

Introducing the System of  
Compulsory Second Foreign Language Education:  
An Example of Suginami Sougou High School, Tokyo

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Based on “Vision for Tokyo education” (April 2013) and “Plan for promoting reforms in Tokyo metropolitan high schools” (February 2016), which are aimed at strengthening policies for fostering human resources in a global society, our school has been focusing on teaching culture and languages of Asian countries. In order to deepen such educational activities of cooperation with China, Taiwan and South Korea, with the support and assistance of the school principal, it was decided to start implementing a compulsory education of Chinese and Korean languages. This is the first example of compulsory second language education in Tokyo metropolitan high schools. By strengthening second foreign language education, we aim to contribute to the enhancement of international understanding education required for hosting the Olympic/Paralympic Games in Tokyo in 2020.