

## KAKEHASHI Project: Japan-U.S. Youth Exchange Project (Group 9)

### 356 Japanese Youth to head for the U.S. on March 19, 2015, to present their regional charms and Cool Japan

The Japan Foundation carries out the KAKEHASHI Project - The Bridge for Tomorrow - as a part of the Youth Exchange Program with North America promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA). In March 2015, a total of 356 junior high and high school students selected throughout Japan will be dispatched to various locations in the United States.

For two years from 2013, the KAKEHASHI Project has given and will give 4,600 Japanese and U.S. students and young people the opportunity to go to the United States or come to visit Japan. The ninth group of Japanese students will be off to the U.S. for 10 days. During the stay, they will have opportunities to make presentations on the strength and beauty of Japan as well as Cool Japan. They will also experience school exchange and homestay to deepen their understanding of the U.S.

#### ■ March 2015 Program: Dispatching a total of 356 Japanese high school students to the U.S.

<b>&lt;Duration of Stay&gt;</b>	Thursday, March 19-Saturday, March 28
<b>&lt;Participating Schools&gt;</b>	Ehime University Senior High School ( <b>Ehime</b> ), Haguro High School ( <b>Yamagata</b> ), Hakuba High School ( <b>Nagano</b> ), Igusa High School ( <b>Tokyo</b> ), Iwaki Student Council President Summit ( <b>Fukushima</b> ), Kanagawa Sohgo High School ( <b>Kanagawa</b> ), Kodaira High School ( <b>Tokyo</b> ), Kokusai High School ( <b>Tokyo</b> ), Minami-Uonuma City Board of Education ( <b>Niigata</b> ), Mita Senior High School ( <b>Tokyo</b> ), Mojigakuen Senior High School ( <b>Fukuoka</b> ), NPO Jidai no Souzou Koubo ( <b>Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima</b> ), Ome Sogo High School ( <b>Tokyo</b> ), Omiya Nishi High School ( <b>Saitama</b> ), Seido Mikawadai School for Boys. ( <b>Nagasaki</b> ), Shimizu Higashi High School ( <b>Shizuoka</b> ), Shokei Gakuin Senior High School ( <b>Miyagi</b> ), Suginami Sogo High School ( <b>Tokyo</b> ), Tachikawa Kokusai Secondary Education School ( <b>Tokyo</b> ), Takamatsu High School ( <b>Kagawa</b> ), Takefu Higashi Senior High School ( <b>Fukui</b> ), Yuhigaoka High School ( <b>Osaka</b> ),
<b>&lt;Destination&gt;</b>	Seattle, WA (March 19-22), Arizona/ California/ Georgia/ Iowa/ Michigan/ Minnesota/ New Jersey/ New York/ Pennsylvania/ Vermont/ Washington/ Wisconsin (March 23-25) and San Francisco, CA (March 26-28)

The KAKEHASHI Project has so far invited a total of 2,241 students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities and young researchers from the U.S., while a total of 1,968 Japanese students of Junior High Schools, High Schools, and Universities and young researchers have been dispatched to the U.S.

Please see our website for the activities, comments on lingering episode, and participants' thoughts on the Project.

<http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/intel/youth/index.html>



Students from Uto Senior High School (Kumamoto) visited Ridge High School, November 2014

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