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Aoba-Japan International School

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Awarded accreditation of CIS and NEASC for all divisions  
including high school division**

**Aoba-Japan International School (A-JIS), Nerima Tokyo, would like to announce that all school divisions have been awarded CIS (the Council of International Schools) and NEASC (the New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation. While the elementary and middle school divisions maintained their CIS and NEASC accreditations, accreditation was awarded for the first time to the high school division established in 2011. All A-JIS programs at the Hikarigaoka campus are now officially accredited by the CIS and NEASC.**

A-JIS (Hikarigaoka campus) has long been accredited by both the CIS and NEASC. In 2014-2015 it was time to renew that accreditation. Both divisions once again passed the strict accreditation process and both were awarded re-accreditation. At the same time, the high school division, newly established in 2011, also passed the process and was awarded CIS and NEASC accreditation as well. All programs at A-JIS (Hikarigaoka campus) are now officially accredited by the CIS and NEASC, both international accreditation organizations.

Both the CIS and NEASC are accrediting organizations for educational institutions whose aim is to improve and to maintain the quality of education worldwide. The CIS especially is an international accreditation organization which evaluates each institute from the point of view of raising students with a global perspective. To be accredited by these organizations means schools are excellent educational institutions that meet strict standards and provide a high level of international education.

Students who graduate from schools accredited by the CIS are regarded by the Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT) as equal to those who graduate from Japanese high schools. Those graduates (including the graduates from A-JIS) are therefore able to apply to Japanese universities as well as to universities abroad.

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). Now that A-JIS is a fully accredited K-12 school, our next objective is to become a fully accredited provider of the International Baccalaureate Programme. We are committed to continuing to improve the quality of education at A-JIS.

**【About CIS and NEASC】**

\*CIS (Council of International Schools) <http://www.cois.org/page.cfm?p=1>

The Council of International Schools (CIS) is a membership community committed to high quality international education. As a global non-profit membership organization, CIS provides services to primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions so that each school can



provide high quality education to raise students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue their lives as global citizens.

\*NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) <https://www.neasc.org/>

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., (NEASC) is the USA's oldest accrediting association, serving more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities, and American/international schools in more than sixty nations worldwide. The mission of NEASC is to assess and promote the quality of education through the accreditation of its members.

### 【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 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 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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