



KAKEHASHI Online Alumni Meeting with JASSO Follow-up Program Report

1. Program Overview

【Objective】 This program was conducted under the theme of studying abroad in Japan, a topic of great interest to past KAKEHASHI Project participants (alumni) in North America, with the aim of raising expectations for studying abroad in Japan and maintaining their interest in Japan by introducing the study abroad programs offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). The main objective of the program was to strengthen networks among the alumni through exchanges and a Q&A session.

【 Participants 】 Total: 34 participants from the U.S., Canada, and Japan (FY2015-FY2023 KAKEHASHI Project participants)

(Breakdown)

20 participants from the U.S. (4 high school students, 7 undergraduate students, 9 working youth)

13 participants from Canada (2 high school students, 8 undergraduate students, 1 graduate student, 2 working youths)

1 participant from Japan (undergraduate student)

【Location】 Tokyo

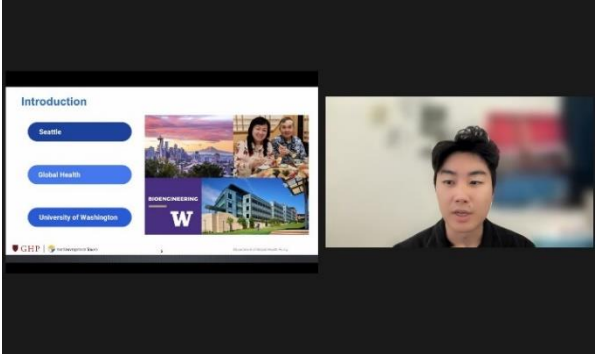
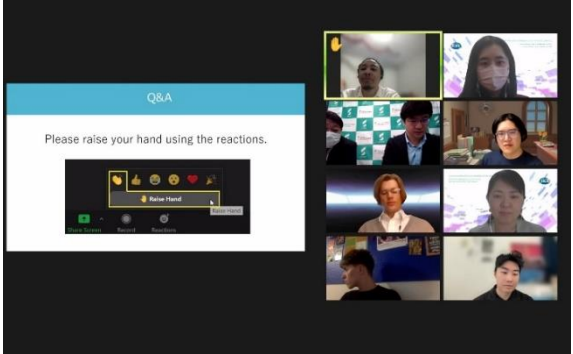
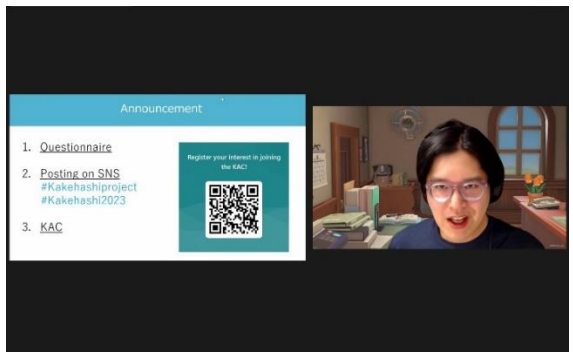
【Program Schedule】

■ Online Alumni Meeting:

Wednesday, March 27, 2023

1. Opening remarks
2. Ice-breakers with KAKEHASHI alumni
3. Presentations: “Basic information on study in Japan”
 - i. Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
Mr. IKENO Takeshi, Officer, Study in Japan Unit, Information Services Division, Student Exchange Department, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
 - ii. Scholarship student studying in Japan from North America
Mr. Alton Cao, Department of Global Health Policy, University of Tokyo School of Medicine, MS Student in International Health
4. Q&A session
5. Commemorative photo
6. Closing remarks

2. Program Photos

	
Ice-breaker (participants were asked to freely draw what came to mind when thinking about Japan)	Presentation i.: Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
	
Presentation ii.: Scholarship student studying in Japan from North America	Q&A session
	
Commemorative photo	Closing remarks

3. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

◆ Working Youth (U.S.)

I enjoyed today's program which discussed about the opportunities for foreigners to study in various schools in Japan, and the scholarship opportunities that foreigners could take advantage of.

◆ **High School Student (U.S.)**

It was very informative and I'm still super excited to try a study abroad program with Japan. I actually checked online and my school offers a study abroad program for students, I believe after they finish their freshman year, to study in Japan at Kanagawa University.

◆ **Student (Canada)**

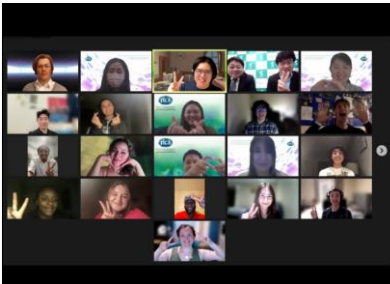
It was a very informative session. I learned a lot about what to do to when applying to universities and language institutes, and financial aid options. It was also great to directly hear about someone's experience with studying in Japan.

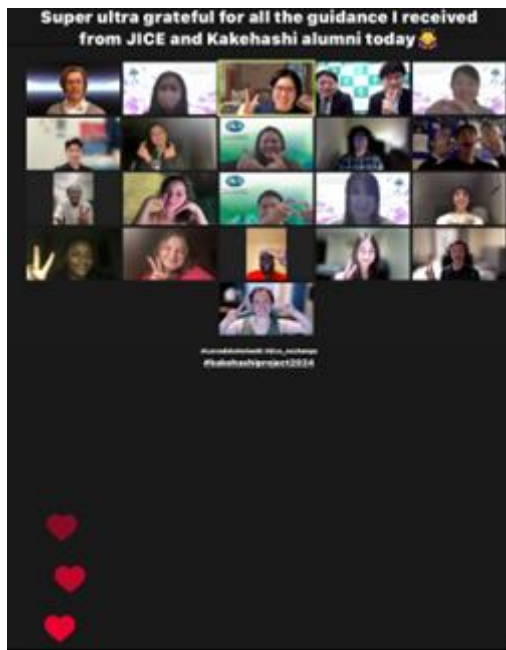
4. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)

◆ **Related Organization (JASSO)**

We don't have many occasions to give seminars to students based in North America, so we are grateful to have been given this opportunity.

5. Disseminations by the Participants (excerpt)

 An informative presentation on studying in Japan? Sign me up! Hearing the experiences of those studying/working in Japan made me want to study and work there for a bit, even more so than before. Perhaps I'll develop a better work ethic before returning to Canada after living in Japan. I'll choose to return. An speaking of work ethic, let's talk about punctuality (while leaving the upcoming "Kakehashi documentary") I'm trying to make progress on while maintaining good Grade 12 grades. (sm) Picture 2: Here you're seeing a screenshot of me trying to get to Anshu via train. That ETA of 1:03PM? It changed mid-ride to 1:17PM (right in front of my eyes, that's a minute earlier than the original anticipated time! More on that in the upcoming "documentary") Back to the point—I made me wonder if I'll acquire the same kind of punctuality (Japanese train station employees have upon working or studying in Japan.) #kakehashi2023 #kakehashiproject 2/16	Had a great time participating in and helping to run the ice-breakers for the JASSO "Study in Japan" online forum for KAKEHASHI alumni tonight! Thank you to the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for making these events possible! #kakehashi2023 #jice 
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March 27, 2024 (Instagram)

The information provided at the KAKEHASHI alumni meeting was super useful!

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