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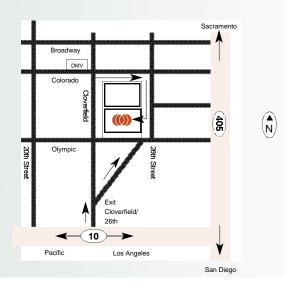
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NOTHING BUT HUMAN

These legendary words were left a few decades

House of Japan, Shigeharu Matsumoto, whose

words still ring a chord in the cultural exchange

people," or I interpret it as, "Cultural exchange

appointment of Hiroko Kataoka (片岡 裕子)

as our Chief Academic Specialist to lead the

Language Center in Los Angeles' teacher sup-

active leaders of Japanese language education

gressive thoughts and open personality as we

expand the Language Center's activities to be

a more accessible and a more vital component

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Japanese), establishing the nationwide Japanese

chairing the task force to create the National

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Dr. Kataoka comes to the Foundation through

now the Central Association of Teachers of

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the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

in the U.S. We are excited to have her pro-

port programs. Dr. Kataoka is one of the most

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grateful to the university for its ge share such a human resource.

We hope that readers of THE BRI look forward to new projects to be by Dr. Kataoka and Hiroko Furuya (古山 弘子), who will now assume of Academic Specialist, that will ear teacher-training, assessment and de or teaching materials, and in-depth of the field.

Since spring, we were fortunate to qualified candidates for faculty. We to thank all those who submitted a and to also those who had sent us recommendation. The third remain is pending a decision to continue (for another full-time specialist or 1 "open slot" for visiting professors, researchers on a project-by-project comments will be appreciated.

An encouraging news is that, as of September, we have already received responses to our current "Japanes Education Organization Survey" fro of Japanese language programs acr country. In our 1993 survey, we ha responses and in 1995, we ended t 1000 (without including satellite r schools). We think we can safely co the economic setbacks in Japan had tive influence on the continuing gr Japanese language programs. We pl on the results of the survey more i the next issue of THE BREEZE. (ulations to the teachers of Japanes for their tireless energies and devot the field.

As we will learn from the history (language field from Professor Akir



Japanese Language Teaching in the U.S. A Historical Overview

Akira Miura

When this field is progressing rapidly into the future, one may need to look at its past to move on. The following article is the complete text of the speech given by Professor Akira Miura (三浦 昭) at the Tenth Annual Conference of the Central Association of Teachers of Japanese (CATJ) held at Indiana University on April 4, 1998. Prof. Miura (BA, University of Tokyo; Ed.D, Columbia University) has been teaching Japanese and Japanese language pedagogy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 1970 and was instrumental in establishing the University's Japanese language program to train future teachers of Japanese. Prof. Miura is one of the pioneers in the field who can share with us knowledge about the past and present of Japanese language education in the United States. This text will be published along with a bibliography in the proceedings of the CATJ conference mentioned above and can be obtained through Professor Yasuko Ito Watt of Indiana University

1. Before World War II

In the United States, Japanese has not been taught as long or as widely as major European languages such as Spanish, French, and German. Until World War II, the so-called "Nihonjingakkoo" (Japanese schools) designed for children of Japanese immigrants living in Hawaii and on the Pacific coast were just about the only schools in America where Japanese language instruction took place. At the college level, the University of California at Berkeley established a department specializing in Asian languages in 1896 and hired a Japanese native speaker as a lecturer in 1900. That was supposedly the first time that Japanese had ever been taught at the college level in the United States. Even in 1928, only a few universities

of Hawaii and 50 at Berkeley were tops. Although Japanese language instruction gradually moved east, it spread very slowly. For example, in his autobiography, My Life Between Japan and America, Edwin Reischauer writes that, in 1931, when he was a first-year graduate student at Harvard, there was only one Japanese language course available there, and that it was too elementary for him to take. In 1934, the number of universities that offered Japanese increased to eight: Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Northwestern, Washington, UC-Berkeley, Stanford, and Hawaii. According to another report, there were two more universities, i.e., Michigan and UCLA, that offered Japanese before World War II, but the fact remains that the programs at these eight or ten universities were

Rikai-suru Made ('Until I B Understand Japan') that he studying Japanese with a n generation Japanese Americ the summer of 1941. After mer, when he returned to (College, he was allowed to Year Japanese and go into Japanese. About this experi says, "Just the mere fact th able to go into the secondafter taking lessons for onl months from a totally inex tutor clearly illustrates how Japanese language instructi lege used to be." He goes c "In fact, the second-year tea incompetent that, while we lating a sentence into Engl desperately using his dictic look up words in the next In the same book, Keene fi plains about the lack of a book in those days. When studying Japanese, his tuto a textbook for Japanese firs Keene still remembers Less went "Saita, saita, sakura g Needless to say, I felt extre talgic when I read this pass book because that was the I used as a first grader way Edwin Reischauer, too, tall lack of a good textbook. V started teaching Japanese a he therefore had to write a book in cooperation with ! Elisseeff. Thus, in 1941, th

this textbook. It is a rather old-fashioned book geared to teaching future scholars only one skill, i.e., how to read scholarly Japanese. The authors were not interested in any other skill, such as speaking. Even Reischauer himself had to admit later that the book, when examined today, looked hopelessly behind the times.

In addition to the limited number of universities, the Army, the Navy, and the State Department were interested in Japanese language education to a limited degree. A small number of trainees were sent to Japan by these government agencies to study Japanese for two or three years each. Since there were no Japanese language schools in Japan, however, they had to learn Japanese in an informal, unstructured way, e.g., by just living with a Japanese girlfriend. It was not until 1937 that Naoe Naganuma, who was becoming known after publishing a Japanese language textbook, was allowed to open a Japanese language school at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. U.S. government trainees were now able to actually study Japanese at this school. Upon completing the course, the few men who studied here were either employed at the Embassy or sent back to the States to assume Japan-related government posts. These people brought the Naganuma book back to America, which later became the main textbook at both the Army and the Navy Japanese Language Schools during World War II, thus contributing to producing the so-called language officers including Donald Keene and Edward Seidensticker.

