

## KAKEHASHI Project (The fifth group of short-term tour)

### 374 Japanese Youth to head for various locations in the U.S. on March 18, 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 374 high school 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 fifth 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, school exchange programs and homestays.

#### ■ March 2014 Program:

##### Dispatching a total of 374 Japanese high school students to the U.S.

Participants: Seiwa Gakuen High School (**Miyagi**), Kanagawa Prefectural Yokohama Senior High School of International Studies (**Kanagawa**), Niigata Prefectural TSUBAME Secondary School (**Niigata**), Nakano Nishi High School (**Nagano**), Nanzan Kokusai Junior & Senior High School (**Aichi**), KAWAGOE High School (**Mie**), Nara Prefectural Sakurai Senior High School (**Nara**), Nara Prefectural Takatori Kokusai High School (**Nara**), Shingu High School (**Wakayama**), Kure National College of Technology (**Hiroshima**), Shimonoseki Minami High School (**Yamaguchi**), Karyo Senior High School (**Yamaguchi**), CHIENKAN Senior High School (**Saga**), Kagoshima Gyokuryu High School (**Kagoshima**), NPO jidai no Souzou Koubo (**Tokyo**), Gojin (**Fukushima**), Hand in Hand (**Tokyo**)

Duration of Stay: Tuesday, March 18 – Friday, March 28

Destination: Seattle (March 18 – 21), and the States/Cities: Maine, Maryland, California, Utah, Nevada, Virginia, Kansas, Washington, Washington, D.C., Illinois, New Jersey, Georgia, Florida (March 22 – 24), Atlanta (March 25 – 27)

The "KAKEHASHI Project" has so far invited total 1,000 students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities and young researchers from the U.S., and has at the same time dispatched total 624 Japanese students of Junior High Schools, High Schools, and Universities to the U.S.



A student from Hachinohe Kodai2 High School (Aomori) with her host family in the U.S., November 2013

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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