

Japan Foundation Group Tour Program

For

Educators 2008

Purpose:

This program aims at promoting a better understanding of Japan and cultivating a familiar feeling with Japan. This program also aims to deepen understanding of Japanese language education, expand and improve Japanese language education on the level of primary and secondary education, and build up a human network of educators between the U.S. and Japan.

Orientation Sessions

1. Los Angeles, CA
2. Tokyo, Japan

Cities Visited

1. Tokyo
2. Shimoda
3. Kyoto
4. Nagoya
5. Yokahama

Cultural Activities

1. Lunch at the Ginza "Tenkuni" - Tokyo
2. Lunch at the "Syuzan" - Tokyo
3. Lunch at the "Phoenix" - Shimoda
4. Lunch at the "Kinobu" - Kyoto
5. Lunch at the "Kodai Yuzen-en" - Kyoto
6. Japanese Sweets - Cooking - "Kanshun-do" - Kyoto
7. Lunch at the Restaurant "Shiro" - Nagoya
8. Lunch at the Roppongi "Hassan" - Tokyo
9. Lunch at the "Café Kattleya" - Tokyo
10. Reception at the the "Wakatake Room," Constitution Hall, Meiji Kinenhan - Tokyo

Governmental Visits

1. Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT)
2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs (State Department)
3. NHK Educational Television
4. Reception at Shimoda Prince Hotel
5. American Chamber of Commerce

Lectures

1. Japan's Educational Administration and Financial System - Ogawa Masahito
2. Japanese Language Education in the U.S. - Y.H. Toksaku, Professor, University of California, San Diego
3. Japan's School of Curriculum and Foreign Language Education - Mr. Mitsuharu Ota, Senior Specialist for Curriculum, School Curriculum Division, Elementary Bureau, MEXT

School Visits

1. Shimoda Junior High School
2. Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School
3. Ritsumeikan Uji Senior High School
4. Tokyo Gakugei University International Secondary School
5. Japanese Language Institute
6. Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies

Industry Visits and Tours

1. Nagashima Seiko Co., Ltd.
2. Toyota Kaikan
3. Tokyo Anime Center

Sightseeing and Cultural

1. Perry Memorial Park, Perry Road, Chorakuji Temple, Ryosenji Temple, Gyokusenji Temple - Shimoda
2. Kinkakuji Temple - Kyoto
3. Nijo Castle - Kyoto
4. Kiyomizu Temple - Kyoto
5. Kabuki Program - "Yashagaike" and "Koyahijiri" at the Kabuki-za Theatre - Tokyo
6. Tokyo National Museum - Tokyo

Travel

1. Bus
2. Subway
3. Bullet Train