Japanese language education at the college level was thus very limited in the pre-war U.S. This fact clearly indicates how insignificant Japan used to be in the minds of America's general

militaristic government, which was beginning to invade Manchuria and China proper, became increasingly unpopular with Americans. It is no wonder that the language of that unpopular country did not become particularly popular in the United States.

2. During World War II

This whole situation radically changed as the Pacific War approached. The reason was because the U.S. Armed Forces, which regarded the possibility of war with Japan as likely, if not inevitable, decided to prepare for it, not just militarily, but also languagewise. First, in December 1940, about one year before the start of the War, the U.S. Navy conducted a survey to see if there were enough navy men who could handle the Japanese language. The answer was 12. Upset at this low figure, the Navy searched the whole country the next spring for civilians who had at least some knowledge of Japanese. As a result, 56 non-Japanese-Americans between the ages of 20 and 35 were located. In June '41, they were then placed in the brand new Navy Japanese Language Schools opened at UC-Berkeley and Harvard.

The U.S. Army, too, opened its own Japanese Language School in San Francisco one month prior to the War and started training 58 *niseis* as well as two Caucasian Americans who had some background in Japanese. After the Pacific War broke out, both the Army and the Navy became even more serious about training enough men who could speak and read their enemy's language. It is very interesting to note that this was occurring at the time when something completely opposite was going on in Japan. As soon as the

language,' and the instructi English in schools became prevalent. Even English-ba: words began disappearing. ple, in music, "record" was "onban," and, in baseball, officially became "ippon." on the other hand, the govitself, through the Army ar was seriously engaging in Ja guage instruction, although only for the purpose of exitary objectives. These obje decoding Japanese military dence, reading Japanese mi ments, interrogating Japane of war, dissemination of L propaganda, and even postpation of Japan.

After the Pacific War broke Navy Japanese Language Si (NJLS, or Kaigun Nihongog which originally opened at and UC-Berkeley, together to the University of Color Boulder, while the Army Ja Language School (AJLS, o: Nihongogakkoo), which origin in San Francisco moved to Savage in Minnesota. The had to move was because th Japanese isseis 'first generat American' and *niseis* as inst who were denied residence states along the Pacific Co. tion to these two language both the Navy and the Arr other schools. The Navy, for started a school specifically purposes of training office future occupation of Japan conversation was one of th taught at the school. The I already had a school in Wa DC, to train specialists to Japanese military codes, wł Reischauer was the leading

occupied areas such as Japan. In 1943, i.e., two years into the war, the Army also started a new program called the ASTP, which stands for Army Special Training Program, to train non-officers in Japanese. Today, some people seem to be under the illusion that Japanese language instruction conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII was all based on what is now called the Jorden Method, but that was not really the case. The so-called Jorden method, which was originally developed by Yale University's Bernard Bloch and Eleanor Jorden during the war, was used mainly at the Army Special Training Program schools, and not at NJLS or ATLS. Now I would like to look in more detail at three particular programs: NJLS, AJLS, and the ASTP. First, NJLS.

At NJLS, there were two kinds of trainees. First, there were those 56 civilians recruited by the Navy because they had some knowledge of Japanese. Then, there were those who had no knowledge of Japanese but were recruited by the Navy for the sole purpose of turning them into language officers because they were academically among the top 5 percent at first-rate universities. These recruits were then divided into small sections of only four to six men each and were rigorously taught for four hours a day by the instructors, who were practically all *isseis* or *kibei niseis*. The classes required eight hours of yoshuu 'preparation' and *fukushuu* 'review' per day; furthermore, every Saturday there was a four-hour exam to reinforce the learning. The textbook was Naganuma. There was little emphasis on theoretical aspects of Japanese such as grammar and phonology. English was not used in class after the first two weeks, and the trainees were encouraged to learn

these men were able to not only speak Japanese fairly well but also read things like Japanese newspapers, magazines, etc., adequately. Upon graduation, they were shipped off to places such as Hawaii and the South Pacific.

As for AJLS, it was operated a little differently from NJLS. Unlike NJLS, which did not recruit Japanese Americans, AJLS did not exclude them. In fact, its trainees were mostly Japanese Americans. After moving from San Francisco to Minnesota, however, it was decided that it would be wiser to train Caucasian Americans separately. It was for this reason that another school was opened at the University of Michigan. When the name AJLS is used today, it is this program in Ann Arbor that is commonly referred to. To be admitted to this school, one had to have a minimum IQ of 130. The trainees were divided into small classes of seven or eight students each, and every day they were given six hours of class work and were expected to put in two hours of self-study. There were big exams either weekly or biweekly, and the levels kept being shuffled according to the results. There were about fifty teachers, all nikkeijin 'Japanese Americans'. As for the curriculum, the first three weeks were devoted to conversation only. Hiragana were introduced the fourth week, and katakana the fifth week. The methodology used was the so-called Direct Method, which meant no English was used in the classroom. When the trainees had questions, they asked them in Japanese, and the teachers answered in Japanese. The emphasis was not on grammar, but rather on memorization of example sentences by repeating them. The teachers resorted to tsumekomi-kyooiku 'rote learning', i.e., stuffing the students' minds with as

