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152 Japanese High School Students to head for various locations in the USA, delivering "Charm of Regions" and "Cool Japan" ~KAKEHASHI Project

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, 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.



As part of the project, selected group of total 152 High School students throughout Japan will go to several communities in the United States for 10 days in October, 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 the participation in debriefing session, school exchange and homestay program.

The program to send the other 175 students of Junior High Schools, High Schools and Universities to the United States at the beginning of November is now in preparation.

■ The Program in October 2013: Total 152 Japanese Students will go to the United States.

- Participants: Hachinohe Kodai 2 High School (Aomori), Hanamaki Agricultural High School (Iwate), Aso Senior High School/Hitachi-Kita High School (Ibaraki), Chosei Senior High School (Chiba), Ogaki Kita Senior High School (Gifu), Nishio High school (Aichi)
- Duration of Stay: Sunday, October 27 – Tuesday, November 5, 2013
- Destination: Washington, D.C. (October 27–30, 2013), The States: Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Rhode Island, New York (October 31–November 3, 2013). Nashville, Tennessee (November 4–5, 2013)



In May, July and September 2013, "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 United States. Please see HP for the activities and comments on lingering episode, in addition to the words of appreciation. <http://www.jpff.go.jp/j/intel/youth/index.html>

Photo: High School students from the United States visited Akita Prefectural Odate Homei Senior High School, July 2013

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