

## Newsletter



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### LNBTI Students Begin Internships in Japan Very Soon

Each year, in collaboration with the Japanese Embedded Systems Technology Association (JASA), LNBTI conducts an embedded software training program that provides outstanding students with internship opportunities. This year, we are proud to announce that four exceptional students have been selected for fully funded internships in Japan, sponsored by member companies of JASA.

On 30<sup>th</sup> of September and on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October the students are going to Japan to start their internships in two IT companies.

LNBTI guided them in advance to get the maximum opportunity by focusing well on Japanese working practices. Students are in high spirit to make use of their IT and Japanese language abilities to convince the companies that Sri Lanka will be a good source of engineers in future. In that way these students will be the pioneers in building a new framework of professional collaborations between the two nations.

During their three-month stay in Japan, the selected students will undergo specialized training designed to enhance their skills and experience. We extend our best wishes to these high-achieving students and are confident that they will excel, paving the way for future opportunities for Sri Lankan students in the Japanese internship market.

Furthermore, students who perform well during their internships have a strong potential to secure permanent positions with these prestigious companies upon graduation. This initiative not only enhances their educational experience but also strengthens the technological ties between Sri Lanka and Japan. Selection for this fully funded internship in Japanese IT companies serves as a testament to the unique features of the LNBTI Japanese Academic Model.



#### A delegation from the Japanese Association for Asian Englishes (JAFAE) visits LNBTI



We recently welcomed a delegation of Japanese professors specializing in Asian English to our main campus, marking a significant occasion for academic exchange. This meeting allowed us to delve into the innovative educational models we have developed at our university, fostering a rich dialogue on pedagogical strategies and practices.

Throughout our discussions, the delegation expressed a keen interest in the concepts we presented, noting the relevance and applicability of our approaches in their own contexts. The engagement was characterized by a thoughtful exchange of insights and experiences, which illuminated potential pathways for future collaboration.

One of the key topics of conversation was the prospect of initiating short-term interactive and intensive study programs in coordination with LNBTI. The delegation conveyed enthusiasm for this initiative, recognizing it as a means to enhance cross-cultural academic interactions and deepen our institutional ties.

Overall, the interaction was highly productive and reinforced our commitment to fostering meaningful academic partnerships. We anticipate that this dialogue will serve as a foundation for future collaboration, and we look forward to exploring the opportunities that lie ahead with our esteemed guests.

# Enhance global competence celebrating cross-cultural Educational Support

On behalf of the Lanka Nippon BizTech Institute (LNBTI), we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research's READ JAPAN PROJECT 2023 and the Nippon Foundation for their generous selection of LNBTI as a recipient of this valuable collection of books. It was a privilege to receive this donation from the esteemed staff of the Japanese Embassy during their recent visit to our university.

These books will significantly enhance the education of our students, particularly those enrolled in our new study program designed to prepare graduates for careers in Japanese IT companies upon completing their Japanese language Diploma and IT degree. By fostering a deeper understanding of Japanese society, culture, and values, these resources will be invaluable in supporting their future success in Japan.

We would like to extend special thanks to Mr. Viduranga, President of the Japanese Club, the club members, and our Vice Chancellor, Professor Ananda Kumara, for representing LNBTI on this special occasion. Our gratitude also goes to

the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka and the donors, including the READ JAPAN Program and the Nippon Foundation, whose contributions strengthen the bond between Sri Lanka and Japan as we strive to develop globally competent graduates.

We are truly grateful for this invaluable support, which will greatly enrich the academic and cultural experiences of our students. Thank you once again for this meaningful contribution!

Additionally, we were honored to welcome the VIP delegation from the Japanese Embassy, who visited LNBTI to officially hand over the books. The Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka coordinated this project on behalf of the donors and LNBTI. On this special occasion, H.E. Deputy Ambassador Mr. Naoaki Kamoshida and Ms. Anna Suzuki from the Japanese Embassy represented both the embassy and the donors. A total of 134 books, covering topics such as culture, economics, politics, development, Japanese management, and science and technology, were officially presented. We extend our sincere thanks to the Deputy Ambassador and the Cultural Affairs officials for this enriching gift.



## Opportunities in Japan – special awareness program

An important awareness session was successfully held at the LNBTI Main University, featuring esteemed advisors, our Vice Chancellor, Professor Ananda Kumara, and our Director, Mr. Ravindra Perera. They addressed key topics related to our academic programs and the unique opportunities available to students.

This session provided students and their parents with essential information about our offerings, enhancing their understanding of the academic processes and career pathways at LNBTI. Attendees expressed appreciation for the insights shared, particularly regarding potential employment opportunities in the Japanese job market.

Professor Ananda and Mr. Ravindra highlighted the significance of our programs, focusing on the skills and knowledge necessary for success in today's competitive landscape. Their presentations emphasized the diverse opportunities available to graduates pursuing careers in Japan.