Naganuma, but they also u per articles as well as Mich George Yamagiwa's Gendai Kaiwa. Other materials nec teach military terms, classiand sooroobun 'old epistolar also distributed. The traine encouraged to learn as mar possible, too, by using such as Rose Innes' Waei-kanji Ji Ueda's *Ueda Dai-jiten*. It is esting to read in Herbert F Beirikugun Nihongogakkoo 'AJ U.S.' that the students were carrying kanji cards wherev went. Those of you who ha at the Middlebury Japanese where the students often st cards while standing in line cafeteria, can easily imaginmust have been like at AJL Passin, who I am sure was himself, admiringly writes that Leon Harwitz, who st at the same time as Passin years became a professor of religion at the University c Columbia, not only learned 14,000 kanji but also knev where each of them could the dictionary! After study at this school, the trainees the Japanese Americans in and received six months of training, after which they v to the Pacific Region as lang

Next, the ASTP. Under the eleven schools were opened ent universities including I They were for non-officers trained them in listening a only. Reading and writing, were excluded. There were of class a week, of which J language occupied 15, the devoted to such subjects as history, geography, and pol

was later published as Spoken Japanese, which some of you may have seen. The methodology used at these schools was completely different from those used at NJLS or AJLS, where the Direct Method was the norm. At the ASTP schools, on the other hand, what was used was team-teaching. There was a Caucasian linguist who explained Japanese pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, etc., in English, and there were Japanese American drill masters who conducted drills in small sections, using only Japanese. The drill masters were forbidden to use any English, and the trainees were told to ask questions only in the lecture class. You can easily see that this was the beginning of the so-called Jorden Method, which is still one of the main currents in Japanese language instruction in the U.S.

Having looked at these three main war-time Japanese language programs, our next question would be: "How many people were trained by these programs?" According to Passin, NJLS graduated 1,200 officers, and AJLS trained 6,000 Japanese Americans and 750 non-Japanese Americans. Also, although I couldn't verify the figures, apparently thousands of trainees completed the ASTP schools, and 1,000 to 2.000 people were trained in all the other schools combined. In other words, an incredibly large number of people studied Japanese during the Pacific War. As soon as the war ended. however, the majority of these people readily forgot what they learned, but these programs, which dealt with such a huge number of people, had to have some impact on post-war America. First of all, a significant number of Japan scholars came out of the graduates of both NJLS and AJLS after the war. Again, to quote Passin, his guess is that these two schools produced

of the publication of Passin's book Beirikugun Nihongogakkoo, they had already written at least 2,000 books on Japan. What that means is that, without the graduates from these two language schools, Japanese Studies in the U.S. would have been just about non-existent after the war. The second impact of these language schools was: whereas prewar Japanese language education was mainly geared to a small number of scholars-to-be and concentrated on reading only, as indicated by Reischauer's textbook, these two war-time language schools emphasized speaking just as much as reading. Furthermore, the Direct Method they used to teach small-size classes intensively left an indelible mark on Japanese language education in the U.S.

3. After the War (1945 to the late 1970's)

Some of the language officers were sent to Japan after the war and worked for the Occupation Forces, using their knowledge of Japan and the Japanese language. Not many of them, however, rose to very high military ranks. Their greatest contribution came after their return to the U.S., where they resumed college life. Some of them who truly loved Japan decided to become Japan specialists by going to graduate school. They completed their Ph.D. work in the late 1940's or the early 50's and began spreading Japanese Studies programs. This new breed of Japan specialists stood out in certain respects. Thanks to the highly intensive language training they received during the war, these young scholars possessed a high proficiency level in Japanese, i.e., they were not only able to do research, using Japanese source materials, but they never hesitated to travel to Japan to conduct research there or exchange opinions with Ispanosa scholars in

where Japanese was offered foreign language. In other Japanese used to be studied Japanese Americans or by a number of graduate studer the war, it slowly began to a larger number of student undergraduates.

In the late 50's, the Soviet up a Sputnik into space, w the Americans realize all o how little they knew about the world, let alone their in adversary, the Soviet Union the National Defense Educ was passed by Congress to financial aid for students v go into the study of Russia other heretofore neglected guages such as Japanese and Big foundations such as Ca Ford, and Rockefeller, too, making large contributions ties. From about 1958 to t 1970's was probably the G of financial aid for languas area studies. It was fairly ea days for able students to re ernment or foundation-spc scholarships to study foreigi I started teaching at the U Wisconsin in 1970, which toward the end of the Gold but even then most of the students taking Japanese w earned high GPA's in colles were doing well in graduate were almost automatically sort of fellowship. It was a this time that some new te Japanese were written, such Jorden's **Beginning Japanese** a: and Itasaka's Modern Japane Japanese, or BJ for short, is worth mentioning here bec probably by far the most in textbook of Japanese ever



chapter started out with realistic, useful dialogues, and moved on to grammatical notes, a huge number of sentence pattern drills, especially substitution drills, and finally some application exercises. The class was supposed to be conducted in teamteaching fashion: by an American linguist who was able to lecture in English and a native assistant whose duty was to drill. The emphasis was on listening and speaking by means of mim-mem, i.e., mimicking and memorization. Students were drilled repeatedly until they were able to reproduce correct sentences automatically. *BJ* was a very popular textbook. I used it over fourteen years myself. In fact, it was so popular that some other textbooks based on the same principle began to appear, such as Niwa-Matsuda's Basic Japanese for College Students and Young-Nakajima's *Learn Japanese*.

In the meantime, the number of students taking Japanese began to rise steadily during the '60s. The enrollment throughout the U.S. was 1,746 in '60, 2,813 in '63, 3,443 in '65, and 4,328 in '68. The number of colleges and universities that offered Japanese also increased to 75 by the latter part of the '60s. Even this increased figure in enrollment, however, was still quite small compared with Russian, which was studied by over 28,000 students about that time.

Another memorable event in the '60s was the establishing of the ATJ in 1962. The objectives of the organization were: to raise the level of Japanese language teaching, to increase communication among the specialists, and to give the members opportunities to present papers. Incidentally, the ATJ, which started with 97 members, now enjoys a total membership of over 1,400. Also memorable was the

encourage its graduate students in Japanese Studies to go to Japan to concentrate on Japanese language study for one year. The following year, about ten other universities joined in to form the Inter-University Center for Japanese Studies, which is currently located in Yokohama, and is supported by even more universities.

