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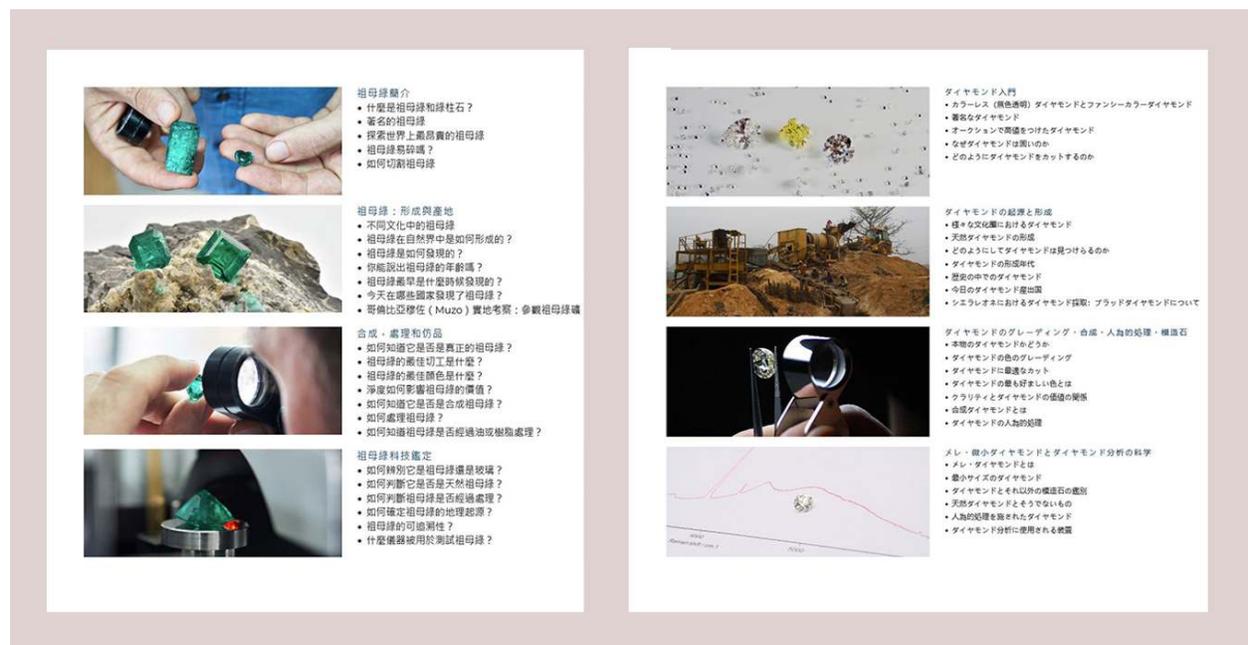
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SSEF adds online courses in Japanese and traditional Chinese to its free-of-charge 'Understanding Gemstones' programme



Course materials in traditional Chinese (left) and Japanese (right), now being delivered online at no cost, as part of SSEF's Understanding Gemstones educational programme.

BASEL, SWITZERLAND: DECEMBER 09, 2021 – The Swiss Gemmological Institute SSEF has added courses in **Japanese** and **traditional Chinese** to its free-of-charge online educational programme, entitled [“Understanding Gemstones.”](#)

The courses, which cover diamonds, emeralds, pearls, rubies and sapphires, are now available in five languages – English, French, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese and Japanese.

The free online Understanding Gemstones programme has been enthusiastically received since it was first launched by SSEF in April 2021. To date, there have been more than 6,000 sign-ups and active students participating on the teaching platform. Indeed, it was in response to greater demand for such gemmological education and knowledge in Asia that SSEF has decided to roll out courses in two additional languages.

“We are impressed at the demand and positive feedback we are receiving for our free online courses,” said Dr. Michael S. Krzemnicki, director of SSEF. “Making gem-learning resources available at no cost to the trade and consumers remains a priority for us. We are pleased to be able to make them even more widely available, and to further connect with the gem and jewellery community in Asia.”

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About the SSEF

The Swiss Gemmological Institute SSEF, which is part of the Swiss Foundation for the Research of Gemstones (SEF: Schweizerische Stiftung für Edelstein-Forschung), was founded by trade organisations in 1972 and works independently on a scientific basis. It is structured as a foundation under the aegis of Switzerland's Federal Department of Home Affairs. The function of its laboratory is to analyse precious stones and issue test reports for diamonds, coloured stones and pearls. Members of SSEF Laboratory are also engaged in research and education, in connection with leading universities or with other gemmological laboratories.