

KAKEHASHI Project: Japan-U.S. Youth Exchange Project

19 Japanese American Young Adults, Group 3 October 13 - 23, to visit Fukushima for tracing the history and roots of Japanese immigrants

The Japan Foundation has carried out Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program since May 2014, as part of the KAKEHASHI Project – The Bridge for Tomorrow within the Youth Exchange Program with North America promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA). The Program will invite a total of 100 selected Japanese American university and graduate students from all over the U.S. in three groups on separate schedules, and its third group, consisting of 19 members, will visit Japan for the ten-day tour, starting from October 13.

Participants will learn about the roots of Japanese Americans and their role on Japan-U.S. relations through visiting immigration related facilities and Japanese companies. They will visit Fukushima, a place widely known as home for Japanese Americans, and will experience farming and culinary exchange. They will thus deepen their understanding of Japan's attractiveness through the visit and exchange activities with local schools and residents. For further information, please contact us as indicated below.



■ Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program Group 3

Duration of Stay: Monday, October 13 – Thursday, October 23

Participants: 19 Japanese American young adults studying at universities and graduate schools in the U.S.

Destination: Tokyo, Yokohama, Fukushima

Main Activities:

- School exchange (Japanese drum concert/lesson at Tenei Junior High School, Fukushima; Interacting with students at Miyagi University of Education)
- Interacting with local people (agricultural experience, including rice cutting, rice ball making and rice packaging)

■ About Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

Headquartered in San Francisco, the JACL, the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States, has its branches nationwide and plays a historically significant role for Japanese American societies in the country. The JACL monitors and responds to issues that enhance or threaten the civil and human rights of all Americans, and implements strategies to effect positive social change, particularly to the Asian Pacific American community.

* The Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program is implemented in cooperation with the JACL.

The Japan Foundation KAKEHASHI website <http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/intel/youth/index.html>

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

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