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Aoba-Japan International School

**Aoba-Japan International School
Officially Authorized as an IB World School (DP and PYP)**

Aoba-Japan International School (A-JIS), located in Nerima ward, Tokyo, would like to announce that, as of July 27th, 2015, kindergarten and elementary school have been authorized as an IB World School for the Primary Years Programme (PYP).

Since its high school was already authorized for DP on June 26th 2015, A-JIS will now be an IB World School for both the DP and PYP. A-JIS is also a candidate school for an additional International Baccalaureate Programme: the Middle Years Programme (MYP).



The International Baccalaureate, widely recognized internationally as a qualification for university applications, is an education programme initiated by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) (headquartered in Switzerland). It provides students graduating from international schools an internationally recognized qualification that allows them to apply to universities around the world. The programme is for students aged 3 to 19, and consists of 3 parts: the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme, and the Diploma Programme. The programs are founded on the premise of student-centered inquiry-based learning intended to promote the critical thinking and collaborative learning skills that are core to success in our rapidly globalizing society.

Sell, Ken, Head of School of A-JIS says:

“A-JIS aims to introduce all three of the IB programs and is currently and actively revising its curriculum to accommodate each in succession. By introducing the IB Programme in full, graduates of A-JIS will not only be able to obtain internationally recognized qualification for university applications, but will also acquire the skills to understand issues from broader perspectives. They will gain greater ability to think independently in a variety of situations. By fostering global perspectives, students’ abilities to present and communicate their ideas will be enhanced.”

【About Aoba-Japan International School】



A-JIS is an international school operated by Aoba International Educational Systems (Aoba) (Head Office: Tokyo, Nerima-ku), which became a subsidiary of Business Breakthrough Inc. (BBT) (Location: Tokyo, Chiyoda-ku, President: Kenichi Ohmae) in October 2013. Founded in 1976 in Aobadai, Meguro-ku, Aoba-Japan International School is a pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12, co-ed, secular school open to all nationalities and religions. Except for Japanese language classes, all classes are conducted in English and use native language resources. A- JIS has a strong and effective English language support program that prepares students for the International Baccalaureate program. From pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12, the school provides a curriculum that follows international standards, and graduates can obtain the credentials they require to apply to universities worldwide. A-JIS is accredited through the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The middle school division of A-JIS is presently a candidate school for the MYP.

<http://www.aobajapan.jp/>

Aoba-Japan International School is a candidate school* for the Middle Years Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Aoba-Japan International School believes is important for our students.

*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programs: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme (and in addition the IB Career-related Certificate). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

For further information about the IB and its programs, visit <http://www.ibo.org>

【About BBT】



BBT was established in 1998 as an educational company by Kenichi Ohmae, a well-known worldwide management consultant. Since it opened, BBT has continued to offer high quality educational programmes via remote delivery through various media. BBT provides a lot of educational programming: a university, a graduate school of business, an entrepreneur training program, educational TV programs, and more.

BBT has participated in the management of Aoba since 2013, and it aims to construct an educational platform which can support lifetime empowerment. 2015 is BBT's 10th anniversary for being listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Mothers Market. 2015 is also the 10th Anniversary of the opening of BBT's Graduate School of Business Management and the 7th anniversary of the opening of the university. BBT aims to provide proactive education that makes full use of its own in-house IT technology platform. Approximately 50,000 people have graduated and been sent out to the business world from BBT's courses. <http://www.bbt757.com/>

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