

## Towards a policy change: on JACTFL's petitions to the MEXT and Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education

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Japan Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (JACTFL) is making its voice heard. We made no small influences on 2020 university admission reforms and newly established Foreign Language Education Regional Hub Project. We believe that such efforts led to the adoption of the wording “foreign language education including English” in the Basic Plan for the Promotion of Education, which relativized English as one of the foreign languages to learn.

We also filed a petition with Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education for issuing special teacher's certificate etc. to authorize those who are eligible for teaching Chinese and Korean language at middle school level. Due to the shortage of teachers, it has been difficult to guarantee continued offer of existing courses not to mention creating new ones.