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Aoba-Japan International School

**Aoba-Japan International School to hold**  
**“CHOOSE JAPAN EDUCATION FAIR 2015” (2015.2.6)**  
 ~A venue where high school students in Japan can interact with  
 Universities providing international education~

**Aoba-Japan International School (A-JIS), Nerima Tokyo, will hold an event, the “CHOOSE JAPAN EDUCATION FAIR 2015,” on February 6th, 2015 at the A-JIS Hikarigaoka campus in Nerima-ku, Tokyo. This event aims to provide a venue for high school students residing in Japan an opportunity to interact with and obtain information on Japanese universities that provide international education with English as the main language of instruction.**

The Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports (MEXT) has started the Super Global High School initiative, following their mission to increase the number of IB schools in Japan to 200 by the end of 2018. This demonstrates that more people are becoming interested in global education in Japan. In particular, the Fair aims to provide information about universities with an international focus to students who have a background in international education at the high school level. Historically, information about such universities and opportunities within Japan has not been effectively conveyed to students at any level.

Against this backdrop, A-JIS has decided to hold an event- “CHOOSE JAPAN EDUCATION FAIR 2015”-, which will bring together such high school students residing in Japan and those universities providing global education in English. This event aims to allow those high school students to gain more knowledge about Japanese universities providing internationally focused programs. A-JIS will invite universities that offer international programs, including those that are part of the “Global 30<sup>1</sup>” initiative sponsored by MEXT. The schools in attendance will provide information and make presentations to the high school students from A-JIS and other regional schools. The Fair presents the opportunity for university staff and students to interact face-to-face, and students will be able to gather information on issues of their interest. This event was held in 2014 for the first time. We had 16 universities and around 350 participants.

All of the A-JIS divisions (the elementary school division, the middle school division, and the high school division) are presently also IB World School candidates (for the PYP, MYP and DP). Our objective is to become a fully accredited provider of the International Baccalaureate Programme and to be a school which could pull international education in Japan. We are committed to continuing to improve the quality of education at A-JIS. Pathways to post-secondary education is core to our mission, and the Choose Japan Fair is a direct result of this.

**【Outline of Events】**

- ◆Date &Time :Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 10:00~16:30
- ◆Venue :Aoba-Japan International School Campus Gymnasium (5-1, Hikarigaoka 7-chome, Nerima-ku)
- ◆Organizations : following page (over10 universities, including from those participating in the “Global 30”)

<sup>1</sup>A project by MEXT that aims to establish a hub for internationalization and promote internationalization of academic environment of Japanese universities through implementation of networks. Presently, 13 universities including Tokyo University, Kyoto University have joined this project, endeavoring to push forward with the globalization of Japanese universities.  
<http://www.uni.international.mext.go.jp/global30/>

◆**schedule:**

10:00 AM opening

4:30 PM closing

\*17:30~18:30 We plan to hold a reception for students' guardians, participating schools and their staff

\*Separate booths will be set up for each university during the fair.

\*Presentation by each university will be held during 10:15am to 3:45 pm. (TBD)

◆**Participating University:** (as of 28th Jan)

Business Breakthrough University/ Doshisha University/

International Christian University/Lakeland College/Nagoya University/Ritsumeikan University/Tama University/Temple University/Tsukuba University/Yamanashi Gakuin University

◆**Attendees:** Kanto-based Grades10~12 students \*Students attending conventional Japanese high schools (Japanese based, non-international) are also welcome.

◆**Registration:** Not necessary for individual attendance \*If you plan to attend in groups through your school, please contact us in advance.

【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. For students who have difficulty communicating in

English, A-JIS has a strong and effective English language support program that prepares students for the mainstream 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). All of the A-JIS divisions (the elementary school division, the middle school division, and the high school division) are presently also IB World School candidates (for the PYP, MYP and DP). <http://www.aobajapan.jp/>

Aoba-Japan International School is a candidate school\* for the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme, and the Diploma Program. 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 Business Breakthrough (BBT)】



BBT is an educational contents provider incorporated in 1998, with the aim of fostering business people who will flourish in the international arena. BBT sets management education as its main pillar, and provides, on demand, cutting edge content pertaining to business issues stemming from experiences and knowledge of the internationally renowned management consultant Kenichi Ohmae. Under the concept of “Lifetime Empowerment”, BBT has been involved in the management of Aoba-Japan International School from October 2013. By providing a platform for lifelong education, from young children to adults, and beyond retirement, BBT is strategically supporting to foster globally minded people who can be an active global player. Approximately 50,000 people have been sent out to

the business world from BBT's courses. <http://www.bbt757.com/>

In October 2013, Aoba became a subsidiary of BBT. With this, BBT is now involved in pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 education in addition to the university, graduate school and business education courses. BBT is evolving into an educational institution that provides lifelong education.

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