

JP-HOLDINGS, INC., the largest child-rearing support business (Securities Code 2749)

**An international online program that connects overseas nurseries with Japanese nurseries  
Start an “International Online Exchange”**

～Children will experience various different cultures and provide an opportunity to learn about diversity.～

JP-HOLDINGS Group, the largest childcare support business, has 303 childcare facilities nationwide. Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc., a subsidiary of JP-HOLDINGS, INC. has started an “International Online Exchange” program that connects nursery schools operated by the JP-HOLDINGS Group and overseas nursery schools.

In the “International Online Exchange,” we will utilize the strength of JP-HOLDINGS Group’s operation of a large number of facilities to select a number of the Group’s nursery schools and set up an exchange meeting, according to the requests from overseas nursery schools. We aim to provide opportunities for children who cannot freely go abroad due to COVID, to interact with children from various countries and to provide them with an opportunity to learn about diversity.

◆Children present their own greetings and culture to each other◆

This program started with the idea that children in Japan and overseas should “Expand their worldview and learn about diversity by interacting with the cultures of various countries, while attending their nursery schools.” At the nursery schools, where participating in the exchange meeting has been decided, children will study and prepare for their own greetings and cultures in advance, to deepen their understanding of their own cultures. On the day of the exchange meeting, students will share what they have learned and their own cultures, in an online format, using a web conferencing system, and enjoy learning about diversity through interaction with children in other countries.



The first international online exchange is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7th, and the second on Wednesday, September 15th. Kindergarten in Singapore and ASC Soen Nursery School (Sapporo, Hokkaido), and Kindergarten in the Philippines and ASC Saitonishi Nursery School (Mino, Osaka) will interact.

On the day of the event, we plan to have greetings in each of their languages, introduce their cultures, and play gesture games.

Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc. will continue to plan programs that allow children from overseas and Japan to interact with each other.

JP-HOLDINGS GROUP will continue to practice childcare and training that fosters thinking and creativity, by enhancing children's rich sensibilities, through childcare programs that maximize group synergies.

**【Inquiries regarding services of the Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc.】**

Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc.

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Inquiry Form on the Official website (<https://hoikusouken.co.jp/inquiry/>)

**■About JP-HOLDINGS, INC.■**

It is the largest company for childcare support (listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, securities code 2749), which mainly operates nursery schools, after-school clubs, and children's centers. The number of operating facilities for the entire group will be 303 (as of April 1, 2020).

Japan Nursery Service Inc. and Amenity Life Inc. , which operate nursery schools, kindergarten, children's club; J Kitchen Inc. , which undertakes school lunch contracts for nursery school; J Cast Inc. , which undertakes English, gymnastics, and rhythmic classes for facilities; J Planning Sale Inc. , which plans and sells childcare-related products; Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc. , which provides training, research, and consulting related to childcare and development support; are all under JP-HOLDINGS GROUP.

For the details (<https://www.jp-holdings.co.jp/>)

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