



~MIRAI Program~ Application Guidelines

1. Project Overview

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has launched “Japan’s Friendship Ties Programs” which promote people-to-people exchanges between Japan and the various nations of the Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and to encourage an understanding of Japan’s economy, society, history, diverse culture, politics and diplomatic relations among participants. This program will include approximately 5,400 people who will be sent to or from Japan and the Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean in a year. Participants are expected to proactively disseminate information on Japan’s attractions and contribute to promoting sustained attention to Japan. The Europe regional component of this exchange program is called “MIRAI Program”.

<Objectives of Program>

- (1) To promote mutual trust and understanding among the people of Japan and Europe to build a basis for future friendship and cooperation.
- (2) To promote a global understanding of Japan’s economy, society, history, diverse culture, politics and foreign policy.
- (3) To disseminate information on Japan’s attractions through communication devices including SNS

2. Outlines of Program

- (1) Period of the Program: 1st Slot September 8-15, 2016
 2nd Slot December 15-22, 2016
- (2) Total number of the participants:150 students
 1st Slot 70 students
 2nd Slot 80 students
- (3) Program in Japan:
 - To attend lectures on Japanese politics, society, history, and diplomatic relations to gain a deeper understanding of Japan.
 - To visit education and research institutions, high-tech and traditional industries, fine arts and traditional crafts exhibitions, cultural heritage sites, and local government offices. They will interact and exchange ideas with people in these various sites through workshops and other events.
 - To convey information about Japan’s attractions through reporting sessions or Social Network Services after the program.



1) Model schedule of the Program : 1st Slot (September 8-15, 2016) / 2nd Slot December 15-22, 2016

2) ※All dates and schedules are tentative and subject to change.

0		Departure to Japan	
1	AM	Arrival in Japan	
	PM	【Orientation】	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In the orientation, the delegates will understand the aims and goals of this program, raise their awareness as program participants and enhance their motivation. In addition, the delegates will get informed about the safety management and health care in detail.
2	AM	【Visit】 Roppongi Hills Observatory (Tokyo City View) Mori Art Museum / Mori Arts Center Gallery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Mori Arts Center has become the symbol of a new Tokyo cultural center. The art and cultural facilities are spaces for creating culture, art and knowledge. •Tokyo City View is an observation deck on the 52nd floor of the Mori Tower, and is the first open air observation deck in Japan. •Mori Art Museum is the nearest art museum to the sky in the world. •The Mori Arts Center Gallery is an art gallery which holds exhibitions featuring a broad range of genres, from themes familiar to day-to-day life, such as fashion and cinema to historical and famous paintings.
	PM	【Visit】Odaiba 【History/Traditional Culture】Edo-Tokyo Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Odaiba area that opens onto the waterfront offers enjoyment for the whole family throughout the day. The delegates can enjoy having a taste of gourmet food and shopping at the various commercial facilities. •Edo-Tokyo Museum opened its doors as a space to reflect on the history and culture of Edo-Tokyo and envision the city and life of the future. Housed in a unique building modeled after an elevated-floor type warehouse, the museum has been a landmark and popular tourist attraction in Tokyo.
3	AM	Move to Hiroshima prefecture by airplane	
	PM	【Observation of Historical Landmarks】 Story-Telling by Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Survivors and Discussion, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Atomic Bomb Dome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The delegates will understand efforts having taken by Japan for peace over the past 71 years after WWII and the current peace policy through visit to a facility which prays for peace.
4	AM	【Historical landmark / Traditional Culture】 Fushimi Inari Shrine	The delegates will learn the high level technologies used for infrastructure of public transportation, transportation network operation management, safety management, services, and considerations for socially vulnerable people and environment-friendliness, etc.
	PM	【Historical landmark / Traditional Culture】 Byodoin Temple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The delegates will deepen interests toward Japan by experiencing historical and traditional culture.
5	AM	【Regional Industry】 KYOCERA Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Kyocera is a pioneer, developing innovative new technologies to meet their customers' most critical needs. •Kyocera places top priority on the "Customer-First" Principle to ensure that the products and services they provide consistently delight people.
	PM	Move to Tokyo by Shinkansen (bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The delegates will learn the high level technologies used for infrastructure of public transportation, transportation network operation management, safety management, services, and considerations for socially vulnerable people and environment-friendliness, etc.
6	AM	【Intellectual Exchange】Waseda University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The delegates will deepen their understanding of Japan in comparison with the differences from their own countries, through lectures about Japanese politics, economy, society, culture, history, and diplomatic policy of Japan.
	PM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The delegates will conduct intellectual discussion, workshop, and reception, etc. with students of the Japanese university under facilitation by the faculty members and build the future-oriented bond with the students.
7	AM	【Reporting Session】	
	PM	TBD	
8	AM	Return to the delegates' respective countries	
	PM		



