

## Japan's Friendship Ties Programs (Overview)

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### 1. Objectives:

This program is intended to promote people-to-people exchanges between Japan and the various nations of the Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and to encourage an understanding of Japan's politics, society, history, and diplomatic relations among participants.

### 2. Programs:

This program will include approximately 5,700 people who will be sent to or from Japan and the Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

#### (1) INBOUND program (from the Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean)

Participants: high school students, college students, graduate students and professional individuals

Number of participants: approximately 4,800

Duration: approximately 10 days

- Content:
- 1) To attend lectures on Japanese politics, society, history, and diplomatic relations to gain a deeper understanding of Japan.
  - 2) To visit education and research institutions, high-tech and traditional industries, fine arts and traditional crafts exhibitions, cultural heritage sites, and local government offices. They will interact and exchange ideas with people in these various sites through workshops and other events.
  - 3) To participate in homestays / Home-visits with Japanese families, and visits to many parts of Japan that include various types of traditional performing arts and public entertainment events.
  - 4) To convey information about Japan's attractions through reporting sessions or Social Network Services after the program.

#### (2) OUTBOUND program (to the Asia-Pacific and North America)

Participants: High school students, college students and graduate school students

Number of participants: approximately 900

Duration: approximately 10 days

- Content:
- 1) To convey information about Japanese politics, society, history, and diplomatic relations in order to promote an improved understanding of Japan.
  - 2) To participate in visits and observation tours of education and research institutions, community development project sites supported by Japanese Overseas Development Assistance, as well as businesses run by those of Japanese heritage. The participants can interact and exchange ideas with people in these various sites through workshops and other events.
  - 3) To attend experience-based programs such as homestay and traditional performing arts.