

Intensive Language Course 2015, Old Javanese

Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, TUFS

Call for participants

We are accepting applications from those who are interested in the Intensive Language Course (Old Javanese) to be offered this summer, 2015, by the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA).

1. Term: 17 August, 2015 – 4 September 2015 (No classes on weekends)

2. Goal:

The goal of this course is to provide a training in basic language skills of Old Javanese for beginners.

Old Javanese is a language that belongs to the Austronesian family. Its relation to the Modern Javanese is relatively distant. The literature and manuscripts have been left in Java and Bali in Indonesia. It is a dead language, and is not used in daily conversation. It has a long history as a written language, since 9th century, up to the early 20th century; it was written on copper plates, steles, and palm leaves with the old Javanese and Balinese letters. Old Javanese literature is still read as classic literature in Java and Bali at present. Ramayana, which is written in old Javanese, is known as the oldest form of literature attested in South-East Asia. Much of the literature is an adaption from Sanskrit, but some works are created originally in Java and Bali. Old Javanese includes many loans from Sanskrit in its vocabulary, and the inscriptions play an important role as sources for historical studies.

We use a textbook, written in English, which is edited by Prof. Willem van der Molen, one of the lecturers of this course. Old Javanese is transcribed with the Roman alphabet in the textbook, so knowledge of Javanese script is not necessary. The textbook has been used in the courses previously held in other parts of the world. The lectures will be given in English, but supplementary explanations may be given in Japanese or Indonesian when necessary. After learning the basic grammar of the Old Javanese in the first week, the participants will read a selection of chapters from the Ramayana written in Old Javanese to become accustomed to the language in the following weeks. In addition, explanations and readings of the prose written in inscriptions will be conducted. Enough time will be taken for a review on the basis of the text. Specialists in history and art of early Javanese society will be invited to give lectures, which will help with the understanding of Old Javanese literature.

We especially invite those who are interested in languages spoken in the South-East Asia, such as Javanese and Balinese, and in the history of the South-East Asia, especially in Indonesia. A certain level of communicative skill in English will be necessary, as all the lectures will be given in English. No background knowledge is needed, but a knowledge of Austronesian Languages such as Malay, Tagalog and on Sanskrit may be useful.

Please visit our webpage for details:

URL <http://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/training/ilc/ilc2015>

Lecturers: Toru AOYAMA (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
Yumi SUGAHARA (Osaka University)
Miho YAMASAKI (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
Willem van der MOLEN (KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)

Language: All lectures will be given in English. There will be no interpreters.

3. Venue:

Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA),
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)
3-11-1 Asahi-cho, Fuchu-shi, Tokyo 183-8534, JAPAN

4. Qualification:

Participants are expected to be able to follow university-level instruction and assignments. In addition to that, a certain level of English communicative skill will be needed.

5. Selection:

Prior screening will be held, based on the submitted application forms (see 8. below).

6. Number of participants:

About 10 people will be selected from the applicants.

7. Participation fee:

Applicants who are accepted, are requested to deposit JPY 60,000 or the US dollar

equivalent into our bank account, by the due date specified in the Acceptance Letter (see 10. below).

Please note, that your registration will be automatically cancelled, if we cannot confirm your payment by the end of July, 2015.

8. Application:

Applicants are required to submit the application form with a scanned document of an official certificate of enrollment/diploma from your high school or college/university, to verify your status, by e-mail, no later than 17:00PM (JPN STD) on 27th of May, 2015.

Application Form is available on our webpage below:

<http://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/training/ilc/ilc2015>

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9. Notification of selection

We will notify applicants of the results in mid June 2015.

10. Further information:

1. Arrange your own accommodation.
2. Travel expenses are not provided.
3. Application documents will not be returned.
4. Any additional handling fee/cost should be paid by applicant.
5. Information on the previous courses can be found at:

<http://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/training/ilc/ilc2013>

<http://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/training/ilc/ilc2014>

11. For further information, contact:

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