

KAKEHASHI Project: Japan-U.S. Youth Project Group 8 263 university students head for the U.S. to present Japan's 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 March 2015, a total of 263 university students, selected from all over Japan, will be dispatched to the U.S. During their 10 day trip, the participants will interact with local students and visit companies. They will also make presentations on Japan's charms of their region or strength in their field of expertise, from students' point of view, in order to deepen understanding of Japan in the U.S..

■ March 2015 Program

Dispatching a total of 263 Japanese university students to the U.S.

Duration of Stay: Wednesday, March 4 – Saturday, March 14

University Exchange (Presenting Japanese charms, such as regional culture and nature)

【Participating Institutions】 Osaka City University (**Osaka**), Kyoto Sangyo University (**Kyoto**), Shizuoka University (**Shizuoka**), Hiroshima University (**Hiroshima**), St. Andrew's University (**Osaka**)

Student Creators Exchange (Presenting Cool Japan through students' own works)

【Participating Institutions】 Musashino Art University (**Tokyo**)

Student Scientists

(Presenting science technology of Japan by top performers at Robot Contest of "Colleges of Technology")

【Participating Institutions】 Akashi National College of Technology (**Hyogo**)
Okinawa National College of Technology (**Okinawa**)

TOMODACHI INOUE SCHOLARS (To honor the legacy of Senator Daniel K. Inouye)

【Participating Institutions】 Sophia University (**Tokyo**), Showa Women's University (**Tokyo**), Matsuyama University (**Ehime**), Ritsumeikan University (**Kyoto**)



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.

<Left: Presentation by program participants from Tokyo University of Arts (Tokyo) in the U.S., November 2014>

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

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

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