

Japan-Australia Rising Opinion Leaders Gather in Tokyo JADE Program Study Tour to Japan

The Japan Foundation and the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney (USSC) have been running the Japan-Australia Dialogue and Exchange for Next Generation (JADE) program since last year. The purpose of the JADE Program is to nurture the next generation of policy experts who will support the future relationship between Japan and Australia.

This year, for the second cohort, Australian JADE fellows selected for this program (young scholars and practitioners) will visit Japan from October 27 to October 31.

Over the year, the JADE program has selected researchers and employees of governmental agencies who specialize in Japan-Australia politics and diplomacy. Japanese fellows stay in Australia and Australian fellows stay in Japan, with the aim of fostering people-to-people communication and nurturing researchers through discussions with diplomatic, political, and business leaders, authoring public papers, participating in public events and more.

This year's theme for the JADE program is "The Future of the Free, Open, and Stable International Order." In August 2025, five fellows from Japan visited Australia for one week, participating in the program and holding discussions with leaders in the three cities of Melbourne, Canberra, and Sydney. This time, four fellows from Australia will stay in Tokyo, visit relevant governmental organizations, university research institutions, etc., and hold briefings and discussions on the theme. On the final day, Friday, October 31, the Japanese and Australian fellows will meet in one location, and present their findings.

The delegation will be accompanied by Dr. Michael J. Green, CEO of the USSC and renowned expert in the field of Japan-U.S. relations, diplomacy, and politics, and Prof. Peter Dean, Senior Adviser for Defense Strategy at the USSC.

Australia Program in August 2025



Program title: Japan Australia Dialogue and Exchange for Next Generation (JADE) Study Tour to Japan
Organizers: The United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, The Japan Foundation

Main Schedule:

Monday, October 27–Thursday, October 30:

Discussions with university researchers,
visit to relevant organizations (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), Keio Center for Strategy, etc.)

Friday, October 31, 3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.:

Workshop/ Presentations (Lecture Hall, International House of Japan)

Friday, October 31, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.:

Reception (Kabayama/Matsumoto Room, International House of Japan)

Advisors:

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2nd JADE fellows

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<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/intel/exchange/jfipp/jade/index.html>



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