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Japanese language environment and motivation for CAEJ in Brazil

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There are currently over 250 thousand Brazilian workers living throughout Japan. Nakajima and Negawa have been studying the changes in the Japanese language speaking ability of the children of these workers after they return to Brazil. This thesis is based on fieldwork which was supported by the Japan foundation San-Paulo Japanese language center during 2000 through 2003.

Those children who spent time in Japan with their families and then return to Brazilian schools are referred to as CAEJ.

CAEJ, amazingly, keep their Japanese speaking ability to a very high level even after several years of living back in Brazil. We hypothesize that the keys to this achievement are 1) the local environment and 2) a high motivation for going back to Japan once again.

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