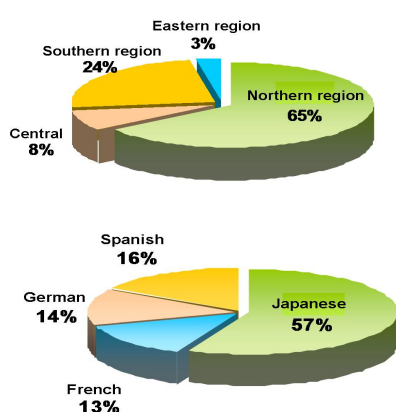


## The Second Foreign Language Proficiency Test-Basic (SFLPT-Basic) The 2013 Test Report

The LTTC Second Foreign Language Proficiency Test-Basic (SFLPT-Basic) was developed in line with the Ministry of Education's policies on the teaching and learning of second foreign languages (Japanese, French, German and Spanish) in senior high schools and for the purpose of meeting the assessment needs of Taiwan's foreign language learners at the beginner level. The test consists of three sections: Listening, Vocabulary & Usage, and Reading. Scores on each section range from 0 to 40, and the maximum total score is 120.

The average age of the SFLPT examinees in 2013 was 17.1. The ratio of males to females was about 3:7 (see Table 1). Regarding examinee educational background, 64% of the test takers were senior high school students or graduates, and 23% were vocational high school students or graduates (see Table 2). Approximately 63% of the examinees took the SFLPT for self-evaluation, while 35% took the test to learn how well they learned the language or for the purposes of college admissions, course credit exemption, or school grade reference (see Table 3). Distribution of test takers by language and region is shown in the figures below .



In terms of examinees' performance, 12% of the examinees achieved CEFR A2 level (a total score of 96 or higher) and 63% achieved CEFR A1 level (a total score of 60 or higher and each section score was above 13); see Table 4. Among the examinees from the Senior High School Advanced

Placement Program, 17% achieved the A2 level, and 63% achieved the A1 level (see Table 5). The oldest examinee obtaining the A2 certificate was 51 years old (Japanese) and the youngest 13 (German). The oldest examinee obtaining the A1 certificate was 69 (Spanish) and the youngest 12 (Spanish).

Examinees of the Japanese Test comprised 57% of the total test takers in 2013. The average total score was 73.4 (Listening 24.1, Vocabulary & Usage 23.7, and Reading 25.6; see Table 6). Sixteen percent of examinees achieved the A2 level, and 59% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was approximately 3:7. Forty-eight percent were general senior high school students or graduates, and 40% were vocational high school students or graduates.

Thirteen percent of the examinees took the French test. The average total score was 69.9 (Listening 23.6, Vocabulary & Usage 23.6, and Reading 22.7). Six percent of examinees achieved the A2 level, and 71% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was about 1:3. Ninety-two percent were senior high school students or graduates.

Fourteen percent of the examinees took the German test. The average total score was 69.5 (Listening 23.1, Vocabulary & Usage 22.1, and Reading 24.3). Five percent of examinees achieved the A2 level, and 69% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was approximately 1:3. Ninety-two percent were senior high school students or graduates.

Sixteen percent of the examinees took the Spanish test. The average total score was 72.7 (Listening 22.7, Vocabulary & Usage 24.4, and Reading 25.6). Twelve percent of examinees achieved the A2 level, and 66% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was approximately 1:2. Seventy-three percent were senior high school students or graduates, and 23% were college/university students or graduates.

Table 1: Examinee Distribution by Gender

Gender	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Male	30%	23%	26%	31%	28%
Female	70%	77%	74%	69%	72%

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Education Level

Education Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Junior high school	1%	1%	0%	4%	1%
Vocational high school	40%	1%	1%	0%	23%
General senior high school	48%	92%	92%	73%	64%
College/university or higher	11%	6%	7%	23%	12%

Table 3: Examinee Distribution by Purpose

Purpose	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Self-evaluation	65%	57%	57%	63%	63%
College admission	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%
School grade reference/Assessing learning achievement	29%	39%	39%	34%	32%
Job application, promotion & others	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%

Table 4: Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level

Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
A2	16%	6%	5%	12%	12%
A1	59%	71%	69%	66%	63%
Below A1	25%	23%	26%	22%	25%

Table 5: "Senior High School Advanced Placement Program" Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level

Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
A2	23%	9%	4%	15%	17%
A1	55%	80%	68%	71%	63%
Below A1	22%	11%	28%	14%	20%

Table 6: Average Score by Test Section

Test Section	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Listening	24.1	23.6	23.1	22.7	23.7
Vocabulary & Usage	23.7	23.6	22.1	24.4	23.6
Reading	25.6	22.7	24.3	25.6	25.0
Total	73.4	69.9	69.5	72.7	72.3