



KAKEHASHI Project Inbound program (Canada, High school students) Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 25 Canadian high-school students who are interested in Japanese culture visited Japan. During the 8 days program from October 9 to October 16, 2015, the participants studied Japanese culture, society, history and foreign policy, and much more.

2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

Canada: 25 participants

3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo and Fukuoka

4. Program Schedule

October 9 (Fri)

Arrival at Narita International Airport

October 10(Sat)

Program Orientation

【Lecture】 “Japan’s Foreign Policy” by the North American Affairs Bureau, MOFA

Move to Fukuoka

October 11 (Sun)

【History/Traditional Culture】 Dazaifutenmangu Shrine,

【Traditional Culture Experience】 Wooden Bullfinch Carving

【Homestay】 Meeting the Hostfamilies

October 12 (Mon)

【Homestay】 Homestay and Farewell Party

October 13 (Tue)

【Courtesy Call】 Fukuoka City

【Traditional Culture Experience】 Ohori Park Noh Center, Noh Dance Experience

【School Exchange】 Fukuoka Prefectural Fukuoka High School

October 14 (Wed)

Workshop

Move to Tokyo

October 15 (Thu)

【Observation】 Embassy of Canada to Japan

Reporting Session

【History/Traditional Culture】 Sensouji-Temple

October 16 (Fri)

【Observation】 Harajuku, Meiji Jingu Shrine

Departure from Narita International Airport

5. Program Photos



10/10 Program Orientation (Tokyo)



10/11【Culture Experience】Wooden Bullfinch Carving (Fukuoka)



10/13 【Culture Experience】 Noh Dance (Fukuoka)



10/13 【School Exchange】 Fukuoka High-school (Fukuoka)

	
<p>10/15 【Observation】 Embassy of Canada to Japan (Tokyo)</p>	<p>10/15 Reporting Session (Tokyo)</p>
	
<p>10/15 【History/Traditional Culture】 Sensouji-Temple (Tokyo)</p>	<p>10/16 【History/Traditional Culture】 Harajuku, Meiji Jingu Shrine (Tokyo)</p>

6. Voice from Participants

Canada, High-school student

Every here is incredibly nice. The students during the school visit and homestay were very kind and sociable I was also impressed by their discipline. The presentations, workshops and conferences we attended were very well organized and sophisticated. I'll probably share the stay of my homestay and the school visit the most. We were treated by royalty by the students at the school-their warm-heartedness and understanding for our poor Japanese was awesome! It, in my opinion, was the best part of the project. Another thing I enjoyed was learning about Japanese culture. Dazaifutenmangu and the Noh dance were very culturally enlightening and fun ! I have a newly founded respect for Noh dancers, having learned of their trials on stage. It was also interesting to pray to the Japanese Gods. As I am a different kind of Buddhist, observing the different customs was very interesting.

Canada, High-school student

One thing what impressed me was the homestay with a student from Fukuoka high school. I got to experience and learn a lot about Japanese culture and Japanese society. During my stay I was able to try many different kinds of Japanese food. I learned that many foods can be fermented and used in cooking. I also learned that it is very common to drink tea after or during every meal. Every in Japan is very polite and as a very happy and energetic atmosphere, especially at school. I learned about many of the clubs that we offered in Japanese high school but not in Canadian school. The experience was very interesting and I will definitely share it with my friends and family whether it be social media or verbally.

Canada, High-school student

What impressed me most was societal conduct of Japan, as every Japanese person I interacted with was kind and very helpful. I was greeted with smiles and the dedication of the Japanese. At the school, I was impressed and amazed at how hard-working all the students were- their cheer performance was incredible and you could tell it was well rehearsed. However this dedication is not found just in Japanese students, but throughout Fukuoka and I'd think the rest of Japan. One of the first things I noticed upon my arrival to Japan was how clean and efficient everything is. Streets aren't covered in a litter but spick an'span. Japanese homes are smaller but the interior design is beautiful and efficiently made. During my homestay, my host family was very kind to me. Despite my struggle to speak Japanese, they were patient and aided me. That night, perhaps, was the best I had slept. Futons are surprisingly comfortable. Overall, my stay in Japan was an incredible experience, I' ll be sure to share my homestay experience, my visit to Fukuoka high school and the beautiful shrines and greenery. Also can't forget about the food.

7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants



Reporting by Skit



Reporting by Interview



Kakehashi Dance

Plan: Japanese Club

A group to discuss Japan and improve our Japanese speaking skills. Anyone can join, including the participants of Kakehashi. The group will apply to make a club at Harry Ainlay High, advertise the club, and organize meetings to spread our knowledge.

Action Plan



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