

FOSTERING INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS AMONG JAPANESE LANGUAGE LEARNERS

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ABSTRACT

The culminating activity entitled JAPLAN TAIKAI for Japanese language students aims to strengthen social bonds, promote cultural exchange, and enhance language proficiency through an intergenerational platform. This activity provides a collaborative environment where junior students, who are still building foundational skills, can learn from senior students with more advanced proficiency and experience. Conversely, seniors have the opportunity to reinforce their knowledge by mentoring juniors, fostering a sense of responsibility and leadership.

The activity involves a series of interactive games including cultural presentations, conversational exchanges, and group projects. Participants will engage in role-playing scenarios, storytelling, and traditional cultural activities such as calligraphy and tea ceremonies, providing authentic language experiences and cultural immersion. These activities are designed to encourage communication, teamwork, and mutual respect among students of different academic levels, emphasizing the importance of peer support in language acquisition.

Moreover, the activity aims to develop a supportive community that transcends the classroom setting, fostering a camaraderie rooted in shared cultural appreciation and language learning goals. By bridging the gap between junior and senior students, the activity nurtures leadership skills, cultural awareness, and interpersonal relationships. Overall, this event serves as a significant stepping stone toward creating a cohesive, motivated, and culturally-aware student body dedicated to mastering the Japanese language while fostering meaningful intergenerational connections.