



Position available:

IB PYP Japanese Language Teacher

Start date:

August 2016

The school:

The OIS mission is to develop informed, caring, creative individuals who contribute to a global community. It is the goal of OIS to prepare students for their future in a global community and to graduate lifelong learners who are ethical, competent, culturally aware and self-reliant. We expect our graduates to possess sufficient skills to enrich their lives and the lives of others.

OIS was founded 24 years ago and is situated in the northern suburbs of Osaka in an excellent, purpose built facility. The school is supervised by Kwansai Gakuin, a non-profit educational foundation. OIS is a unique educational institution in Japan and possibly in the world. It shares the school campus with a private Japanese middle and high school with the aim to be deeply involved in the relationship between the culture of Japan and the surrounding cultures of Asia and the rest of the world. The schools represent a common ground between Japanese and non-Japanese ideas, practices, beliefs and traditions. Therefore one of the school's goals is to demonstrate new ideas, techniques, practices and systems to other schools in Japan and around the world. The school is at a particularly exciting stage in its history with its recent merger with Kwansai Gakuin educational foundation, one of the most prestigious non-profit educational foundations in Japan.

The school currently has an enrollment of 265, representing over 25 nationalities, with over 40 dedicated faculty and administration. OIS is an IB World School offering the PYP, MYP and Diploma programmes, and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). OIS enjoys a strong reputation for its academic programme, and with its unique relationship with its sister school, offers an outstanding music, sports and visual arts extra-curricular programme. Because of the relationship with the sister school the music program actually draws on a much larger student body for its classes and ensembles. Therefore the program is of a larger scale than could possibly be offered by a school of only 265. More information and details regarding OIS can be found at www.senri.ed.jp.

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The position:	The current position covers Kindergarten A (age 4), and grades 2 – 5. Most of the grade levels are team-taught. The students range from absolute beginners to almost native speakers. This is a full-time, tenure track position.
Supervisor:	The Japanese language teacher reports to the elementary school principal and the Primary Years Programme coordinator.
Support:	The IB Primary Years Programme Coordinator and other teachers in the Japanese language department will support the teacher.
Post criteria (preferred):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme• Strong English speaker and able to write reports in English• Certified or credentialed elementary teacher• Japanese language teaching experience• Deep understanding of Japanese culture but with an international perspective or experience• Child-centered educator that is able to differentiate the curriculum to match the diversity of levels and ages. Flexibility and a positive attitude is essential!
Salary and Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highly competitive salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.
Applications:	<p>Please apply online through the school's website www.senri.ed.jp (link to employment page is here) including an attachment comprising: a letter of application which addresses the specific post criteria above, and a resume that includes the names, email addresses and contact telephone numbers of three referees, including most recent supervisors.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible as the positions will be filled if an outstanding candidate is identified prior to the job fairs.</p>

