# **Preparatory Class "***Himawari Kyoshitsu***"**

#### Outline

#### Who is this class for?

This class is for children (living in Ota) with foreign nationalities who are enrolling in a Japanese elementary / junior high school for the first time, and are not accustomed to Japanese school life or speaking Japanese.

### What do the participants do?

The children will be learning the following:

- ① Matters about school life greetings, school rules, things to bring, general routines of school life, how to attend classes, method of commuting to and from school, etc.
- ② Basic Japanese hiragana, katakana, greetings, frequently used expressions, 1<sup>st</sup>~3<sup>rd</sup> grade elementary level kanji (Japanese characters), etc.
- ③ Information sessions for parents / guardians will be held (Japanese schools / education will also be discussed)
  - Information concerning Japanese schools (rules about commuting, PTA activities, home visits by teachers, school events, etc.)
  - Charges and fees for school

(Uniform, school supplies, educational material fees, reserve fund for school trips, etc.)

- Ways of contacting the school
- Prep-class instruction content

#### Is there a fee?

The school classes are free of charge. However, money will be collected from individuals if they need to purchase educational materials.

#### Where is the class held?

# School Education Center "Gakkou Kyouiku Center"

Address: 7373-0032 Ota-Shi Niino-Cho 80-3

(ex- Ota-Shi Chiiki Houkatsu Shien Center)

Tel: 0276-55-4636

### What are the hours and period of instruction?

• Hours: 9:00~12:00 (3 periods of instruction, each period is 45 minutes long)

\*The parent / guardian will discuss and decide how the student will spend afternoons with the school; the student will spend them either at school or at home.

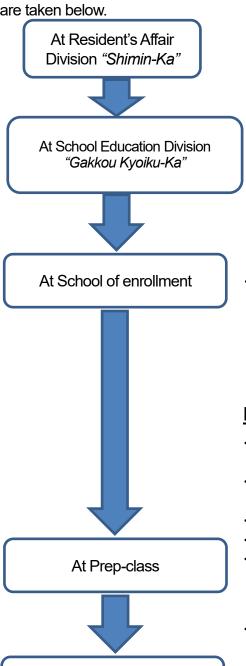
Period of instruction: approximately 2 months / 40 days

### How will the students be commuting to prep-class?

In principle, the parent / guardian will be responsible for taking their child to and for school.

# ■ Required Procedures

After you have found a place to live within Ota-Shi, the following procedures for your parent / guardian and child are taken below.



· Please submit your address notification.

Instruction and explanation concerning the school of enrollment, prep class guide, consultation on transfer of appointed school (if necessary), and how to contact school and prep class.

#### **Enrollment procedures**

- Write and submit your wishes / reasons for enrolling, as well as enrolling in Japan Sport's Promotion Center Insurance "Nihon Sports Shinkou Center Hoken."
- Please bring your Resident Card or Special Permanent Resident Certificate, and *Inkan*-seal (if you possess one).

#### Prep-class enrollment procedures

- Check Japanese language acquisition and provide guidance for school
- Consultation with parents / guardians to share their needs
- · Confirm on method of commuting (pick-up, etc.).
- · Confirm how student will spend afternoon.
- Submit application for enrolling in prep-class including sharing commuting route and emergency contacts.
- Guidance and prep-class observation.

# **Contact Information:**

Ota Board of Education

Start of prep-class

(Ojima Government Building "Ojima Chousha" 2F)

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