# A privileged site

Kyoto, the culture capital of Japan, is also a thriving academic center in its own right. Located in the vicinity of two giant economic poles, Osaka and Kobe, it provides families with an ideal environment that combines both tradition and modern city life. Lastly, Kyoto boasts a very strong French presence, and is home to institutions such as the French General Consulate, the French Kansai Institute and the villa Kujoyama cultural center.

# **Projects**

Many AEFE-driven projects are giving our students the opportunity to interact with students from other French schools in Asia.

#### **Extracurricular activities**

The LFIK provides families with a wide array of athletic, artistic and educational activities, amongst which: badminton, soccer, fencing, yoga, visual arts, acting, Japanese and English classes, homework support, etc...

#### **Services**

Families are given the opportunity to use our daily bento lunch, nursery and supervised study class services.

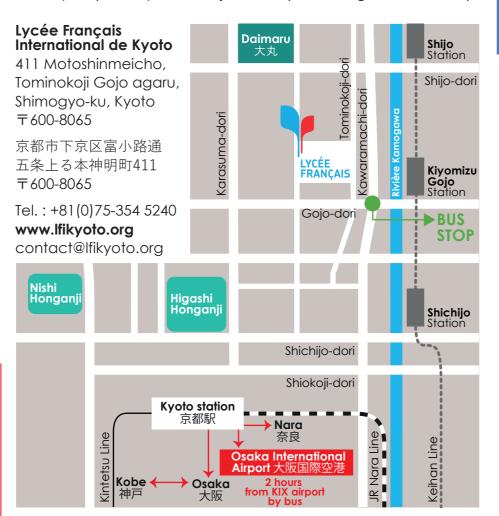
#### **Scholarships**

Eligible families may apply for scholarship funding provided by French governmental organizations. Those scholarships may cover upward to 100% of tuition costs.

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# The Lycée Français International de Kyoto is conveniently located within a five-minute walk of Gojo station (Karasuma subway line) and Kyomizu-Gojo station (Keihan regional train lines).

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"un parcours scolaire complet, des débouchés dans le monde entier."

# "de la maternelle au baccalauréat"

#### **About the LFIK**

Funded in 1997, the Lycée Français International de Kyoto is one of only two French schools in Japan. The LFIK is a non-profit organization run by the elected board of the students' parents association (known as APEK).

All programs are in compliance with the guidelines of the French Ministry of Education and, up to the first year of junior high school, all grades are issued a governmental accreditation.

From the second year of junior high school to the final year of high school, students are being taught through a program that involves both the school teachers and the Ministry of Education-associated, France-based, education center CNED.

Our school belongs to the 500 school-strong AEFE network (French agency for extraterritorial education), an organization dedicated to the promotion of universal values and skills such as equal opportunity, intellectual awareness and critical analysis.

By being a part of this dynamic, high profile and inclusive international network, our school is able to provide its students with an especially rewarding education. As of this year our school has relocated from its previous location to the ideally located Yurin district of Kyoto in a newly renovated building.

# Attending the LFIK

One of our main priorities is to ensure that students achieve proficiency both in French and Japanese. In order to do so, they immediately start learning both languages in nursery school. Upon entering junior high school, students start learning two to three extra foreign languages.

Our school also welcomes non-French speaking families. Children from these families are automatically enrolled in a support program designed to help them rapidly build up their self-confidence and achieve fluency.

From the time he joins nursery school, each child is given individual attention in order to help him develop his sensory and observation skills. As they progress and age, children are exposed to concepts that become gradually more abstract in order to prepare them for their years in junior high and high school.

By enrolling your child in our school, you are guaranteed a continuous, consistent education from the time they enter nursery school to the time they graduate from high school. Your affiliation to the school also gives you the freedom to transfer to any other school in France or within our network of international schools, the largest of its kind in the world.

# La maternelle (nursery school/pre-school)

Nursery/pre-school is an essential stage of your child's academic development. Our central mission is to give children the will to learn in school while allowing them to develop their own personality. In our school, children live and learn together through practice, games, problem-solving and memorization exercises. By doing so they continuously strengthen their language skills, and learn how to write, read and count.

## L'élémentaire (elementary school, primary school)

The primary goal of elementary school is to ensure that children have mastered all fundamental elements of the French language and mathematics. It is also from that stage on that moral and civic classes become part of their education.

During the course of "Cycle 2" (First grade through third grade), children are encouraged to show curiosity about their surroundings and express their perception and understanding of the world artistically (to nurture their creativity and introduce them to visual arts).

# Le collège (junior high school)

Upon entering junior high school, students start their formal education, one that focuses on learning and developing new skills. At the end of 9th grade, students have to take the French junior high school standardized test, the DNB (Diplôme National du Brevet).

# Le lycée (high school)

As they progress through the years of high school, students are exposed to an education that becomes gradually more specialized so as to best prepare them for university and undergraduate studies.

The purpose of tenth grade is to give our students every opportunity to identify their strengths, aspirations and bring out a sense of self-awareness. Grades 11 and 12 compose the "terminal cycle" during which students prepare for the baccalauréat (the French high school diploma) that takes place over the course of those two years.

# Student guidance and counseling

From the time he enters junior high school until the end of high school, each student is given individual guidance and counseling to educate him on the many opportunities that specialized, higher education and professional life have to offer.

High school students are also tasked with developing and presenting a personal project at the end of their academic studies. In order to help students develop those projects, the school regularly hosts student fairs, career forums, also organizes visits by professionals and consultants.

# Higher education

While most of our students choose to continue their studies in France, the French high school diploma also gives them the opportunity to apply to Japanese and international schools. Additionally, the AEFE awards excellence-based 5-year scholarships for foreign nationals studying in French schools who wish to pursue a higher education in France.

Lastly, there has been a rapid increase in the number of cooperation programs, in the form of joint courses with double degrees, between prestigious French and Japanese universities. Those exciting programs provide our students with yet another opportunity for global studies.