In the '70s, especially after the Vietnam War, inflation became rampant in the U.S., and there was pessimism about the American economy. Although the financial aid from the federal government as well as from the foundations still continued, most universities began to suffer from budget cuts, hampering the spread of Japanese Studies programs. Even then, the number of students taking Japanese kept rising. It was 6,620 in 1970, 8,273 in '72, 9,604 in '74, and finally it surpassed 10,000 in '77. Colleges/universities offering Japanese already numbered 155 in '74. It is worthwhile to note that the famed Middlebury Japanese School was established in '70. It was unique in the sense that the students were required to speak only in Japanese during the intensive summer session. Some students, as you may know, make tremendous progress at Middlebury. In fact, some make progress faster there than they would in Japan because they are shut off from English at Middlebury whereas in Japan they would be exposed to a lot of English by taking courses given in English, talking to their American friends in English, or teaching English to earn money.

4. In the '80s

In the '80s, Japanese language education at the college level started growing dramatically. The number of Japanese language students, which was

'86 while none of the othe foreign languages showed s significant increase. Then, sudden, tremendous jump ment, which was commonly to as the "Nihongo Boom. that was often cited as a bi was Clavel's novel Shogun, v published in the latter half '70s and quickly became a It was then made into a po miniseries, starring Richard (Since this event just preced called Nihongo Boom, the language boom was often a the Shogun Boom. At the of Wisconsin, I asked my s that time whether any of t started studying Japanese t either the novel or the TV them hooked on Japan. Th was always a resounding "1 real reason was the rise of a major power both econor and technologically. Not o Americans surrounded by 1 more Japanese cameras, TV but Japanese companies the also started expanding to I In proportion to the increa between Japan and the U.S businesses naturally began the need to understand Jap Japanese, and Japanese bus: Students also felt it might their own marketability if Japanese. I believe that was cause of the Nihongo Boo the '70s, most Americans s Japanese were not business but this changed completel '80s. The Inter-University ducted a long-term survey its American students were Japanese. The result was ve tive of this change among college/university students 1961 and '79 19% of the

trend completely reversed itself: only 14% hoped to be professors, while 50% now planned to go into business.

In the '80s, the sudden increase in the number of students who wanted to study Japanese brought about some problems. First of all, there was never enough money for expansion. When I started teaching at the University of Wisconsin in 1970, the number of students taking first-year Japanese was only 20 to 30, that is, if there were two TA-taught drill sections, that was enough. In the '80s, however, the number of students enrolled at the first-year level increased steadily so that we needed more and more TAs. Up until then, the dean had allowed us to hire one TA per fifteen students, but in the late '80s, each drill section had to have as many as 20 students or more. The professor-taught so-called lecture class became so large that individually-oriented drills and exercises were just about impossible to conduct there. Second, a new problem arose as to how to deal with the varied interests of the new breed of students. Until then, we had had mostly humanities-oriented students. In the late '80s, we had students who were majoring in economics, business, and engineering. The University of Wisconsin was fortunate enough to be able to start a program in Technical Japanese, but not in Business Japanese. Across the nation, I believe only a very limited number of technology- or businessoriented Japanese language programs were started then. Third, the shortage of qualified Japanese language teachers became increasingly apparent. In '87-'88, for example, about 50 colleges and universities advertised vacancies for assistant professorships in Japanese Linguistics and Literature. All of them required Ph.D.s, but it was estimated

people simply because there weren't enough training programs for Japanese language teachers.

5. At Present.

Since the bubble economy burst in the early '90s, things have changed somewhat. In the beginning, there was no immediate effect. One thing that gradually became apparent, however, was that, at the college/university level, the enrollment in Japanese language classes has ceased rising. According to the latest figures available from the Modern Language Association, the Japanese enrollment surpassed 45,000 in 1990, but went below 45,000 in '95. Most major foreign languages with the exception of Spanish and Chinese suffered a loss of students during those five years, most of them more severely than Japanese. As a result, Japanese became the number four foreign language in the U.S. trailing only Spanish, French, and German. Even then, the fact remains that the Japanese enrollment in colleges and universities is no longer increasing.

Although Japanese language enrollment at the college/university level has stopped growing, enrollment at the high school level, which started increasing in the '80s, seems to be continuing to rise even in the '90s. In '88, there were over 200 high school programs; in '91, there were about 770; in '93, there were almost 1,500 middle school and high school programs combined. In public high schools alone, there were 42,290 students taking Japanese in 1994, which ranks Japanese fifth behind Spanish, French, German, and Italian. I would like to discuss the case of Wisconsin to show you how my state has evolved. Back in '86, the Japanese government invited five superintentendents were asked to pro related education upon the to their respective home sta then Superintendent of Ed Wisconsin quickly formed tee to accomplish this. As good things came out of it establishment of pre-colles language programs was enc the state. Although only or programs existed at that til are probably between 20 ar programs currently active. the state urged the Univers Wisconsin to start a traini for future pre-college teach Japanese. Consequently, a r certification program was l ten years ago. In the begini a really tough time attracti but these past few years, w be doing quite well. Last y graduated from this progra both teaching Japanese nov spring, four more will be g What makes me very happ they are mostly non-native who have completed four y Japanese language study. Tl each spent at least one year and can speak Japanese fair These are the kinds of pre teachers we need if we are the quality of pre-college J instruction in the U.S..

