

Development of Multi-Foreign Language Education in Japan: Fundamental Principles, Overseas Trends and Domestic Reforms

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The more languages we know, the more views of the world we get, and the better we understand ourselves. This paper discusses fundamental principles, overseas trends and domestic reforms of multi-foreign language education in Japan. The state of multi-foreign language education policy in Japan is not satisfactory at present in comparison with other countries. The writer's stance toward this issue, however, is rather positive, because there are teachers and students who are dedicated to enhance a multi-foreign language education in Japan. With this standpoint, the possibilities of spreading a multi-foreign language education in Japan are explored in this paper.