

World Language Education in the 21st Century

Yasuhiko TOHSAKU

There are many benefits of world language learning. Many research results demonstrate that by studying world languages we develop critical thinking skills and global fluency, as well as become more creative, open-minded, and capable of working with diverse people. Also, the learner-centered approach to teaching world languages helps students develop better native language abilities and mathematical skills. We, language teachers in Japan, should advocate the learning of diverse world languages in school settings, so that we can create young Japanese people with a global mind and fluency.