

KAKEHASHI Project: Dispatch Emerging Researchers Group 1 14 Japanese Researchers to visit Washington D.C. to hold policy dialogue

The Japan Foundation has carried out the "KAKEHASHI Project – The Bridge for Tomorrow -" as the part of the Youth Exchange Program with North America, promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA). This program is to dispatch young researchers, who will assume a key role in Japan-U.S. intellectual exchange of the future, to the U.S.



With the cooperation of US-Japan Research Institute (USJI), a Washington D.C. based think tank jointly set up and run by eight Japanese universities, and Institute of Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) that conducts practical policy researches with the aim of realization of sustainable development, the Program will provide 14 emerging researchers the opportunity to visit the U.S, as the first group.

The participants are scheduled to stay in the U.S. for 10 days and exchange opinions with emerging researchers and policy makers of U.S. think tank in Washington D.C. and other cities, where U.S. policy related activities are carried out. They are also to visit leading companies and institutions of the U.S., and an NGO that assists in disaster recovery, to improve understanding of the U.S. and consider the future of Japan-U.S. relations.

The Japan Foundation would be grateful if you could cover this interaction of the emerging researchers and those who carry similar tasks in the U.S.

Emerging Researchers Dispatch Program Group 1

Duration of Stay: Sunday, September 7 – Wednesday, September 17

***Orientation is to be held in Tokyo on Friday, September 5.**

Participants/Institutions

Y **12 researchers and a supervising teacher from USJI member universities:**

Kyushu University, Kyoto University, Keio University, Tsukuba University, The University of Tokyo, Doshisha University, Ritsumeikan University and Waseda University

Y **2 researchers from IGES**

This project will continue to dispatch Group 2 in October and Group 3 in November, aimed at exchanges of emerging researchers beyond their area of expertise.

The Japan Foundation KAKEHASHI website <http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/intel/youth/index.html>

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

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