

JAPAN'S FRIENDSHIP TIES PROGRAM “MIRAI”

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1. Overview

- Japan's Friendship Ties Program “MIRAI” (Mutual-understanding, Intellectual Relations and Academic Exchange Initiative) invites groups of promising young leaders who are expected to play an active role in international society and provides opportunity to have intellectual exchanges with Japanese students of the same generations and scholars.
- The program aims to deepen participants' understanding of Japan and its policy, to promote mutual understandings and thus build a basis for future friendship and cooperation between Japan and their regions.
- All participants are expected to share and disseminate their experiences and charms of Japan proactively through SNS and other media during / after the visit.



2. Program

- Participants : Graduate / Undergraduate Students, Young Professionals
- Participating Countries : Europe, Central Asia & Caucasus region
- Duration : About 1 week for each group
- Number of Participants (JFY 2020) : 127 (TBD)
- Total Number of Participants (since 2015) : 819



3.Itinerary (model)



Itinerary includes 7 nights consisting of 5 nights in Tokyo and 2 nights in other cities.

	AM	PM	Place of stay
Day 1	Departing each country		In flight
Day 2	Arrival	Orientation	Tokyo
Day 3	Activities in Tokyo		
Day 4	Activities in province (e.g. Hiroshima, Kyoto)		
Day 5			
Day 6			
Day 7	Activities in Tokyo		Tokyo
Day 8	Report / De-briefing		
Day 9	Departing Japan		

■ Activities in Tokyo

- Lectures on Japan and its major policies
- Discussions with Japanese young students / researchers at universities / think-tanks
- Visiting historical sites
- Learning cutting-edge technologies

■ Programs in province

- Visiting local industries
- Hands-on experiences on traditional culture
- Homestay

■ Reports and De-briefing of the visit

- Courtesy call on senior ranking officials of MOFA
- Presentations on the outcome by participants
- Follow-up discussions among participants
- Farewell Party etc