The event offered valuable perspectives on the educational journey at LNBTI and the prospects that await our students, reinforcing our commitment to supporting them as they navigate their academic and professional futures.





#### Japanese Delegates Visit

A delegation of Japanese executives recently visited our campus to explore potential recruitment opportunities for our graduates. The team, led by Mr. Rohan Pallewatta and accompanied by several executives from prominent Japanese companies, engaged in productive discussions with representatives from LNBTI, including Mrs. Bhashini (Head of IT Department), Ms. Nelushi (Assistant Lecturer), Dr. Manjula (Lecturer and Coordinator of the Career Development Hub), and Mrs. Amara (Senior Registrar).

During the discussions, the executives acknowledged the innovative concepts and educational framework we have established at our Japanese IT university. Professor Ananda Kumara and our staff members established strong connections

with the delegation, creating an atmosphere conducive to collaboration.

The visit allowed us to convey our gratitude to our distinguished guests for their time and interest in discussing potential partnerships. This engagement highlighted the alignment between our educational offerings and the needs of the Japanese job market, opening avenues for collaboration that can benefit both our graduates and the employers.

The opportunity to explore these important recruitment prospects was invaluable, and we are enthusiastic about the potential for future collaboration that can enhance career opportunities for our students and strengthen ties with the Japanese corporate sector.



# Hosted by LNBTI a vibrant discussion on Japanese Language paper and career guidance day at Sri Sumangala Balika Vidyalaya, Panadura

A vibrant discussion on Japanese culture, career guidance, and soft skills development was held at Sri Sumangala Balika Maha Vidyalaya in Panadura, on 19th of spetember. The event brought together Grade 12 and 13 students who are currently studying Japanese at the school.

Students gained valuable insights into Japanese culture and the IT industry, presented by Professor Ananda Kumara. The session also included a comprehensive overview of Japanese paper, facilitated by Kumari Sensei, who teaches the Japanese language at Sri

Sumangala Balika Maha Vidyalaya. Her expertise offered students a unique perspective on this traditional art form, enriching their cultural knowledge.

A dedicated session on soft skills development emphasized the importance of interpersonal skills in today's job market. The contributions of Professor Ananda Kumara were greatly appreciated, along with the efforts of Jude Sensei in coordinating the event. The session proved to be a success, inspiring students to explore the connections between Japanese culture and their future career paths.



#### LNBTI University Hosts Japanese Language Paper Discussion Program Successfully

LNBTI University conducted a discussion program on the Japanese language paper at our city campus, aimed at students getting ready for their A/L examinations this year. The session was designed to offer important insights and support to enhance their comprehension of the subject.

The session was conducted by the esteemed Japanese sensei, Mrs. Anju Hewage, whose expertise and engaging teaching style inspired over 250 students to participate. The program facilitated an interactive environment where students could ask questions and deepen their comprehension of the Japanese language and culture.

In addition to the vibrant student engagement, faculty members from LNBTI University were present to offer their guidance and support, reinforcing the collaborative spirit of the event. Their participation highlighted the university's commitment to fostering academic excellence and providing resources that empower students.

We are delighted to have organized this valuable program and believe it will greatly benefit our A/L students as they prepare for their upcoming exams. We extend our best wishes to all participants and are confident in their success.



#### Deputy Ambassador of the Japanese Embassy Visits LNBTI City Campus for the Japanese Language Camp

The Deputy Ambassador of the Japanese Embassy, Mr. Naoaki Kamoshida, along with diplomats Mr. Hiroki Inoue and Ms. Anna Suzuki. During his opening address, Deputy Ambassador Kamoshida encouraged LNBTI students to stay committed to their studies, emphasizing the promising opportunities available in Japan after completing LNBTI's programs. He praised the institute's curriculum, which mirrors the educational packages of Japanese universities, a first in Sri Lanka.

The Deputy Ambassador also acknowledged LNBTI's focus on preparing students for careers in Japanese IT companies by integrating technical education with lessons on Japanese culture, society, and values. This holistic approach equips students with the skills and cultural knowledge needed for success in Japan.

After the address, diplomats Mr. Inoue and Ms. Suzuki participated in a Q&A session, discussing the unique characteristics of Japanese society, including values like discipline, teamwork, and traditions. Their insights gave students a clearer understanding of what to expect in Japan's work environment.

Vice Chancellor Professor Ananda Kumara also spoke during the session, advising students to start preparing for careers in Japan by focusing on language and cultural understanding. Directors Mr. Kazuyuki Ikura and Mr. Ravindra Perera, along with Professor Hewagamage, Academic Advisor, Mrs. Bhashini, Head of IT Department, and Mr. Toshiyuki Sadoi, Department of Language Studies, were also present, reinforcing the importance of this event in guiding students toward global competence and career success.



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