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Aoba-Japan International School

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Officially Authorized as an IB World School (MYP)  
: We offer the IB Programmes for all students from age 3 to 18

**Aoba-Japan International School (A-JIS), located in Nerima ward, Tokyo, would like to announce that as of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, our middle school has been authorized as an IB World School for the Middle Years Programme (MYP). Since its high school was already authorized for DP on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 and its kindergarten and primary school were already authorized for PYP on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2015, A-JIS is now an IB World School for all ages (PYP, MYP, and DP). A-JIS is the 2<sup>nd</sup> school in Tokyo (the 5<sup>th</sup> in Japan<sup>1</sup>) which can offer the IB programmes for all students.**



The International Baccalaureate is an education programme initiated by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) (headquartered in Switzerland). It provides students graduating from international schools an internationally recognized qualification that allows them to apply to universities around the world, including many in Japan. The programme is for students aged 3 to 19, and consists of 3 parts: the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme, and the Diploma Programme. The programs are founded on the premise of student-centered, inquiry-based learning intended to promote the critical thinking and collaborative learning skills that are core to success in our rapidly globalizing society.

Ken Sell, Head of School of A-JIS says:

“By introducing the IB Programme in full, graduates of A-JIS will not only be able to obtain internationally recognized qualification for university applications, but will also acquire the skills to understand issues from broader perspectives. They will gain greater ability to think independently in a variety of situations. By fostering global perspectives, students’ abilities to present and communicate their ideas will be enhanced. As an IB world school, we will continue to work hard to provide the best education for all students. We aim to develop global-minded, compassionate, collaborative students inspired to learn, take risks, and lead change in the world.”

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<sup>1</sup>The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan’s HP. As of Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.  
[http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/kokusai/ib/1307999.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kokusai/ib/1307999.htm)

Robert Thorn, Secondary Principal of A-JIS says:

“As with the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Diploma Programme (DP), the Middle Years Programme gives us the opportunity to continue help young people develop their natural abilities as learners within the constructed world. We have the flexibility to provide them with not only the means to succeed in the academic world but also in the way they form relationships, collaborate with others, develop entrepreneurial spirit and identify and create opportunities to innovate. Unlike other, more restrictive educational programmes, we have the freedom to truly help young people become both local and global leaders in their approach to life and learning.”

### **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. A-JIS has a strong and effective English language support program that prepares students

for the International Baccalaureate 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).

<http://www.aobajapan.jp/>

### **About the International Baccalaureate:**

Founded in 1968 the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit foundation, which offers four high quality and challenging educational programmes for a worldwide community of schools. For close to 50 years, IB programmes have gained a reputation for their rigour and high academic standards, for preparing students for life in a globalized 21st century, and for helping to develop citizens who will create a better, more peaceful world. Currently, IB students attend over 4,500 schools in over 140 countries. To learn more, please visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

For information about the number of IB World Schools and programmes offered, please visit:

<http://www.ibo.org/en/about-the-ib/the-ib-by-country/>

### **About BBT:**



BBT was established in 1998 as an educational company by Kenichi Ohmae, a world renowned management consultant. Since it opened, BBT has continued to offer high quality educational programmes via remote delivery through various media. BBT provides a lot of educational programming: a university, a graduate school of business, an entrepreneur training program, educational TV programs, and more.

BBT has participated in the management of Aoba since 2013, and it aims to construct an educational platform which can support lifetime empowerment BBT aims to provide proactive education that makes full use of its own in-house IT technology platform. Approximately 200,000 ID have been issued and sent out to the business world from BBT's courses.

<http://www.bbt757.com/>

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