

KAKEHASHI Project (The third group of short-term tour) 125 Japanese Youth to head for various locations in the USA on January 14, 2014, delivering "Charm of Regions" and "Cool Japan"

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, the 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.



In January 2014, the third group of total 125 high school students 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.

■ January 2014 Program:

Dispatching the group of total 125 Japanese high school and technical college students to the US

Participants: Odate Homei Senior High School (**Akita**), Chiba Municipal Inage Senior High School (**Chiba**), Kobe City College of Technology (**Hyogo**), Higashi Maizuru High School (**Kyoto**), Nishiotokuni Senior High School (**Kyoto**), Izumi High School (**Osaka**)

Duration of Stay: Tuesday, January 14 – Friday, January 24

Destination: Los Angeles (January 14 – 17), Houston (January 18 – 19), and the States/Territory: Colorado, Florida, Minnesota, Guam (January 20 – 23)



In May, July and September 2013, the "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. In the meantime, the Project dispatched total 326 Japanese students of Junior High Schools, High Schools, and Universities to the US in October and November.

Photo: A student from Hachinohe Kodai 2 High School with her host family in the US, November 2013

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