019-2020)

▲Pre-School Education/ ★Primary and Secondary Education/ ●Higher Education/ ■Professional Education

As of July 1, 2020



Research Project for promoting Japanese-style Education Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic (EDU-Port Japan 2.0)

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- EDU-Port Japan is included as one of the new pillars in “The Third Basic Plan for the Promotion of Education” (cabinet decision in June 2018), and is also incorporated in “Japan’s Infrastructure System Overseas Promotion Strategy 2025” (December 2020).
- Due to changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, many countries are expressing a growing interest in enhancing public health education, etc.

Project Summary

Leveraging the “Public-Private Collaborative Platform for promoting Japanese-style Education” which is built in cooperation with the MOFA, METI, JICA, JETRO, local public organizations, and educational institutions, etc., MEXT conducts a research and study for promoting Japanese-style education amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Performance and Outcomes to Date

- ◆ Since FY2016, 66 pilot projects have been implemented in a total of 36 countries and regions.
- ◆ Number of participants from Japan: approx. 15,000
- ◆ Number of Participants from partner countries: approx. 69,000
⇒ **Contributed towards the internationalization of Japan’s education, and produced solid results**

1. Increase in international presence of Japan’s education, culture, and systems
2. Accumulation of knowledge on the education of foreign children
3. Review of Japan’s lesson planning and teacher training
4. Reverse importing of outstanding initiatives from other countries
5. Acceptance of international students from countries with pilot projects
6. Creation of a new industry-academic-government partnership regarding education etc.

- ◆ Furthermore, in collaboration with an academic institution (Kyoto University), a research study is currently taking place to analyze the characteristics and advantages of a Japanese-style education.

Specific Initiatives to Further Outcomes

◆ Managing Public-Private Collaborative Platform

- Expert committee made up of representatives from the public and private sectors
- Symposiums, seminars, exhibits at an international forum
- Individual discussions and networking with businesses expanding overseas
- Public relations, promotional activities
- Support to arrange school visits
- **Selection of EDU-Port Japan Supported Project (Expected to open for applications mid-April)**



◆ Research and study to promote public health education, etc. (same as above)

- Implementing research and study to promote Japanese-style public health education, etc., amidst the COVID-19 pandemic



Expected Outcome

Further internationalization of Japan’s education post COVID-19 (development of new education programs, acceleration of collaborative international education, etc.), **expansion of pro-Japan people and contribution towards SDGs** (strengthening relationships with other countries, promotion of mutual understanding), and **contribution to Japan’s economic growth, etc.**

Thank you

