



KAKEHASHI Project

Canadian Young Leaders Workshop Event & Alumni Meeting (Burnaby)

Follow-up Project Report

1. Program Overview

【Objectives】

This year's participants of the KAKEHASHI Project invited students in Canada to participate in a workshop event for cultural activities and exchange about Japan, thereby implementing their action plan to introduce the KAKEHASHI Project and the attractiveness of Japanese culture to the younger generation in Canada. The project also invited KAKEHASHI alumni, aiming to reinforce and deepen their interest in and connection to Japan.

【Presenters】

Franco Ng (FY2023 Invitation Program for Canadian Young Leaders)

Ashley Jeong (FY2023 Invitation Program for Canadian Young Leaders)

【Participants】

Total: 77 participants

(Breakdown) 12 KAKEHASHI Program alumni, 65 general attendees

【Location】

Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

【Schedule】

Jan. 13, 2024 (Sat)

10:00 am Event opening

10:15 am Remarks, land acknowledgements

Franco Ng

Ashley Jeong

Satomi Okagaki, Deputy Consul-General, Consulate-General of Japan in Vancouver

Dr. Kanako Uzawa, Assistant Professor for the Global Station for Indigenous Studies & Cultural Diversity at Hokkaido University

10:30 am Dance performance (Yosakoi Soran Bushi)

Performance by FY2022 Byrne Creek Community School alumni

10:40 am Exchange and dialogue

11:00 am Workshops (simultaneous rotating)

Tea ceremony, Origami, Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre tour

12:30 pm Closing remarks

Franco Ng

Ashley Jeong

Satomi Okagaki, Deputy Consul-General, Consulate-General of Japan in Vancouver

12:45 pm Commemorative photo, Lunch mixer

2. Program Photos



Deputy Consul-General Okagaki from the Consulate-General of Japan in Vancouver delivering the opening remarks



Dance performance (Yosakoi Soran Bushi)



Workshop - Tea ceremony



Workshop - Origami



Workshop - Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre tour

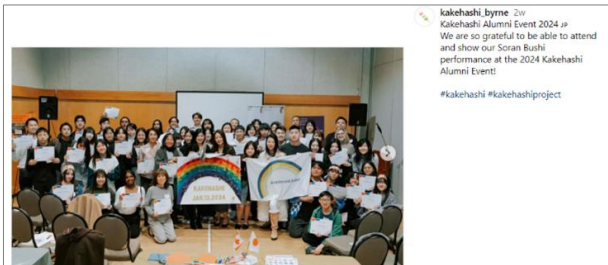


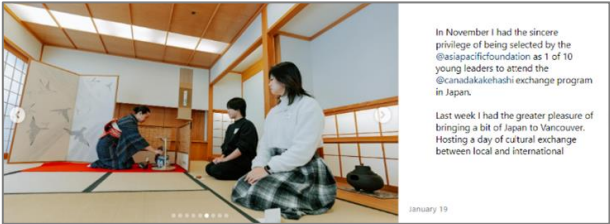
Group photo

3. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

- ◆ I'd love to visit again. Thanks for this great opportunity.
- ◆ The KAKEHASHI Project was such a memorable moment in my high school journey.
- ◆ Thank you so much for this amazing, memorable experience.
- ◆ It was fun. I love origami!
- ◆ I was surprised about Japanese history in Canada. Thank you, KAKEHASHI Project.
- ◆ As a Canadian student, I loved learning about Japanese culture and meeting so many new people.
- ◆ Today is awesome! I learned lots of things about Japan and Canada. Thank you KAKEHASHI.

4. Disseminations by the Participants

	Jan 16, 2024 (Instagram) KAKEHASHI Alumni Event 2024 We are so grateful to be able to attend and show our Soran Bushi performance at the 2024 KAKEHASHI Alumni Event!
	Jan 17. 2024 (Instagram) VG International College (Language School) A select group of VGC students recently took part in the Young Leaders Workshop organized by the KAKEHASHI Project. Held at the @nikkeimuseum, this event provided an opportunity for our students to interact with local high school students, and saw them engage in various activities, such as learning about origami and the tea ceremony. They also delved into the shared history of Canada and Japan, with the aim of forging closer ties between the two countries.

	Jan 19, 2024 (Instagram) In November I had the sincere privilege of being selected by the @asiapacificfoundation as 1 of 10 young leaders to attend the @canadakehashi exchange program in Japan. Last week I had the greater pleasure of bringing a bit of Japan to Vancouver. Hosting a day of cultural exchange between local and international students from Japan at the @nikkeimuseum.
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Cooperative Organizations: Porte, Light Tree Garden Society, Consulate-General of Japan in Vancouver, VGC International College, Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre

Implementation Agency: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APFC)