

Online symposium



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2022.11.06 (Sun.)

14:00-17:30 (UTC-6)

Following the online symposium in March 2022, “The Linguistic and Psychological Development of Children Growing Up in Multilingual Families: What Families Can Do and What Schools Can Do”, we will hold an online symposium on **the language development of children from multilingual families** living in Latin America. We look forward to the participation of many people, including Japanese, Nikkei, teachers / educators in Latin America, and people interested in this theme. (Languages spoken: Japanese, Spanish)

■ Keynote Speech (100min. including Q&A session)

“Developing Language and Thinking Skills through
Interactive Reading - Home to School Collaboration”

Dr. Masako Douglas (Emerita Faculty of California State University, Long Beach)

Looking at ways to help children develop their language and thinking skills at home before entering school, and ways to connect the support at home to learning at school after entering school through reading (especially interactive reading).

*Contents; 1. (a) Experience of interactive reading (infants & kids are welcome to join it!)

(b) What is “interactive reading”?

2. Relationship between language developed at home in early childhood and language skills after entering school
3. How to support language development in early childhood and after entering school
4. Multilingual development: from a subtractive view to an additive view

■ Group session (40min.)

In small groups of 4-5 people, sharing your concerns and experiences with your child and language. Breakout Room will be used.

■ Report of Investigation by The Japan Foundation, Mexico (15min.)

Reporting the preliminary results of the “Survey on Japanese Language Use and Learning by Children Living in Mexico” conducted from August to October 2022.

- Eligibility; Parents, teachers / educators living in Latin America. and those who are interested in the theme of this symposium
 - * Residents in other areas can apply. However, applicants from Latin America will be the priority in case that the number of applicants is over 100 people.
- How to implement; Zoom online session
 - *URL etc. of Zoom meeting room will be informed to the applicants on 1st November.
- Application; <https://forms.office.com/r/HmdaGVh8re>
Application period; 18:00, 31st of October (Central Mexico Time, UTC-6)
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