



KAKEHASHI Project (Canada) Online Alumni Meeting (Finding work in Japan) Follow-up Project Report

1. Program Overview

【Objective and Overview】

This program aimed to have past participants of the KAKEHASHI Project (alumni) learn online about employment opportunities in Japan and at Japanese organizations in Canada, as well as the supports offered by the Embassy of Japan in Canada, JETRO, and Canada-based Japan-specialized HR firms. By hearing first-hand experiences from alumni who have worked in Japan, the program sought to promote understanding of Japan, expand alumni's interest in Japan, and facilitate networking activities. The program also aimed to strengthen the alumni network by having them interact and exchange opinions with one another.

【Participants】 Total: 20 KAKEHASHI Project alumni from Canada

【Location】 Canada

【Schedule】

■ Online Alumni Meeting Program :

Oct. 10 (Thu), 2024

1. Opening remarks

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF Canada)

2. Welcome remarks

Mr. Masahiro Matsui, Consul, Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto

3. Presentation

① “The Japan-Canada Working Holiday Visa: An overview”

Ms. Sabrina Gauthier, Embassy of Japan in Canada

② “JETRO Programs and options for Japan job seekers”

Mr. Swastik Kulkarni, Japan External Trade Organization (Tokyo)

③ “Finding work with Japanese organizations”

Ms. Joy Haywood, President, Pasona Canada, Inc.

④ “Working in Japan: A first-hand account”

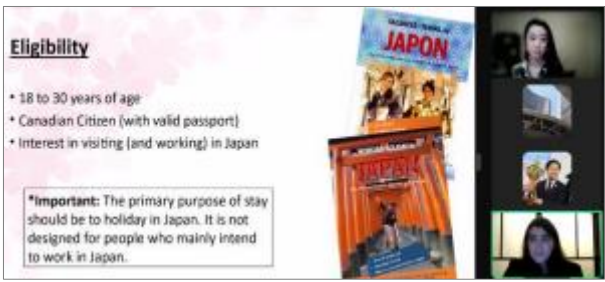
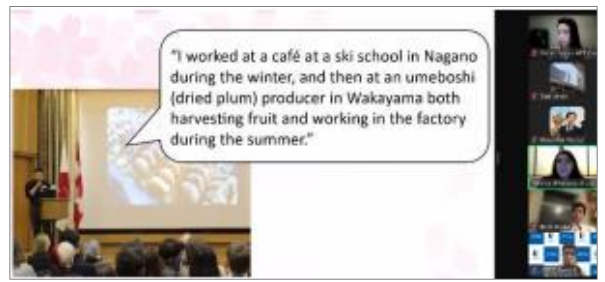
Mr. Brett Hyska, FY2016 KAKEHASHI University Students 2nd Slot Alumnus

4. Q&A session

5. Group photos

6. Closing remarks

2. Program Photos

 Eligibility • 18 to 30 years of age • Canadian Citizen (with valid passport) • Interest in visiting (and working) in Japan *Important: The primary purpose of stay should be to holiday in Japan. It is not designed for people who mainly intend to work in Japan.	 "I worked at a café at a ski school in Nagano during the winter, and then at an umeboshi (dried plum) producer in Wakayama both harvesting fruit and working in the factory during the summer."
【 Presentation 】 “The Japan-Canada Working Holiday Visa: An overview”	【 Presentation 】 “The Japan-Canada Working Holiday Visa: An overview”
 Showcasing opportunities in Japan • Internship opportunities in Japan • Part-time jobs in Japan • Full-time jobs in Japan The program is designed for people who want to work in Japan. It is not designed for people who mainly intend to work in Japan.	 ③ JETRO ONLINE JOB FAIR (Autumn) JAPANESE Go Participated 140 No. of student registrations 2,293 Nationality 70 countries Average views per Co. 22 No. of applications 2,962 Avg. applications per Co. 21
【Presentation】 “JETRO Programs and options for Japan job seekers”	【Presentation】 “JETRO Programs and options for Japan job seekers”
 Building Our Future Together	 Finding work with Japanese organizations in Canada? Do your homework (research) and networking! • The Embassy of Japan in Canada and the Consulate General of Japan (4 cities) • Asia Pacific Foundation – extensive news, networks and events • Jetro Toronto/Vancouver (Montreal) and Tokyo – J-C business support • Toronto Japanese Association of Commerce and Industry (Shokokai) • The Japan Society – Canadian & Japanese company networks and events • The Japan Foundation – arts, cultural and Japanese language courses • LinkedIn – many Japanese companies now post jobs directly on LinkedIn • Payscale Canada – 10+ years of Japanese company recruitment history!
【Presentation】 “Finding work with Japanese organizations”	【Presentation】 “Finding work with Japanese organizations”
 My Life In and Out of Japan • 2016-2022: Worked in energy finance at a Japanese general trading company (sogo shosha). • 2023-Present: Pursued intensive French language training in Quebec prior to relocating to New York to begin graduate studies at Columbia University. • Interested in continuing to build bridges, or kakehashi, to and from Japan in future work.	 My Kakehashi Experience
【Presentation】 “Working in Japan: A first-hand account”	【Presentation】 “Working in Japan: A first-hand account”

3. Disseminations by the organizer (excerpt)



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#Kakehashi2024 #KakehashiCanada #KakehashiProject
@projectkakehashi 参加者様

October 24, 2024 (Instagram)

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Implementation agency: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APFC)