

# KAKEHASHI Project Japan's Friendship Ties Program (USA) Young Japanese Americans Batch No.3 Program Report

#### 1. Program Overview

Under "Japan's Friendship Ties Program", 56 young Japanese American, university and graduate school students from United States visited Japan. During the 8 days program from March 15th to March 22nd, 2015, the participants studied the Japanese government, society, history, foreign policy, culture and much more. The participants aim to promote Japan through mediums such as SNS.

## 2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

USA (56 Participants)

#### 3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo, Kanagawa and Ishikawa

## 4. Program Schedule

March 15 (Tue) Arrival at Narita International Airport and Haneda International

Airport

March 16 (Wed) Orientation

[Lecture on Japan] Cabinet Office

[Observation] Japanese Overseas Migration Museum

March 17 (Thu) Move to Ishikawa

[School Exchange] Kanazawa University

[Observation of Historical Architecture] Kanazawa Castle

Park

March 18 (Fri) [Observation of Historical Architecture]

Hiyo Shrine, Nata Temple

[Courtesy Call] Komatsu City Hall

[Local Industry/Experience Traditional Culture]

Nomura Agriculture Inc.

[Meeting with Host Family] Seinan Gakuin University

March 19 (Sat) [Homestay]

March 20 (Sun) [Farewell Party with Host Family] [Workshop]

March 21 (Mon) Move to Tokyo

[Reporting Session] [Lecture] IBM Japan

## 5. Program Photos





3/16 【Lecture on Japan】 Cabinet Office (Tokyo)

3/16 [Observation] Japanese Overseas Migration Museum (Yokohama City)



3/17 [Observation of Historical Architecture]
Kanazawa Castle Park (Kanazawa City)



3/17 [School Exchange] Kanazawa University (Kanazawa City)



3/18 【Courtesy Call】 Komatsu City Hall (Komatsu City)



3/18 【Local Industry/Experience Traditional Culture】 Nomura Agriculture Inc.(Komatsu City)



3/18 [Observation of Historical Architecture]
Nata Temple (Komatsu City)



3/18 【Local Industry/Experience Traditional Culture】 Nomura Agriculture Inc.(Komatsu City)



3/20 **[**Farewell Party with Host Family**]** (Komatsu City)



3/21 【Reporting Session】 (Tokyo)

#### 6. Voice from Participants

## **♦** U.S.A, University Student

Everyone was so generous and made sure they went out of their way to ensure we had a nice time in Japan. I also really appreciated the seminars to learn more about how their work force & ideas of women in the work place were different from my perceptions. I would really like to share this wonderful experience with the Japanese American Community. Even though we are exposed to some Japanese culture there is so much that we really do not know about how Japan runs and operates.

#### ♦ U.S.A, University Student

I really enjoyed visiting the temples and learning about the history and culture. I would like to share the kind nature of each and every Japanese person that I have met. It is much different than the culture in most parts of the united states. I hope to contribute to the progression of the development between the united states and Japan.

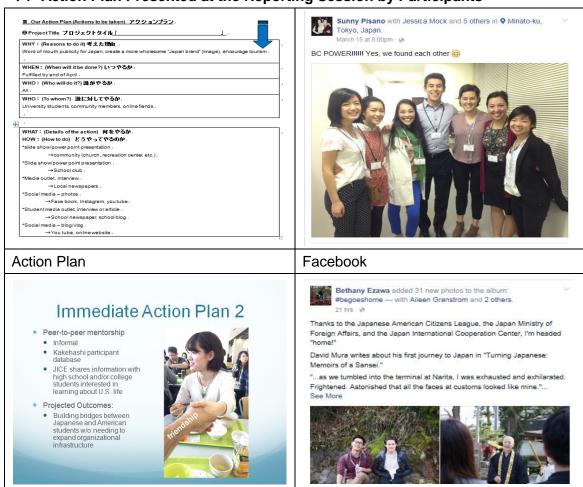
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The social culture of the Japanese people is something that America can learn from. Everyone in Japan has such a sincere respect for others. This can be seen through their hospitability, their politeness, and their considerations for others. Another aspect of Japan that I'd like to share is the sheer beauty of the country. Among non-Japanese Americans, Japan is viewed as a society with advanced technology, anime, and people with impressive work ethics. However the very beauty of the country is underrated.

#### ◆ U.S.A, University Student

During my stay in Japan I found myself most impressed with the culture of Komatsu. I have been to Japan before but this was my first experience in the Komatsu City. Because it is neighbors with a popular city, Kanazawa, I was told that they are often overlooked and don't have much contact with people outside of Japan. But on the contrary to its lack of tourism, this city is filled with culture and beauty. During my time with my homestay family, I was able to partake in numerous activities as; kendo, tea ceremony, calligraphy, chopstick and handkerchief making, wearing a kimono. Making OKONOMIYAKI and visiting a shrine. If I had a homestay in California I would not be able to take them to much cultural activities. I would also like to share my culture shock to people back home.

## 7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants



Action Plan Facebook