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We look forward to working with you in 2025

Principal

As the refreshing spring breeze gives way to the bright sunshine of April, Japanese School Abu Dhabi has started its new school year 2025. Until the 9th, the school building was quiet, but now it's filled with the cheerful voices of the children, bringing back its lively atmosphere.

For the students, today is a day of new beginnings — meeting their new homeroom teacher, making new friends, entering new classrooms, and receiving new textbooks. They are likely filled with the joy of moving up a grade and excitement for the year ahead in this new environment.

We have a total of 65 students this school year at our beloved School, 35 with Japanese nationality and 30 with UAE nationality. There are 49 students in the elementary section and 16 in the junior high section, divided into 9 classes.

Our staff includes 28 teachers (including Arabic, English conversation, and ADEK teachers) and 8 office and support staff, making a total of 36 members. All staff are working together as one team "Team JSAD" to support and guide your children. We look forward to working with you.

During the opening and entrance ceremonies, I spoke to the students about the importance of "independence" and "self-discipline."

I told the elementary students that I hope they will aim to become independent during their school life. For junior high students, I explained that it is important to have self-control and be responsible for themselves.

I told them that I want them to have a fulfilling secondary school life by valuing the spirit of self-discipline such as making decisions for themselves, continuing to work hard toward their own goals, not giving up halfway, and controlling themselves with their own strength. We aim to help students grow in independence and self-discipline, based on their grade level.

One of the main themes for 2025 school year is "improving the school environment" As part of this, by the end of March, we improved the junior high school classroom, the second library, the art room, and the technology room.



Junior High School
Classroom



Second Library



Technology Room at
Building C



Art & Craft Room at
Building C

We have arranged the classrooms for the three junior high school grades in the same layout. Lockers are placed near the exit to help students stay organized. We want to encourage students to take care of their belongings and be mindful of keeping a good learning environment.

Next to the science room, we set up a second library. It has carpet flooring and Arabian-style sofas, with mostly picture books. It is designed to be a cozy space where students can enjoy reading in a relaxed way. We hope that students will be able to focus on learning, become more familiar with reading, and increase their interest in art and technology.

Introducing new school Teachers

We are so happy to announce that we welcomed eight new teachers this school year! All of our staff will work together as one team to do our best in all educational activities. We ask you for your continued understanding and support for our school.

I have the honour to be the vice principal of the Japanese school this academic year. This is my second time working at a Japanese school overseas. Ever since I first arrived in the UAE from Gunma Prefecture, I've felt more and more motivated. I will do my best to help each student at the Japanese school grow and reach their full potential. I also want to help create a school where parents can feel confident and at ease. Thank you for your support.

Hello, everyone. nice to meet you! I am from Osaka Prefecture, but I used to work at an elementary school in Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture, before moving to Abu Dhabi. My hobbies are playing volleyball, reading manga, and watching movies. I am looking forward to learning and growing together with you all in this new environment. I hope my students take on new challenges, Let's try new things, even the ones we're not good at, and grow our potential together. I look forward to working with you.

Hello, everyone. nice to meet you. I came from Tokyo. I am an elementary school teacher, and this will be my 14th year as a teacher. I like playing tennis and guitar. I was fortunate enough to be assigned to the Japanese School Abu Dhabi, and I have been looking forward to seeing the students. I will make this unique study program better and better for the students and learn together with them.

My name _____, and I have been assigned by Kyoto Prefecture to be the homeroom teacher for G7. I also teach science for grades 6 to 9, and technology/home economics for grades 7 and 8. I'm living in the UAE with my wife and two sons (aged 4 and 1), and we're enjoying our new life while gradually getting used to it. In Japan, I mainly taught science at junior high schools and taught at elementary schools. I was the advisor for the tennis club and used to play tennis myself as a student. I love Studio Ghibli movies, especially Kiki's Delivery Service. Because of that, I became a pilot in the "Birdman contest" during university. Before becoming a teacher, I worked in Tokyo for three years as a systems engineer and consultant. I hope to support my students' growth from various perspectives. Having moved around a lot during my own childhood, I feel strongly about education at Japanese schools abroad.

Thank you!

I'm from Osaka Prefecture, and I've been living in Wakayama Prefecture for the past eight years. In my previous job, I was a newspaper reporter, and I was mainly in charge of sports such as high school baseball. I used to play baseball and softball during elementary school till the university stage. When I was a university student, I travelled all around Japan by motorbike. This is my first time teaching, but I hope to use my unique experiences to share many different perspectives with the children. I want to create a classroom where students help each other and smile together. I look forward to working with you

Hello everyone! Nice to meet you! I am a very curious person and I have a natural smiley face. I like to make various and interesting conversations with the students, try various things, and grow together with them. I am originally from Miyazaki Prefecture in Kyushu. It has a warm weather, famous for delicious foods such as mangoes and chicken. There are also many places in the area that are connected to Japanese mythology. After working as a junior high school English teacher in Miyazaki Prefecture for 10 years, I worked at the Japanese School in Singapore until last year. This is my first time in the Middle East, so everything feels new, and I'm really looking forward to this new experience. Please tell me all about Abu Dhabi and the school. I'm truly excited to spend a great school year together with everyone. Thank you!

