

MAKUHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to introduce Makuhari International School to you. Makuhari International School in Chiba Prefecture opens its doors to around 250 International and Japanese Returnee children from April 2009. We are the first fully supported and recognised International School in Chiba Prefecture as well as being the only International School in Japan to have 'Article One' status.



Among other things this status allows us to have certain tax benefits (leading to reduced tuition fees) as well as allowing Japanese Returnee children more ease to transfer (if they so decide) to a Japanese Junior High School at the end of Grade 6. More information on the school can be found on our website which also links to various newspaper and magazine articles that have been written about the school over the past six months. We are a school situated in an excellent location between Tokyo on one side Narita on the other.

Our Mission Statement at Makuhari International School encapsulates what we believe in here at the school.

Our mission is to be the school of choice for all internationally minded children, providing a quality educational experience through a flexible and creative curriculum which is based around the highest excellence of teaching.

At Makuhari International School we believe that all children are special, with unique skills and gifts. We aim to bring out these talents in all. We seek to offer an education within a stimulating, caring, fun and secure environment and provide all our students with the skills needed to make them global lifelong learners.

Makuhari International School follows the objectives from the Japanese Curriculum. We ensure that the skills, concepts and knowledge from that curriculum are covered, yet taught in an entirely international style. What we teach and how we teach it are separate concepts. We follow the same number of 'minimum hours' that each subject would have allocated to it in a Japanese School but add extra time for English and Maths, ensuring that children are taught these subjects at least once a day. All subjects are taught in English except for Japanese or Japanese Studies. (Japanese will be studied by Japanese Returnee Students whilst Japanese Studies is a subject for non Japanese children, which covers some Japanese language studies as well as understanding about Japanese culture and traditions.)

We are a school dedicated to utilizing modern resources, not only inside the classes but also in our many specialist rooms. We have Interactive SmartBoards in all classrooms as well as a wireless computer network throughout the school. We have specialist Science, Art, Music and Cookery rooms as well as a large Media Centre (including a Library) and separate Media Corners for each year group.

Makuhari International School began inviting applications for admission (initially for children in Kindergarten 1 to Grade 4), from September 1st 2008. From April 2010 we shall be going up to Grade 5 and from April 2011 up to Grade 6. In most year groups there will be employed not only class teachers, but also additional teachers to support, as well as class Assistants with younger classes.

Makuhari is a comfortable 'city' which is well equipped with business, residential, academic and entertainment facilities. For foreign residents it includes various shops that cater for their needs. Makuhari is located only 30 minutes from both Narita Airport on one side and the heart of Tokyo on the other side. Transport to either of these areas is extensive and excellent. Regardless of this fact, Makuhari International School will be offering a bus service for children coming to the school – from various areas around Tokyo and Chiba, including Narita as well. Makuhari New City is a developing city that sees the bustling activity of some 135,000 people every day. The area has numerous international office facilities and many foreign companies are choosing the city as a location for Japan headquarters and branch offices. Makuhari Bay Town is a residential area within Makuhari and near to the school with many parks and beaches. It is currently home to 20,000 residents, 400 of whom are non Japanese.

If you are interested in finding out more about the school, please don't hesitate to contact me (head@mis.or.jp), or visit our web site (<http://www.mis.or.jp>). I am always delighted to explain more about the school.

In order to promote our school more and let as many people as possible know about the progress we are making, we are holding a **Evening Seminar** on December 17th at Makuhari Kinrou Shimin Plaza (opposite the school site). For directions on how to get there, please visit the school web site and click on [Makuhari Kinrou Shimin Plaza Seminar](#) under the heading of **Topics** - or contact the school. The Seminar will begin at 5.30pm and will last for two hours. We will include time during the evening where you will be able to network with various members of the school staff and ask as many questions as possible following a presentation about the school (this will be in English). If you are interested in coming and finding out more about what is an exciting and ground breaking initiative, please fill in the attached form and fax back to the school as soon as possible.

With regards,

Paul Rogers
Head of School