The rapid growth in both and enrollments at the prelevel has caused some serio lems, the biggest one being or the lack thereof. This af example, the hiring of teac is a high school in Madisor Japanese instruction is offer mer student of mine is teac now, but she has to combin and 4 into one class and teat together because the admin

a number of pre-college teachers who have switched from another foreign language to Japanese on rather short notice. They take an intensive Japanese program somewhere two summers in a row and then start teaching Japanese. In other words, they don't go through the regular teacher certification program at the University of Wisconsin. I personally disapprove of this overly simplified way of teacher training because it just creates teachers with low language proficiency who cannot teach adequately. How can students learn to communicate in Japanese if their teachers themselves cannot do so? The proof of this is evident in English education in Japan. Many Japanese study eight years of English in that system, and yet cannot communicate in English because they have never learned how from their teachers. I am therefore very grateful to organizations such as the Japan Foundation, the US.-Japan Foundation, the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, and the Japan Forum, all of which have been funding programs geared to improving the proficiency of pre-college teachers who are not native speakers of Japanese. This does not mean, however, that native speakers of Japanese automatically make good teachers of Japanese. I once had an American student who graduated from a Minnesota high school. Since his speaking ability was very poor, I was surprised when he told me he had studied Japanese for four years in high school. I was even more surprised when he said his high school teacher was a native speaker of Japanese but had always taught in English. "Why didn't you ask her to speak more Japanese in class?" I asked. His reply was: "I did, but she said, 'That'll make it too difficult for you.'" Also, I have once visited a middleechant Isnance clase taught hus

ka?" The students answered in unison, "Hai, genki desu. Anata wa?" What she was teaching was not authentic Japanese, but a mere translation of "How are you?"—"We are fine, and you?" This native speaker, who could have been teaching genuine Japanese, was choosing not to do so. I am citing these examples to point out that being a native speaker does not guarantee good teaching.

Another problem is classroom management. Pre-college teachers who are native speakers of Japanese often have difficulty managing the classroom. I send out my students who are in the teacher certification program to schools all over the state to observe Japanese classes. Since they write an observation report after each visitation. I know that teachers who are originally from Japan normally have a more difficult time with classroom management than do American teachers. I have heard people say that the most ideal way would be to have team teaching with both an American and a Japanese, but that would be unrealistic, considering the cost involved. There are programs such as JALEX that send young Japanese over to America strictly for this purpose, but the number of such people is quite limited, and we cannot forever depend on them.

Another problem, as you might already know, is the shortage of textbooks suitable for pre-college teaching. It is natural that pre-college textbooks are not of high quality yet in comparison with college textbooks because pre-college Japanese does not have as long a history as college Japanese. Some states including Wisconsin have pro-vided classroom teachers with curriculum guidelines for Japanese. I have looked at the Wisconsin guidelines

how many teachers are real good use of the guidelines is not easy to prepare inter useful materials based on t must be a truly competent with a high level of profici Japanese in order to be abl In order to understand this you only need to imagine v would be like if all Japanes school and high school tea English had to prepare tead rials for themselves every d good pre-college level textl badly. Hopefully we will have as pre-college Japanese inst becomes more established.

Next, pre-college Japanese is faced with the problem (tion, especially the lack of cation between pre-college and college teachers. Many teachers don't know what c teachers are doing, and coll probably know even less at pre-college teachers are do: classroom. Pre-college teac especially frustrated to lear students who get into colle start out all over again from beginning. At the Universit Wisconsin, that used to be too. i.e., students who tool three, or sometimes even fo of high school Japanese we placed in First-Semester Ja a result of the placement t Japanese was sometimes rat enough for them to skip or but since Second-Semester not offered in the fall, they either to wait until January case they would likely forg what they had already learn take First-Semester Japanes them chose the latter. Fort the University of Wisconsi

not ready to skip one year of college Japanese. This new course is a nonintensive one that meets only three hours a week whereas our regular First-Year Japanese is an intensive course that meets eight hours a week. Students who start out from scratch in the intensive class and students who go into the non-intensive class in September because of some prior experience in Japanese both end up with the same lesson in the same textbook by the end of December, and they together go into the intensive Second-Semester Japanese class in January. High school graduates thus treated seem to show less frustration now, and we are happy about it.

Articulation between pre-college and college Japanese is extremely difficult to achieve. One of the main reasons, and probably the biggest reason, is because pre-college students who take Japanese are not necessarily collegebound, and also because even those who do go to college may not continue taking Japanese. Although I have no statistics on this, I have a feeling the ratio of students who have taken high school Japanese and continue to study Japanese in college is probably not very high. High school teachers must take that into consideration when they teach Japanese. They cannot direct their attention merely to those who might go on studying Japanese in college. They must also maintain a minimum level of enrollment if they want to keep their job. Fortunately, some visible efforts are being made to improve articulation between high school and college. As far as I know, there have been state-wide conferences to discuss the issue of articulation in such states as Massachusetts, Michigan, and Indiana. That is, of course, a very welcome trend although

In my opinion, high school Japanese and college Japanese probably should have different objectives. In college, the main objective should be high proficiency in Japanese, whereas in high school, except at exclusive private schools where all graduates expect to go on to college, the objective should be to nurture in the students a strong interest in Japan coupled with a basic understanding of Japanese culture. Language should be taught only as part of culture; only a limited amount sufficient to whet the student's appetite would probably suffice. College teachers will be more than happy if high school graduates come into college programs ready to tackle the big challenge of studying Japanese seriously with strong curiosity and interest in Japanese culture. I know this kind of statement is probably not politically correct, but I just wanted to express my inner feelings, which I know some college-level teachers share.

