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174 Japanese Youth to head for various locations in the USA on November 3, 2013, delivering "Charm of Regions" and "Cool Japan" ~ KAKEHASHI Project (The second group of short-term tour)

The Japan Foundation presents the "KAKEHASHI Project – The Bridge for Tomorrow" as part of the Youth Exchange Program with North America promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA). For two years from 2013, KAKEHASHI project has given and will give total 4,600 Japanese and the US students and young people the opportunity to go to the United States and come to visit Japan.



Following the first group of 152 High School Students in October, the second group of total 174 Students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities selected throughout Japan will be off to several communities in the United States for 10 days, each looking for the opportunities such as presentations on the strength and beauty of cultures in the regions and country of Japan in addition to "Cool Japan", and debriefing session, school exchange and homestay program.

■November 2013 Program:

The group of total 174 Junior High School, High School and University Students

Participants: Obihirohakuyou High School (**Hokkaido**), Iwaki Sogo High School (**Fukushima**), Iwaki Student Council President Summit (**Fukushima**), Miyagigakuin Women's University (**Miyagi**), Kobegakuin University (**Hyogo**), The University of Kitakyushu (**Fukuoka**), Kobe University (**Hyogo**)

Duration of Stay: Sunday, November 3–Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Destination: Chicago (November 3–6), The States: Colorado, Indiana, Georgia, California, Kentucky, Ohio, New York (November 7–10), and Denver (Junior High School and High School Students, November 11–12), San Francisco (University Students, November 11–12)



In May, July and September 2013, "KAKEHASHI Project –The Bridge for Tomorrow– (Youth Exchange Program with North America) invited total 922 students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities and young researchers from the US. Please see HP for the activities, comments on lingering episode, in addition to the words of appreciation. <http://www.jpf.go.jp/j/intel/youth/index.html>

Photo: High School students from the United States visited Saga Prefectural Chienkan Senior High School, July 2013

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