



KAKEHASHI Project (Canada)

Inbound program for Asian Canadian Leadership

Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under the “KAKEHASHI Project” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 4 participants from Canada visited Japan from November 10 to November 17, 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: 4 participants

【Prefectures Visited】

Tokyo, Ishikawa

2. Program Schedule

11/10(Sun)	【Arrival】
11/11(Mon)	【Observation】 Fujitsu netCommunity 【Lecture】 Regional Policy Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11/12(Tue)	【Courtesy Call】 Ms. OMI Asako, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs 【Observation】 Diet Building (House of Representatives)
11/13(Wed)	【Observation】 Asakusa Sensoji, Nakamise 【Observation】 Edo-Tokyo Museum 【Observation】 Tokyo Stock Exchange
11/14(Thu)	Move to Ishikawa from Tokyo 【Courtesy Call / Lecture】 Ishikawa Prefectural Government "Ishikawa Overview" "Relationship with Canada" 【Observation】 Kenroku-en Garden/Kanazawa Castle
11/15(Fri)	【Observation】 Komatsu Matere Co.,Ltd. 【Observation】 Natadera Temple
11/16(Sat)	【Observation】 Higashi-Chayagai 【Cultural Experience】 Tea Ceremony 【Cultural Experience】 Hands-on gold leaf experience

	Move to Tokyo from Ishikawa
11/17(Sun)	【Observation】 Imperial Palace, Nijyu-bashi Bridge 【Observation】 Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Observation Decks 【Observation】 Meiji Jingu Shrine, Harajuku 【Departure】

3. Program Photos



11/11 **【Observation】**
Fujitsu netCommunity



11/12 **【Courtesy Call】** Ms. OMI Asako
Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign
Affairs



11/12 **【Observation】**
Diet Building (House of Representatives)



11/13 **【Observation】**
Tokyo Stock Exchange



11/15 **【Observation】** Natadera Temple



11/16 **【Observation】** Higashi-Chayagai

4. Voice from Participants

◆The sincere and warm hospitality of every venue and host. Extremely Clean and Well Organized.

◆Kanazawa area was impressive. I felt the past and the future coexisting, and the handicrafts were exquisite and beautiful in color. The impressive keeping of tradition and heritage sites. I believe this to be pivotal for the education of the next generation Japanese.

◆I was impressed with how beautiful and well-maintained Kenroku garden and Natadera temple was. It let us know how important Japanese care and respect the traditional culture and nature. I was most impressed with a 70-year-old couple we met who ran a small sushi shop in the sea food market; they have been married for 50 years and working together for 45 years in a small kitchen. They were a very happy couple and showed great hospitality to us. At the end, they even gave us wasabi as a gift to welcome our visit to Japan: it was a wonderful memory.