



**Japan's Friendship Ties Program (Canada)**  
**KAKEHASHI Project**  
**Program for Young Leaders**  
**Program Report**

## **1. Program Overview**

Under the “KAKEHASHI Project” of Japan's Friendship Ties Program, 9 participants from the Canada visited Japan from February 4 to February 11, 2018 to participate in the program aimed at promoting their understanding of Japan with regard to Japanese politics, economy, society, culture, history, and foreign policy. Through lectures by ministries, visiting historical sites and meeting with various institutions, the participants enjoyed a wide range of opportunities to improve their understanding of Japan.

### **【Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants】**

Canada: 9 participants

### **【Prefectures Visited】**

Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto

## **2. Program Schedule**

February 04 (Sun)	Arrival
February 05 (Mon)	<b>【Orientation】</b> <b>【Lecture】</b> Ministry of Foreign Affairs <b>【Observation】</b> National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation “Miraikan”
February 06 (Tue)	<b>【Observation】</b> Tsukiji Market <b>【Observation】</b> Meiji Jingu Shrine, Harajuku, Akihabara
February 07 (Wed)	Move to Osaka <b>【Lecture】</b> Sakai city <b>【Courtesy Call】</b> Mayor of Sakai city <b>【Cultural Experience】</b> Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko, Tea Ceremony
February 08 (Thu)	<b>【Observation】</b> Enami Blade Factory <b>【Observation】</b> Sakai City Traditional Crafts Museum <b>【Observation】</b> Nintoku-ryo Tumulus <b>【Observation】</b> Sakai City Museum <b>【Observation】</b> Dotonbori
February 09 (Fri)	Move to Kyoto <b>【Observation】</b> Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum <b>【Observation】</b> Fushimi Inari Taisha <b>【Cultural Experience】</b> Kodaiji Temple, Zazen Experience

【Observation】 Kiyomizu area

February 10 (Sat) Move to Tokyo

February 11 (Sun) 【Observation】 Naritasan Shinshoji Temple

Departure

### 3. Program Photos



2/5 【Lecture】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs



2/7 【Courtesy Call】 Mayor of Sakai city



2/8 【Observation】 Enami Blade Factory



2/9 【Observation】 Fushimi Inari Taisha



2/6 【Observation】 Meiji Jingu Shrine



2/7 【Cultural Experience】 Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko, Tea Ceremony



2/8 【Observation】 Nintoku-ryo Tumulus





2/9 【Cultural Experience】 Kodaiji Temple, Zazen Experience

#### 4. Voice from Participants

- ◆ I enjoyed meeting the government officials especially the municipal leaders and learning about how their traditional economy works. (Sakai). I have learned that Japan is a place full of opportunity and friendship. During the remainder of my working career I will remember this and encourage increased cooperation and economic ties.
  
- ◆ I found the cultural and religious programming to be the most impactful to me because those aspects are impossible to experience remotely. You must be right in these places and with these people. I think having more time at these locations would have been great.

#### 5. Dissemination by the participants

 <p>Modeste Mckenzie added 9 new photos. ... February 6 at 7:52pm · 🌐</p> <p>#Japan is amazing. Went and visited a fish market this morning, there is a photo of my second breakfast, a shrine we visited today, fashion shopping districts, and a picture I took on our walk to get supper. #Kakehashi</p> <p>Angnatok E Lillian and 89 others 9 Comments 1 Share</p> <p>Like Comment Share</p> <p>Keith Linda Goulet</p>	 <p>5,300 ツイート 1,477 フォロワー 1,548 フォロワー 7,709 いいね 1 リスト</p> <p>((Brianna Ames))) @briames · 9時間 Today we met Enami Tadashi in Sakai City and he showed us how he forges his knives. Incredible experience! #kakehashi #Canada #Japan #JICE 🇨🇦 🇯🇵</p> <p>Dan Maderさんと Danya Veredさん</p>
<p>About Japan (Facebook)</p> <p>Japan is amazing. Went and visited a fish market this morning, there is a photo of my second breakfast, a shrine we visited today, fashion shopping districts, and a picture I took on our walk to get supper.</p>	<p>About the program in Sakai city 発信 (Instagram)</p> <p>Today we met Enami Tadashi in Sakai City and he showed us how he forges his knives.</p> <p>Incredible experience.</p>