2) Coordinators (Escorts)

Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)* shall arrange its own unique expert staffs called as “the Escorts” throughout the program in Japan, from participants’ arrival to departure. These coordinators (escorts) shall carry out a wide range of tasks and duties including supervision, interpretation. They accompany to all the sites where the program is actually implemented and support for the participants in terms of their living and health.

3. Qualifications for Participations

Applicants should meet the entire criteria as follows.

【All Participants】

- (1) Applicants must understand the aims of this program and be capable to disseminate information on Japan’s attractions through communication devices such as including Social Media and/or submitting their writing for publication.
- (2) Applicants do not have experience of residing in Japan for more than six months.
- (3) Applicants have a nationality of the countries below and do not have Japanese nationality.

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan

- (4) After completing the program, applicants must answer the questionnaires which will be delivered three times; at the end of the program, six months later, and a year later.
- (5) Applicants must be in good health conditions.
 - (i.) Applicants are healthy physically and mentally.
 - (ii.) If a participant’s body temperature is 38.0°C (100.4°F) or higher on the day of departure, he/ she cannot depart for Japan and is NOT ELIGIBLE to join in the inbound program in Japan.
- (6) Applicants belong to one of the schools located in the countries above. (the location is not necessarily the same as their nationality)
- (7) Applicants are aged 20 or over.



- (8) Applicants major in politics, law, history, international politics, economics, public policy, cross-regional comparison or other related areas.
- (9) Applicants can communicate with other participants in English without difficulty.
- (10) Applicants must commit to sharing and disseminating their experiences and attraction of Japan after returning to Europe.

4. Necessary Procedure

All of the following documents should be submitted to JICE.

(1) The Application Form and Confirmation for the Participant for MIRAI Program

Fill out the forms with necessary information and answers in either data or PDF.

Sign with the form after confirming at the section of “Declaration” and “Agreement of the Application Guidelines for MIRAI Program ”.

Please make sure to sign the application form and Confirmation for the Participant, not type it in. You may use jpg/png data of your signature as well.

(2) Photocopy of the Applicant’s passport

Submit a photocopy of the photo page of the applicant’s passport.

- * If an applicant do not have a passport that is valid during the period of the program , he/ she must immediately obtain his/ her passport and submit the photocopy of the photo page as soon as it is determined that he/ she is accepted to this program.

(3) Letter of Understanding (Hardcopy)

Each participant is requested to review carefully the conditions described in the “Letter of Understanding before applying to the program.

Submit a photocopy of the document signed by the participant .In addition, JICE will collect hardcopy and submit it upon arrival in Japan.

(4) Photocopy of certification of the Applicant’s latest academic grade

Submit a photocopy of the photo page of the applicant’s latest academic grade.

5. After a notification of selection results to the applicants

(1) Participants’ Handbook

A tentative program in Japan and **Participants’ Handbook for MIRAI Program** developed by JICE will be provided to the participants.

The Participants’ Handbook contains information about the outline of the Project, travel information, travel tips on how to stay in Japan, and so on. The participants are highly



requested to read the handbook carefully so that they can sufficiently prepare for the participation in the program.

