

KAKEHASHI Project: Japan-U.S. Youth Project

150 Japanese youth to head for the U.S. on Nov 5, 2014, to present their regional charms

The Japan Foundation presents 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). For two years from 2013, the KAKEHASHI Project has given and will give 4,600 young people, including Japanese and U.S. students, an opportunity to go to the U.S. or come to visit Japan.



In November 2014, a total of 150 university students, selected throughout Japan, will be dispatched to various locations in the U.S. The sixth group of Japanese students will stay there for 10 days. During the stay, they will interact with U.S. students and visit local companies, to make presentations on diverse culture, traditions and social system of Japan from the viewpoint of students so that people in the U.S. become more interested in Japan. They will also visit an elder care facility and the Japanese communities to deepen their understanding of the U.S.

November 2014 Program:

Dispatching a total of 150 Japanese university students to the U.S.

Participants: Tohoku University (**Miyagi**), Ochanomizu University (**Tokyo**), Hosei University (**Tokyo**), Otsuma Women's University (**Tokyo**), Toyo University (**Tokyo**), Graduate School of Fine Arts and Graduate School of Music, Tokyo University of the Arts (**Tokyo**)

Duration of Stay: Wednesday, November 5 – Saturday, November 15

Destination: **New York, NY** (Nov 5-9), **Arizona/Massachusetts/New York/Alabama/New Jersey/Connecticut** (Nov 9-12) and **Chicago, IL** (Nov12-14)

The KAKEHASHI Project has so far invited a total of 2,208 students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities and young researchers from the U.S., while a total of 1,299 Japanese students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities 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 Chuo University (Tokyo) with students from host school in the U.S., March 2014

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