

Meiji University Language Exchange Program (MU-LEP)

Experience real cross-cultural exchange through language learning

1. What is the Language Exchange Program?

MU-LEP offers Meiji University students the opportunity to improve their conversational skills in foreign languages by teaching and learning each other's native language—or language they are proficient in. It's an engaging and hands-on experience that helps students deepen mutual cultural understanding.

The program is built on reciprocity: you will teach your own language while learning your partner's in return. Why not take a break from the classroom and join us for practical and informal language practice?

An additional goal of the program is to foster cross-cultural awareness. As you explore your partner's culture and share your own, you may even rediscover aspects of your culture that you had not noticed.

2 Eligibility

Open to regular and exchange students at Meiji University.

3 Details

- ① Style : One-on-one / One-on-two (*1)
- ② Term : Mid-Oct 2026 to end of Jan 2027
- ③ Location : Anywhere on campus (*2)
- ④ Time-commitment : approximately 60 minutes per week (*3)
- ⑤ Languages
 - Common Languages: Japanese or English (*4)
 - Exchange Languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, plus others like French, German, and Spanish (depending on participants)
 - Spend half the time on each language, using the common language as needed.

(*1) Applicants choose either one at the time of registration.

Comparison Table	One-one	One-on-Two
Matching possibility	Normal	Get higher
Schedule coordination among the participants	Easy	Difficult
Language proficiency gap among the participants	Not necessary to concern	Necessary to concern
Number of buddies	One	Two

- (*2) Choose a meeting location with your partner. Each campus offers non-bookable International Lounges. [Map of the international lounges](#)
- (*3) Final schedule is decided with your partner.
- (*4) Other mutually agreed-upon languages are welcome.

4 How to join

Step	Schedule	Details
1. Registration	September.20 (Sun) – September.28 (Mon)	Register the language you wish to learn and teach.
2. Notification of match results	October. 9 (Fri)	Partner information (name, student status, and email address) will be provided via Oh-o! Meiji. Please contact your partner to arrange an appointment. <u>The orientation can be a good opportunity for your first meeting.</u>
3. Orientation	SURUGADAI: Oct. 15 IZUMI: Oct. 16 IKUTA: Oct. 15 NAKANO: Oct. 16	Held by the International Student Office during lunch (12:35–13:20). Recommended but not mandatory. Details including venue will be announced at the time of notification of matching results.
4. Exchange period	Until the end of January, 2027	Meet anywhere/anytime on campus. Enjoy!
5. Feedback	In the middle of July.	Your responses help us improve future programs.

5 Registration

Registration is **REQUIRED** from **September. 20 to September. 28.**

Apply Here. [Meiji University Language Exchange Program \(2026 FALL\)](#)



6 Important Notes

- **Your language buddy is not a language teacher but a Meiji student. Remember to prioritize cross-cultural exchange over language learning.**
- This program can only succeed when both participants are willing to take initiative. If you are unable to participate proactively, it may result in your partner having a disappointing experience. Therefore, **please refrain from this registration if you are not sure about your proactive commitment.**

- This program works best when both parties actively teach and learn. Aim for balanced participation.
- Your partner is a fellow student, not a professional language teacher. Preparing beforehand helps you both benefit.
- Do not share personal information of your partner with any third party without his/her consent.
- Participants must follow Meiji's anti-harassment guidelines for a safe and respectful environment. [Harassment Prevention Guidelines](#)

7 FAQ

Q1: How are language partners matched?

A1: Matching is conducted based on the information provided at the time of application, such as the language you can offer, the language you wish to learn, your preferred style (one-on-one or one-on-two), and your preferred campus as well as preferred partner's gender. Applicants whose preferences perfectly match each other will be paired as language partners.

Q2: Will I definitely be matched if I apply?

A2: Not guaranteed—it depends on demand. All applicants will be notified either way. The successful matching rate at the last semester, 2026 Spring, was around 50%.

Q3: I am not confident in Japanese language—can I still join?

A3: Absolutely! It's a great opportunity to improve.

Q4: Can I register for multiple languages?

A4: No, you can't at once. But you may register again for other languages if needed.

Q5: How do I meet my partner?

A5: You will get their contact details via the university. Reach out and arrange a meeting.

Q6: Do we have to meet every week?

A6: Only if both parties agree. Flexibility is key.

Q7: Can I keep meeting my partner after the program ends?

A7: Yes, as long as both of you wish to continue.



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