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## **Toward 2024 (School Management Policy) - For a Japanese School of Choice -**

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An extraordinary general meeting of the PTA was held on January 25th. In the principal's greeting, he explained the school's management policy and new initiatives for the next school year. We would like to share with you our vision for the future of Japanese School in Abu Dhabi from April.

We will be raising tuition fees from April. With the resumption of educational activities that had been restricted due to the COVID-19, the purpose of this tuition review is not to return the school to its pre COVID-19 level, but to create a new school to promote Japanese-style school education and to enhance educational activities. We would like to introduce some specific initiatives for this purpose.

The first one is that we will hire two new teachers. With these new teachers, we will enhance their subject expertise, particularly in the junior high, and improve their teaching skills.

The second one is that we will hire more new English conversation instructors. Currently, we have one native English-speaking teacher. Therefore, we will promote English conversation instruction with Japanese language support for lower-grade students and students who have just moved to our school from Japan.

The third one is that we will hire one administrative staff member so that teachers can focus on educational activities without losing time to administrative duties.

The fourth one is that we will improve the learning environment. We will create a learning environment centered on special classrooms as well as instruction by teachers who are highly specialized in their subject areas.

The fifth one is that we have been purchasing and utilizing tablets since the ICT development in 2021, and from 2024, we will be able to lend one device per student from our school. We will therefore proceed with one device per student at no cost to the parents. The devices will be purchased from April onward.

The sixth one is that a review of the curriculum and school events. From the 2024 school year, classes will be held 7 classes per a day twice a week for grades 4 and above. In addition, the number of class days will be increased. This will promote individualized learning, international exchange activities, and school excursion. Besides, instead of going back to the days before the Covid-19, we will review school events so that they do not interfere with learning and are not a burden for the students. As one of our attempts, we plan to hold events that combine the Sho-Yo-Sai, summer festivals, and local school exchanges. We also plan to continue the popular National Day event with the cooperation of Emirati parents.

Lastly, we are enhancing the Japanese language instruction for Emirati students. The fact that Emirati students and Japanese students study together is a major feature of our school. We aim to be a school where students from Emirati and Japanese backgrounds can mutually enhance each other's learning.

One of the schools that parents may choose to send their children when they are posted overseas is an international school. It is very difficult to decide which school to choose for your child's grow and learn. For Japanese School in Abu Dhabi to become the school of choice, it is necessary to improve not only our school's features such as international exchange activities, small class sizes, and enrolment of Emirati students, but also to enhance our teaching ability and educational activities. From April, all teachers and staffs will work together to realize the school management policy.

		February
1	Th	Desert Activity
2	F	
3	Sa	
4	Su	
5	M	
6	Tu	
7	W	
8	Th	
9	F	Sho Yo Sai
10	Sa	
11	Su	Kanken
12	M	New Student Guidance
13	Tu	
14	W	Student Committee
15	Th	
16	F	
17	Sa	
18	Su	
19	M	End Term Exam (G78)
20	Tu	End Term Exam (G78)
21	W	
22	Th	
23	F	
24	Sa	
25	Su	
26	M	
27	Tu	
28	W	Ramadan meeting
29	Th	

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Until October, P.E. class was held in the air-conditioned gymnasium. Although the playgrounds have shade, they were not conducive to outdoor activities. In November, we gradually increased the outdoor activities for the children. The low humidity and comfortable temperatures are ideal for outdoor activities. This semester is short, but we will do many outdoor activities.

### Sports Day on 20<sup>th</sup> January

Under a pleasant clear blue sky, a sports day in collaboration with the Japanese Association was held at the 321 Sports. The students, led by the leader from red-and-white groups, were able to show off the results of their hard work.



### Desert Activity on 1<sup>st</sup> February

Desert Activity, this is the one of unique events in our school. All the students enjoyed themselves in a spacious desert. We had two activities; sandboarding and roasting marshmallows over a fire.



### Event in March

Date	Event	Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup>	Open class Parent-Teacher-Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation ceremony
5 <sup>th</sup>	Emirati meeting	8 <sup>th</sup>	Closing ceremony Farewell ceremony

### Event in April (Not confirmed)

Date	Event	Date	Event
15 <sup>th</sup>	Opening ceremony Entrance ceremony	29 <sup>th</sup>	Open class Parent-Teacher-Meeting