(2) Arrival Orientation in Japan

After the participants' arrival in Japan, JICE will hold an orientation to explain below;

- 1) Outline of MIRAI Program
- 2) Schedule in Japan,
- 3) Introduction to Japan; its life and customs, and
- 4) Others

6. Terms and Conditions

(1) The following arrangements and expenses are covered by the program

- Round trip international air tickets from/to Europe, to/from Japan by Economy class
 - * Excess baggage charge will be paid at one's own expense.
- Overseas travel accident insurance
 - * Please note that chronic diseases, dental diseases and pregnancy diagnosed by a Japanese medical doctor and cases disapproved by the insurance company will NOT be covered by insurance. Individuals will be liable for such costs.
- Accommodation in Japan
- Transportation in Japan
- Meals in Japan
- Admission fees for scheduled activities in Japan
- * No cash allowance is provided to participants.
- * Participants are expected to cover personal expenses, such as passport fees, fees for vaccination, excess baggage charge, travel expenses between their home and departure port, fees for accommodation and meals in Europe.

(2) Cancellation fee

Please be noted that a participant is fully responsible for costs associated with cancellation initiated by the participant due to any other than a medical or personal emergency, once accepted his/her application and arranged the flight and accommodation.

(3) The following is not permitted.

- ✓ To remain in Japan after the program;
- ✓ To change the flight designated by the program;
- ✓ To change accommodation designated by the program;
- ✓ To be accompanied by someone; or



- ✓ To travel to the third countries on the way to Japan or back to participant's country.

(4) Condition in Japan

- All the participants have to attend all the programs planned by JICE and they need to follow the rules/guidelines made by JICE.
- Participants that cause hindrance to the program may be dismissed and is responsible for leaving Japan at their own expense.
- JICE will try to prepare the followings when necessary for religious reasons, however, they may not be always provided depending on situations.
 - * time and place for prayers
 - * meals suitable for food restriction for religious reasons

(5) Photos Taken During the Program

The participants must agree to grant permission to JICE and organizations participating in the program the right to use his/her voice and likeness in any writings, photographs, films, and recordings collected during his/her participation in MIRAI Program. The participant authorizes the publication of, for all purposes, the participant's name, his/her pictures in film or electronic (video) form, sound and video recordings of his/her voice, and printed and electronic copy of the information described above in any and all media including, without limitation, cable and broadcast television and the internet, and for promotion, advertising, meetings, educational conferences and in brochures and other print media. This permission extends to all languages, media, formats now known or hereafter devised. This permission shall continue forever unless the participant revokes the permission in writing.

(6) Respect for Japanese Law and Regulations

During the stay in Japan, participants must respect the laws and regulations of Japan, and offenders are subject to penalties under the Japanese law. Any dispute arising out of the application and admission of, or relating to, this program between the participants and The Japanese Government or JICE should be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of Japan, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws, and should be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the applicable courts in Japan.

(7) The attribution of responsibility during the program

All participants are agreeing to release JICE (including its employees and agents) of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses (collectively,



"Claims") arising from or relating to a participant's participation in MIRAI Program; provided, however, that this release shall not apply to any Claims related to or arising from JICE's gross negligence, bad faith or wilful misconduct. Finally, all participants should agree to indemnify JICE (including its employees and agents), and hold it harmless, of and from any and all Claims arising from or relating to their breach of the terms and conditions of this Application Guideline.

(8) Post-Return Activities and Questionnaires (Obligation) program

All participants are required to share their experiences/ knowledge acquired on the visit to Japan with friends, family, people in local community, and etc. in order to disseminate the current/ accurate situation in Japan, and report their activities to the Embassy of Japan in their country.

Each participant must submit questionnaires on his/ her experience/ impression on the visit to Japan before and after returning to their countries.

7. Handling of Personal Information

Personal information collected under MIRAI Program shall be treated in compliance with Personal Information Protection Law. JICE ensures the appropriate handling of personal information.

JICE may provide personal information to travel agencies, publishers, cooperation organization, schools, host families, and so on in order to operate and report the program by means of post, fax or E-mail, and to send new information of JICE project. Personal information will not be used for any other purposes than operating and reporting the program, and sending new information of JICE project.

The disclosure of personal information to JICE is at the sole discretion of the participants. If they don't agree this, it might cause some difficulties in the operation of the program and they are requested to understand and give the consent to the provision of personal information.

*** Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)**

JICE is implementing agencies of MIRAI Program, which has undertaken all the necessary arrangements for this program, such as travel procedures and the whole schedule of events in Japan.