Next. I would like to touch on the subject of methodology. Before World War II, the main methodology was the Grammar-Translation Method. During the war, it was replaced by the Direct Method, which was used by both AJLS and NJLS. In the '60s and the '70s. the Audio-lingual Method, based on pattern practice, became the mode. Next came the Communicative Approach with strong emphasis on communication and too little attention to basic training. But I really don't think the Communicative Approach ever took a strong foothold in the field of Japanese education in America. Instead, the Proficiency-Oriented Approach, promoted by ACTFL for all foreign language education, has become a noticeable movement in Japanese, too. The strength of the Proficiency-Oriented Approach

only through basic drills at A new textbook called *Nah* authored by Makino and H is to come out shortly is st be based on this approach, look forward to its publica

Finally, a few random thou conclude my talk. During 1 career at the University of I have met some exception: who performed so extraorc on the placement test that told they could go right in Year Japanese. There was e qualified for Fourth-Year J those gifted students had s in Japan as exchange high s dents. Unfortunately, howe at my university, these fant talented high school gradu to have all but disappeared Japanese program, and I fe reason for that is because J longer considered a big cha young Americans. The other was talking to a Japanese p of business, and I am happ he was rather optimistic at future of the Japanese ecor an example, he mentioned ship building industry, whi surpassed by Korea, is now again. If Japan's economy r young Americans will again big challenge to study Japa all hope that day will arriv long. Thank you very much

JAPANESE LANGUAGE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR 1999/2000

with December 1, 1998 Deadline

1) Support Program for Japanese -Language Courses Abroad (Salary Assistance Program for Full-Time Japanese-Language Teachers):

Designed to assist in the creation and/or expansion of full-time teaching position. The financial assistance will be provided up to an initial three-year period to help cover personnel expenses.

2) Japanese-Language Research/ Conference/Seminar Grant Program:

Designed to assist organizations/ institutions to conduct research, seminars or workshops on pre-collegiate level

3) Japanese-Language Teaching Materials Donation Program:

Selected teaching materials will be donated to educational institutions.

4) Training Programs for Teacher of the Japanese-Language at the Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa in Japan:

Offering teachers opportunities to attend an intensive course in Japanese language and teaching methodology. Three types of training: (1) Long-Term, (2) Short-Term, and (3) Japanese Abroad (Zaigai Hojin Kenshu).

5) Assistance Program for the Development of Japanese-Language Teaching Resources: visual material related to Japanese language education.

6) Japanese-Language Education Fellowship Program:

Fellows will be invited to the Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa in order to participate in cooperation with, or under the guidance of, Japanese experts in (1) development of teaching resources, (2) teaching methods and (3) research.

7) Japanese Speech Contest Support Program:

Intended to assist organizations to hold Japanese speech contests by providing partial financial support and prizes.

8) Japanese-Language Program for Researchers at the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai in Japan:

Long-term intensive training courses in Japanese for scholars or researchers who need to learn Japanese for their academic research activities.

9) Japanese-Language Program for Postgraduate Students at the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai in Japan:

Intensive training courses for postgraduate students who major in the social sciences or the humanities and wish to improve their Japanese language abilities for their studies.

Application forms are available in

Los Angeles Language C Grants

(JFLC Grants)

These are emergency-type fun relatively modest grant amoun screened and administered by Foundation & Language Cen Angeles with the primary objesupporting teachers of Japanes in the United States. Applicational elsewhere to complete the desir

1. Program & Gui

Workshops/Conferences

This grant is designed to a shops, symposiums and conconducted by the teachers' tions. Workshops for teach purposes are not applicable will be given to those applicationstrengthen teacher network specify target audience. Proshould include registration participants. The grant am not exceed \$2,000 per programmer.

PRE-COLLEGIATE CURRICUL DEVELOPMENT:

This grant will support the ment of a curriculum for to collegiate level. Priority wito plans from a group of to an institution. Abstract of the content and a list of collable with detailed background in must be submitted. Project giate curriculum or higher applicable. The grant will be money, and its amount will



of Japanese teachers. Priority will be given to establish new Japanese language teachers' associations. By-laws and a list of expected members must be submitted. Project income should include membership dues. The grant amount does not normally exceed \$3,000.

2. Applications:

No application forms or deadlines are necessary to apply. Proposal can be submitted with the following information:

- 1) Project title (include project schedule and location).
- Applicant or project director's name with updated curriculum vitaes.
- 3) Project summary that clearly describes: objectives, background, abstract, expected effects, preliminary arrangements, list of collaborators or participants.
- 4) Accurate financial statement with expenditures (i.e., travel expenses, correspondence, printing and copying, meals and refreshments, rentals, etc.) and income (i.e., membership dues, registration fee, subsidies, own money, etc.) Please specify which expenses you desire to be covered by the Language Center Grant.
- 5) The name of the party to whom the Foundation should make a check payable.
- 6) You may not be awarded a grant more than twice in the same category during one fiscal year (April-March).

seminar in the US and Canada, and wishes faculty members of the Japan Foundation Language Center in Los Angeles to conduct some of the teaching modules, a proposal could be directed to us with the following information:

- 1) Name of the workshop or conference
- 2) Date and location of the work-shop/conference
- 3) Objectives/background of the workshop/conference
- 4) Subject(s) you are interested in
- 5) Applicant:
 - a. Name of the host institution
 - b. Name of representative
 - c. Name of project director including her/his curriculum vitae
- 6) Past award history by the Japan Foundation with the title of the workshops, dates, and amount of the grant.

In principle, the organization applies for travel and other expenses for the Japan Foundation's faculty member(s). The organizer should bear the cost to be incurred to hold such workshops by themselves, or if eligible, they may also apply for our Workshops/ Conferences Grant program for those expenses.

4. Screening procedures:

After receiving applications, the Foundation will either send you an acknowledgment of receipt, or contact you to supply additional information to ensure a fair screening.

Applicants will be contacted within two months after acknowledgment of receipt, unless otherwise notified.

1998 The Japanese I Proficiency Te

Last year, more than 100,00 Japanese speakers throughou took the 14th Japanese Laficiency Test (JLPT, alsc "Nihongo Noryoku Shiken") lished by the Japan Foundatic evaluate a person's ability to licomprehend Japanese languag

This year's JLPT will be held 6, 1998, both in Japan and i 33 overseas countries and ar the Association of Internat tion, Japan will administer tl nine areas of Fukuoka, Hiros Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, Kana and Hokkaido.

