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Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 134 s. 2026

**APPLICATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPFL) -
JAPANESE IMPLEMENTING SCHOOLS FOR THE NIHONGO
PARTNERS (NP) PROGRAM FOR S.Y. 2026-2027**

To: Schools Division Superintendent of Sagay City
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. DM-LS-2026-024 titled Application of Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL) - Japanese Implementing Schools for the Nihongo Partners (NP) Program for S.Y. 2026-2027.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Regional Director

Encl.: None

Reference: As Stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

CURRICULUM PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS

JEB/CLMD-RMWLC- Application of Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL) - Japanese Implementing Schools for the Nihongo Partners (NP) Program for S.Y. 2026-2027
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MEMORANDUM
DM-LS-2026-024

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SUBJECT : APPLICATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FOREIGN
LANGUAGE (SPFL)-JAPANESE IMPLEMENTING SCHOOLS FOR
THE NIHONGO PARTNERS (NP) PROGRAM FOR S.Y. 2026-
2027

DATE : January 22, 2026

The Japan Foundation Manila (JFM), the partner of the Department of Education (DepEd) in the implementation of the Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese, will deploy 20 **Nihongo Partners (NPs)** to select SPFL-Japanese schools from August 2026 to March 2027.

The NP Program aims to enhance the language learning experience of SPFL-Japanese learners and assist the SPFL-Japanese teachers during their classes.





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In line with this, eligible SPFL-Japanese implementing schools interested in hosting NPs for SY 2026–2027 may apply to JFM by submitting the accomplished form in PDF and Word formats to Ashley@jpf.go.jp on or before **February 28, 2026**. The application form is available at <https://govurl.com/NEApplicationSY26-27>.

Completeness of responses and compliance with instructions will be part of the evaluation process. Minimum eligibility requirements include the following:

- The school must be a recognized SPFL Japanese implementer (JFM-trained) at the time of application.
- The school must have at least two (2) active SPFL-Japanese teachers. At least one of them must have completed training with JFM.
- The school is in an area eligible for NP dispatch. Due to travel restrictions issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, only schools located in the areas below are eligible to apply:
 - National Capital Region
 - All of Luzon
 - All of Visayas
 - Parts of Mindanao: Davao Region, Siargao Island, Misamis Oriental, Cagayan de Oro City

For inquiries, all concerned may directly contact Ms. Kelly Ko, JFM Program Officer, via email at kelly@jpf.go.jp.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is requested.

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