

# KAKEHASHI Project (Canada) Inbound program for Young Leaders Program Report

#### 1. Program Overview

Under the "KAKEHASHI Project" of Japan's Friendship Ties Program, 9 participants from Canada visited Japan from November 17 to November 24, 2019 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 the lectures, observations and interactions with Japanese people etc., 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, Hiroshima

#### 2. Program Schedule

11/17(Sun)	[Arrival]
11/18(Mon)	[Orientation]
	【Observation】Meiji Jingu Shrine
	【Lecture】The North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	【Observation】Kabukiza Gallery, Ginza
11/19(Tue)	【Observation】Fujitsu netCommunity
	【Observation】The National Diet Building
11/20(Wed)	【Observation】Senso-ji Temple, Nakamise
	【Cultural Experience】Tea Ceremony (Chadogu Kaki Kakinuma)
	【Opinion Exchange】 Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) Committee
	on Canada
	Move to Hiroshima from Tokyo
11/21(Thu)	【Courtesy Call】Hiroshima Prefecture
	【Opinion Exchange】The Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	【Observation】Chugoku Jozo Co., Ltd.
	【Observation】Hiroshima Yokagura (sacred music and dance)
11/22(Fri)	【Observation】 Mazda Museum
	【Observation】Miyajima, Itsukushima Shrine

11/23(Sat)	【Observation】 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial
	Museum, Testimony of Atomic Bomb survivor
	Move to Tokyo from Hiroshima
11/24 (Sun)	【Individual observation】
	[Departure]

## 3. Program Photos



11/18 **[**Lecture**]** The North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



11/19 [Observation]
The National Diet Building



11/20【Cultural Experience】Tea Ceremony (Chadogu Kaki Kakinuma)



11/21 【Courtesy Call】 Hiroshima Prefecture



11/21 【Observation】 Chugoku Jozo Co., Ltd.

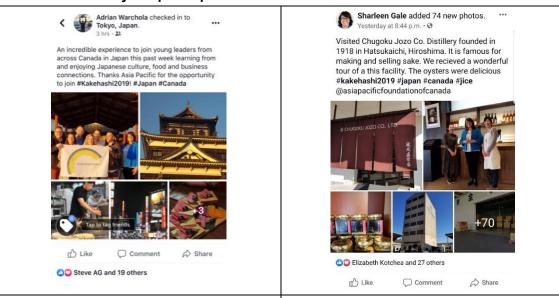


11/23 【Lecture】
Testimony of Atomic Bomb survivor

#### 4. Voice from Participants (abstract)

- ◆ The meeting with the Vice Governor as well as the atomic dome were the most impressive. The netCommunity exchange with Fujitsu was also rewarding.
- ◆ The most significant impression is how sincerely kind and proud the Japanese people are of their culture, rich traditions, delicious food and innovative technological advancements. This has been eye-opening and impressive to experience and I look forward to continuing to be a bridge between Canada and Japan in the future.
- ◆ All programs were fantastic and brought an important view to light. The business meetings were especially useful to understand how Japanese companies operate.

#### 5. Dissemination by the participants



About the Kakehashi Project (Facebook)
An incredible experience to join young leaders from across Canada in Japan this past week learning from and enjoying Japanese culture, food and business connections.

About the observation (Facebook)
Visited Chugoku Jyozo Co. Distillery
founded in Hatsukaichi in 1918, Hiroshima.
It is famous for making and selling sake. We
received a wonderful tour of this facility. The
oysters were delicious.