

JAPAN

- Education Reform In Japan and Zest for Life to stimulate students' abilities to think, to judge, and to express their ideas, problem solving competencies
- Leadership principles
School Principal, Boards of Education,
National Institute for Educational Policy
Research (NIER), MEXT

Fulfilling Pedagogy and Sophisticated Practices and Research in Schools

Elementary Schools Attached to the Faculty of Education at Tokyo Gakugei University

Elementary Schools Attached to the Faculty of Education at Kagawa University

Hiroshima Prefectural Shiraki High School (Kadoya, 2012).
Fukuyama City Elementary School

Onomichi City Harada Junior High School

Hiroshima Prefectural Kure Mitsuta High School
(Hiroshima Board of Education, 2012)

Excellent Pedagogy with School Libraries in Japan (1)

① Shinji Elementary School, Matsue, Shimane Prefecture



<http://www.shinji-e.matsue.ed.jp/original-education.htm>

② Hawai Elementary School, Yurihama, Tottori Prefecture



http://www.schoolweb.ne.jp/weblog/index.php?id=3110002&type=2&category_id=1374&date=20110331&no=2

③ Kamigamo Elementary School, Kyoto, Kyoto Prefecture



http://cms.edu.city.kyoto.jp/weblog/index.php?id=100205&type=2&category_id=8831

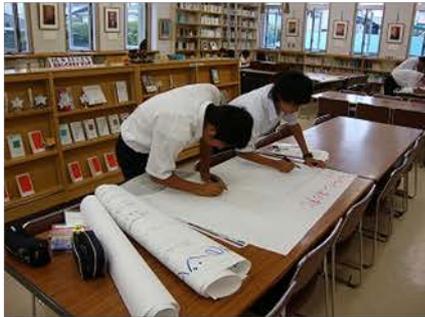
④ Sodegaura Syowa Junior High School, Chiba Prefecture



<http://www.sodegaura-showa-j.ed.jp/2007/tosyodayori/toshoindex1.html>

Excellent Pedagogy with School Libraries in Japan (2)

④ Matsuyama Higashi High School, Ehime Prefecture



<http://matsuyamahigashi-h.esnet.ed.jp/cms/modules/tinyd2/>

⑥ Keimei Elementary School, Nakano, Tokyo Metropolitan



Guri & Gura Library

<http://homepage3.nifty.com/nk-keimei-e/02dokusyo/top.html>

⑤ Shinjo Elementary School, Shinjo, Yamagata Prefecture



<http://www.city-shinjo.ed.jp/shinjo-e/index.php/view/508>

⑦ Tyouyo Daiichi Elementary School, Tsuruoka, Yamagata Prefecture



<http://www.city.tsuruoka.lg.jp/070201/sub/index.html>

UNESCO/IFLA Public Library and School Library Manifestos

A library is a gateway to knowledge. It allows equal access for all, regardless of age, gender, religion, nationality, profession, economic status, or social background.

- The UNESCO/IFLA Public Library Manifesto
- The UNESCO/IFLA School Library Manifesto

Excellent joint research and practice efforts between the Tottori Prefectural Library and high schools in Tottori Prefecture

(Kobayashi and Ueda: Monthly Gakko Tosyokan Magazine, 2008)

Young Adult Library Service Association and Teen Services Evaluation Tool

- YALSA Teen Services Evaluation Tool for evaluating a public library's overall level of success in providing services to teenagers, aged 12–18 years
 - (1) Leadership and Professionalism
 - (2) Knowledge of the Client Group
 - (3) Communication, Marketing and Outreach
 - (4) Administration
 - (5) Knowledge of Materials
 - (6) Access to Information
 - (7) Services

Current Trend in Education in Japan

- Education Reform and Educational Efforts

Previous Basic Act on Education was revised in December 2006

- Three Laws on Education were reformed and promulgated on June 27, 2007

- Courses of study for upper secondary schools were revised in March 2008

“Zest for Life” was incorporated into the basic framework, principles, and policies (MEXT, 2009)

- Considerable effort to promote quality education by NIER (NIER, 2011; Kadoya, 2010)
- Book Club Method was introduced in Japan by Mr. Hidefumi Arimoto (2010a, 2010b, 2011)

It is a teaching method for developing reading literacy.

The goals

1. to raise students' willingness to read
2. to develop their abilities to read, write, and discuss the matters of daily life
3. to improve their quality of life by helping them develop communication skills