



KAKEHASHI Project (United States/Canada) Online Alumni Meeting (Quiz Match & Trivia Night) Follow-up Project Report

1. Program Overview

【Objectives and Overview】

This online program aimed to provide past KAKEHASHI Project participants (alumni) with an opportunity to take part in a quiz competition themed around Japanese history, pop culture, and general knowledge. The program was designed to deepen their understanding of Japan across a wide range of fields, while also maintaining and strengthening connections among participants from Japan, the United States, and Canada. As a follow-up program, it further sought to sustain and enhance participants' interest in Japan, encourage interaction among alumni, and reinforce the overall alumni network.

【Participants】

Total: 15 participants from the U.S. and Canada (KAKEHASHI Project alumni from up to FY2025)

(Breakdown) 14 participants from the U.S. (1 high school student, 2 undergraduate/graduate students,
11 working youths)

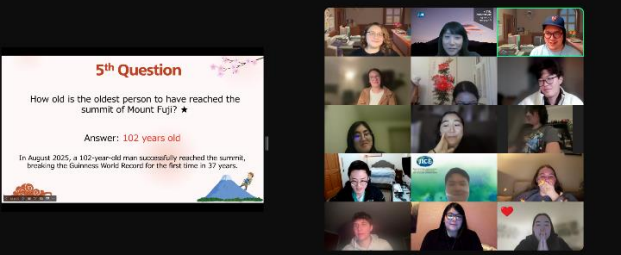
1 participant from Canada (1 undergraduate student)

【Schedule】

■ Online Alumni Meeting Program: March 4 (Wed), 2026

1. Opening Remarks
2. 【Icebreaker】 Self-introduction
3. Rules and Procedures
4. Quiz (3 rounds in total, each round consisted of seven questions, for a total of 21 questions. After each set of questions was presented, participants moved into breakout rooms for a 10-minute discussion, followed by reviewing the answers together in the main room.)
 - 1st Round Theme: "History"
 - 2nd Round Theme: "Pop culture"
 - 3rd Round Theme: "General knowledge"
5. Result Announcement
6. Commemorative Photo
7. Information for Participants, Closing Remarks

2. Program Photos

	
【Icebreaker session】	【Quiz】 Answer review in the main room
	
【Result Announcement】	【Commemorative photo】

4. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

◆ Working Youth (U.S.)

I found this event to be the most fun and interactive activity that I have participated in as an alumni. I learned a lot of information about Japan as well. Finally, it was a well-organized and well-run event.

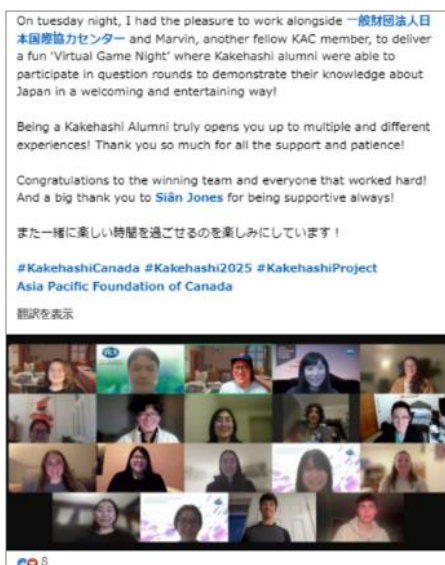
◆ Working Youth (U.S.)

I had a great time meeting other participants from other KAKEHASHI programs.

◆ High School Student (U.S.)

It's a good program that has taught us more about Japanese culture.

6. Disseminations by the Participants (excerpt)



March 5, 2026 (The LinkedIn of the alumna who served as the MC for this program)

On Tuesday night, I had the pleasure to deliver a fun 'Virtual Game Night' where KAKEHASHI alumni were able to participate in question rounds to demonstrate their knowledge about Japan in a welcoming and entertaining way! Being a KAKEHASHI Alumni truly opens you up to multiple and different experiences! Thank you so much for all the support and patience! Congratulations to the winning team and everyone that worked hard! また一緒に楽しい時間を過ごせるのを楽しみにしています！

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