An examinee at each level whatest will be sent a Certificate c Each examinee will be notificated score by the end of Februar results of an examinee who ta 1 exam and who is applying to a Japanese university will to that university as well.

DATE

December 6, 1998 (Sunday)

TEST SITES in the U.S.: The Japan Foundation (Los & The University of Chicago (Columbia University (New York))

CONTACT:

Japanese Language Proficienc The Japan Foundation and La Center in Los Angeles

APPLICATION FEE:

Level 1 & Level 2 - US\$50.0 Level 3 & Level 4 - US\$30.0

In Canada, the JLPT will be Douglas College (Vancouver) York University (Toronto)

For more information about grant programs, please contact the following address:

Eric Chow, Program Assistant

THE JAPAN FOUNDATION & LANGUAGE CENTER IN LOS ANGELES

Japanese Language Programs List of Awardees

1998/1999

Support Program for Japanese -Language Courses Abroad (Salary Assistance Program for Full-Time Japanese Language Teachers)

MA The Boston Public Schools

OH The Ohio State University

OR Portland Public Schools

Japanese - Language Research / Conference / Seminar Grant Program

CA University of California - San Diego "Developing Guidelines for Japanese Language Teaching in California" \$5,171

Japanese Speech Contest Support Program

CT Connecticut College

NJ Seton Hall University

NC Duke University

GA Japan-America Society Georgia

LA Japan-America Society of New Orleans

MI Japan Business Society of

MN Concordia Language Villages

IA The University of Iowa

TX The Japan - America Society in Texas

CO University of Colorado -Boulder

UT Brigham Young University

WA Hyogo Cultural Center

CA Beikoku Nichigo Kyokai (Seijin Benron Taikai)

CA California State University -Los Angeles

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

PRECOLLEGIATE TEACHERS

NY Elizabeth Roberts Northport High School

VA Joanne Shaver L.C. Bird High School

FL Marcia Muench John F. Kennedy Middle Magnet School

WI Todd Williams
Menomonie High / Middle School

UT Sherilynn Shinsato Pleasant Grove High School

HI Jan Hiroko Asato Punahou Academy High School

CA Jessica Summers Arcadia High School

COLLEGIATE TEACHERS

HI Patrick Woo University of Hawaii

CA Yoshiko Tachibana
California Polytechnic State
University

Assistance Program for the Development of Japanese - Language Teaching Resources

IL DePaul University "Java Kanji Flashcard 500" \$3,931

Japanese - Language Teac Materials Donation Pro

PRECOLLEGIATE SCHOOLS

ME Hall-dale Middle Scho

MA Boston Latin Academy

CT Choate Rosemary Hall

NY Mineola High School

NY Owego Free Academy NY Roslyn High School

NY Townsend Harris High

PA Shaler Area School Di Intermediate School

MD John F. Kennedy High

MD Paint Branch High Sch

NC Harding University Hi School

SC Beck Academy of Lang

SC J.L. Mann Academy

GA Fulton County School

FL Arvida Middle School

FL Clearwater High School FL John F. Kennedy Midd

Magnet School

FL Pine Crest School

FL Tampa Bay Technical F School

FL Watkins Elementary

MI Clarkston High Schoo

MI Groves Senior High Sc

MI Novi High School

IN Carmel Clay Schools

IN North Side High Scho

WI Franklin High School

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WI Maplewood Middle So

WI Memorial High Schoo

WI Menasha High School

WI Menomonee Falls Hig

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TX	Berkner High School		High School	CO	United States Air Ford
TX	J. J. Pearce High School	CA	St Margaret's Episcopal School		Academy
TX	Lake Highlands High School	CA	Thurgood Marshall Academic	CO	University of Colorad
TX	R. L. Turner High School		High School		Boulder
TX	Richardson High School	HI	Damien Memorial High School	UT	Salt Lake Community
TX	Thomas Jefferson High School	HI	Kailua High School	UT	Utah State University
TX	Westwood High School	HI	Moanalua High School	UT	Weber State University
ID	Centennial High School	GUAN	1 Palau High School	NV	University of Nevada
UT	Lone Peak High School	GUAN	1 Trinity Christian School		Vegas
UT	Pleasant Grove High School	0011	EGIATE SCHOOLS	WA	Whatcom Community
WA	Annie Wright School	COLL	EGIATE SCHOOLS	CA	California Polytechnic
WA	Bethel School District	VT	The University of Vermont		University
WA	Central Kitsap School District	MA	Boston College	CA	California State Unive
WA	Eckstein Middle School	MA	Mount Holyoke College		Long Beach
WA	Franklin Pierce School District	RI	Brown University	CA	California State Unive
WA	Interlake High School	NY	Bard College		San Marcos
WA	Mt Spokane High School	NY	Marist College	CA	City College of San Fi
WA	Nathan Hale High School	NY	State University of New York	CA	Cuesta College
WA	Roosevelt High School		at Buffalo	CA	Mt. San Antonio Cc
WA	Sedro - Woolley High School	NY	Syracuse University	CA	Orange Coast Colles
WA	Whitman Middle School	NJ	Seton Hall University	CA	San Francisco State
OR	Sheridan Japanese Program	PA	Lincoln University	CA	Santa Monica Colle
OR	South Eugene High School	VA	Virginia Military Institute	CA	Stanford University
OR	The Catlin Gable School	WV	Salem - Teikyo University	CA	University of San Fr
OR	West Linn High School	NC	North Carolina State University	CA	University of the Pa
OR	West Linn - Wilsonville School	SC	Furman University	HI	Kauai Community C
	District	TN	East Tennessee State University	HI	Leeward Community
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CA	Everett Alvarez High School	LA	University of New Orleans	NII	Communication, Inc
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CA	George Washington High	OH	The University of Akron	ו זידי	School
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CA	Henry Gunn High School	IN	University of Evansville	7.7.7.6	Consortium)
CA	John H Francis Polytechnic	IN	University of Notre Dame	WA	Japanese Program fo
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CA	La Jolla Country Day School	IL	Knox College	CA	
CA	Laguna Creek High School	IL	North Central College	СА	Japanese Language S Japanese School in V
CA	Lincoln High School	MO	Northern Illinois University Truman State University	CA	Long Beach Japanese
CA	Los Alamitos High School	NE		CA	School
CA	Menlo Middle School	NE	Creighton University University of Nebraska at	CA	Osula Education Ce
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CA	Presidio Middle School,	LA	Dillard University		
CA	SFUSD	TX	Collin County Community		iese-Language Progr
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TX University of Texas - Austin