After working as an English teacher at elementary and junior high schools in Gunma Prefecture, I wanted to go to more countries and broaden my world, so I spent two and a half years studying and experiencing various things in Canada and Indonesia. This is my first time in the Middle East. Although it has only been a few days since I arrived, I am very impressed by the clear blue sky, beautiful landscape, and the kindness of the people. I look forward to learning more about the charms of Abu Dhabi from students here. I know that it is very difficult and challenging to learn Japanese and join classes in Japanese. However, each and every effort will surely be a great source of strength for the future. I will support them with all my might, so let's do our best together.

My name is _____, and I have been assigned as an NPO teacher. I worked for 3 years at the elementary stage, and 2 years at the secondary stage at the Japanese school in Singapore. In Singapore, I loved eating prawn noodles made with shrimp broth at the hawker (street food) stalls. I'm really excited to learn and grow together with everyone in this new environment. Please tell me lots about Abu Dhabi. I'm truly looking forward to growing with you all. I'll do my best to support you so that school life becomes more fun and fulfilling. Thank you!

2025 School Teachers and Staff

| No. | Position | Name | Subject/Grade Responsibilities |
|-----|------------------------|------|---|
| 1 | Principal | | School Management |
| 2 | Vice Principal | | School Management, Science (G4, G5), Technology & Home (G9) |
| 3 | Director of Curriculum | | School curriculum, Social Studies (G6), Math (G4, G5), Science (G3) |
| 4 | G1 Homeroom | | Japanese (G1), Math (G1), LES (G1), PE (G1) |
| 5 | G2 Homeroom | | Japanese (G2), Math (G2), LES (G2), PE (G2) |
| 6 | G3 Homeroom | | Japanese (G3), Social Studies (G3), Math (G3), Foreign Language (G3, G4) Integrated studies (G3) |
| 7 | G4 Homeroom | | Japanese (G4), Social Studies (G4, G8), Music (G1-9) Integrated studies (G4) |
| 8 | G5 Homeroom | | Japanese (G5), Social Studies (G5, G7, G9), Integrated Studies (G5) |
| 9 | G6 Homeroom | | Head of Elementary Department, Arts & Crafts (G1-6), Arts (G7-9) PE (G3-9), Integrated Studies (G6) |
| 10 | Middle Sch. Head | | Head of the Junior High School Department, Math (G6), Math (G7-9), Home Economics (G5, G6) |
| 11 | G7 Homeroom | | Science (G6-9), Tech & Home (G7, G8), Integrated Studies (G8) |
| 12 | G8 Homeroom | | Foreign Lang (G5, G6), English (G7-9), Integrated Studies (G8) |
| 13 | G9 Homeroom | | Japanese (G6-9), Integrated Studies (G9) |
| 14 | NPO Supervisor | | Emirati Japanese Language (JLP)(Subject-Japanese Integrate)(G9) |
| 15 | JLP Manager | | Emirati JLP (Basic) (Subject-Japanese Integrate) (G1)(G5)(G6) |
| 16 | G2-G4 JLP | | Emirati JLP (Basic) (Subject-Japanese Integrate) (G2)(G3)(G4) |
| 17 | G2-G4 JLP | | Emirati JLP (Basic) (Subject-Japanese Integrate) (G2)(G3)(G4) |
| 18 | G1, G5, G6 JLP | | Emirati JLP (Basic) (Subject-Japanese Integrate) (G1)(G5)(G6) |
| 19 | G7 JLP | | Emirati JLP (Subject-Japanese Integrate)(G7) |
| 20 | G8 JLP | | Emirati JLP (Subject-Japanese Integrate)(G8) |
| 21 | Arabic Liaison Mgr. | | Arabic (All grades) |
| 22 | English Conversation | | English Conversation (All grades) |
| 23 | ADEK | | Islamic |
| 24 | ADEK | | Arabic |
| 25 | ADEK | | Social Studies |
| 26 | ADEK | | Arabic |
| 27 | ADEK | | Arabic, Islamic, Social Studies |
| 28 | ADEK | | Arabic, Islamic |
| 29 | Family Support | | Emirati Family Support |
| 30 | Admin | | School Nurse |
| 31 | Admin | | General School Admin |
| 32 | Admin | | General School Admin |
| 33 | Admin | | General Liaison Affairs |
| 34 | Liaison | | School Affairs, Logistics |
| 35 | Technician | | General Security |
| 36 | Guard | | General Security |

【April & May Schedule】

April 22nd 5 hours + Online Class (Research and Teaching ①)

April 24th 5 hours + Online Class (Teacher Meeting ③)

April 28th Open Class and Class Meeting

April 30th Evacuation Drill ①

May 7th Swimming Class

May 13th Career Guidance

May 14th Swimming Class

May 16th Cultural Experience in Future Leaders School

May 21st Swimming Class

May 22nd 5 hours + Online Class (Teacher Meeting ③)

May 26th Mid-Term Exam ①

May 27th Mid-Term Exam ②

☆ Please also check our annual schedule