

KAKEHASHI Project (The fourth group of short-term tour) 200 Japanese Youth to head for various locations in the U.S. on March 4, 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). In March 2014, a total of 200 university students selected throughout Japan will be dispatched to various locations in the United States.



For two years from 2013, the KAKEHASHI Project has given and will give 4,600 Japanese and U.S. students and young people the opportunity to go to the United States and come to visit Japan. The fourth group of Japanese students will be off to the U.S. for 10 days, each looking for the opportunities such as presentations on the strength and beauty of cultures in the regions of Japan in addition to "Cool Japan", and debriefing session, company visit and school exchange programs.

This time, the Project will send art university students for the first time, and Japanese young creators will introduce Japan's culture and promote its charms from their unique perspectives.

■March 2014 Program:

Dispatching a total of 200 Japanese undergraduate and graduate university students to the U.S.

Participants: Chuo University (**Tokyo**), Yokohama National University (**Kanagawa**), Chiba University (**Chiba**), University of Tsukuba (**Ibaraki**), Fukushima University (**Fukushima**), University of Fukui (**Fukui**), Tama Art University (**Tokyo**), Graduate School of Film and New Media, Tokyo University of the Arts (**Tokyo**), Bunka Fashion Graduate University (**Tokyo**)*1

Duration of Stay: Tuesday, March 4 – Friday, March 14

Destination: New York (March 4 – 7), and the States/City: Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, Texas, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania (March 8 – 10), Los Angeles (March 11 – 14)

*1 Students of Bunka Fashion Graduate University will be sent from Tuesday, March 18 to Friday, March 28. Destination: Seattle (March 18 – 21) and New York (March 22 – 28)

The "KAKEHASHI Project" has so far invited total 964 students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities and young researchers from the U.S., and has at the same time dispatched total 451 Japanese students of Junior High Schools, High Schools, and Universities to the U.S.



A student from Kobe City College of Technology (Hyogo) with his host family in the U.S., January 2014

Please see our homepage for the activities, comments on lingering episode, and participants' thoughts on the Project. <http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/intel/youth/index.html>

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