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PROGRAMS OTHER THAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR 1999/2000

with December 1, 1998 Deadline

The following programs are screened by The Foundation headquarters and only applications from the 13 western states of the United States are accepted in the Los Angeles Office. For full guidelines and applications regarding programs in this category please contact:

Alan Kita, Program Associate The Japan Foundation & Language Center in Los Angeles 2425 Olympic Boulevard Suite 650E Santa Monica, California 90404-4034, USA TOLL-FREE: 1-888-667-0880, ext. 104 Telephone: (310) 449-0027 ext. 104 Fax: (310) 449-1127 E-mail: jfla@jflalc.org URL: http://www.jflalc.org

THE JAPAN FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR ARTISTS AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES SPECIALISTS

Opportunities for specialists

Exhibitions Abroad SUPPORT PROGRAM

Provides financial support to exhibitions that introduce Japanese art and culture abroad.

Film-Production Support Program

Provides financial support for the production of films, TV programs, and other audio-visual materials that serve to further an understanding of Japan and Japanese culture abroad.

PUBLICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Assistance will be considered for books on, or relating to, Japan in the humanities, the social sciences, and the arts.

TRANSLATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Provides financial assistance for the translation of works of high value that are only published in Japanese, on or related to Japan in the humanities, the social sciences, and the arts, particularly classics, introductory works on Japan, and reference works for Japanese

The following programs are s by The Japan Foundation An Advisory Committee conveni. York City. Thus, requests for tions must be made to our Ja Foundation office in New Yor those applications are due in by November 1, 1998.

The New York Office
THE JAPAN FOUNDATION
152 West 57th Street, 39th
New York, New York 1001
Telephone: (212) 489-029
Fax: (212) 489-0409
E-mail: info@jfny.org
URL: http://www.jfny.org

- The Japan Foundation F Program for Scholars, R and Doctoral Candidates
- 2. Institutional Support Profor Japanese Studies
 - a. Visiting Professorship Financial Support Pro
 - b. Staff Expansion Grar
 - c. Research/Professiona Conference Grant Pro
- 3. Library Support Program

The Japan Foundation's Ce Global Partnership also has grant programs that cover c than the ones described about contact them for information

THE JAPAN FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL PARTNERSH 152 West 57th Street, 39th New York, New York 1001 Telephone: (212) 489-125 Fax: (212) 489-1344

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Los Angeles Arts & Culture Grants

The Japan Foundation & Language Center in Los Angeles will support projects that are related to the presentation of the arts and culture of Japan within the western United States covered. Martial arts are excluded. Applicants should not have received another fund from The Foundation for the same project. Successful candidates would be granted up to \$2,000. Please direct a letter of proposal that includes the following information, if relevant:

- 1. Name of project, date, time and location.
- 2. Applicant.
 - a. Name of institution (include background).
 - b. Name of authorized official.
 - c. Name of project director.
- 3. Project outline.
 - a. Artist(s), participants and/or cooperators.
 - b. Description.
 - c. Arrangements and preparations.
 - d. Schedule.
- 4. Budget breakdown.
 - a. Expenditures:
 - a) Facility.
 - b) Artist fee.
 - c) Rental equipment.
 - d) Printing and photo copies.
 - e) Travel expenses.
 - f) Other (please specify)
 - b. Income:
 - a) Admission fee.
 - b) Other source of support.
- 5. Curriculum vitae of the project director.
- 6. Biography of artist(s).

After receiving applications, The Los Angeles Office will either send you an acknowledgment of receipt, or contact you to supply additional information to ensure a fair screening.

Japan Foundation Grantees in Western United States 1998/1.

Other Than Japanese Language Programs:

ARTIST FELLOWSHIP

Liza Dalby, "Shin Murasaki Monogatari," Berkeley CA.

Exhibition Abroad Support Program

18th Street Arts Complex, "Contemporary Photography of Miwa Yana Exhibition and Explorations in Digital Technology," Santa Monica CA (1,000,000 yen).

The Museum of Contemporary Art, "At the End of the Century: One Hundred Years of Architecture," Los Angeles CA (3,000,000 yen).

Film Production Support Program

Ellis Productions, Inc., "Small World," Burbank CA (1,800,000 yen).

Judith Schaefer, "'Youth'- Samuel Ullman's Life and Legacy," San Franci (2,000,000 yen).

Yo Komaya, "Pictures," Belvedere, CA (3,000,000 yen).

<u>Publications Assistance Program</u>

University of Hawai'i Press, "Matabei: From Shadow to Substance," by Kita, Honolulu HI (\$7,936.00)

Study-In-Japan

Southern California Institute of Architecture, "Japanese Arts & Crafts Workshop," Los Angeles CA (\$14,400) --- postponed from 1997

Performing Arts JAPAN due to the New York Office

This is an assistance program for which only non-profit organization. United States are eligible. PAJ intends to cover geographical areas that been well exposed to Japanese performing arts, and to promote muce ducational activities that will acquaint the general public with the hist cultural context of Japanese performing art forms. U.S.-Japan performing collaborations are also encouraged during their early stages of productic contact the program secretariat below for further details:

Application deadline: October 15, 1998