



The 19th America - Japan Grassroots Summit 2009

MIYAGI

27.July – 3.Aug, 2009

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The 19th America - Japan Grassroots Summit 2009 will be held in Miyagi prefecture, Japan. It will take place from the 27th of July to the 3rd of August. Many summer festivals are held in the northern part of Japan during that time.

Miyagi is famous for its geography and abundant nature, which has given the area many delicious local delicacies and has led to Miyagi being known as the “Food Kingdom.”

Delicious rice, such as the well known “Sasanishiki” and “Hitomebore” brands are grown in Miyagi, and oyster, tuna, shark fin and other seafood are caught from the sea. Miyagi’s sake (rice liquor) and sasakamaboko (fish sausage) are famous all over Japan.

Miyagi is full of stunning sightseeing spots; the Michelin Travel Guide gave three stars to Matsushima, Zuiganji and Matsushima-Shidaikan, with 12 other areas receiving 2 stars and 10 areas receiving one.

Miyagi’s international exchanges date back 400 years to when Masamune Date, the then feudal lord of Miyagi, sent a mission to Europe led by General Tsunenaga Hasekura. They sailed in the “Sant Juan Bautista” and a replicate of the ship can be found in the Ishinomaki area. Foreign missionaries have also long enjoyed visiting Shichigahama, near Matsushima, as a summer retreat.

One of the best aspects of Miyagi is its people. The men and women of Miyagi are known all over Japan to be very kind, compassionate and hospitable. Moreover, Masamune Date, the feudal lord of Miyagi 400 years ago, was well known for his fashion and style, which led to the term “Date-otoko”, which is still used to describe the stylish men of Miyagi today.

The Grassroots Summit will be held in locations all over Miyagi. The key-persons and volunteers of 15 cities and towns are busy preparing to welcome their American guests next summer. They are all looking forward to meeting and making lasting friendships with you!

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Ichinokura Sake



Crater Lake of Zao Mountain



Suzume Dance



Masamune Date



The America-Japan Grassroots Summit is an annual large-scale meeting of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and America. The summit aims to strengthen the peaceful relationship between Japan and America by fostering grassroots friendships.

Grassroots Summits have been held in America and Japan for the past 18 years. Each year an average of 200 people travel across the Pacific to take part. Including host participants, more than 28,000 people have participated in this grassroots exchange.

Local sessions are held in various locations within the summit region. They include a program of locally organized activities as well as a home stay. They are organized and run by the Volunteer Committee and volunteer “key persons.”

Volunteers from around the country are also responsible for organizing the “optional programs” . These take place in former summit locations and give participants a chance to experience and compare life in a different part of the host country.

What is Grassroots Summits?

Program of America-Japan Grassroots Summit

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party (p.7)

The Grassroots Summit starts with an Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party. Participants from America, Japanese volunteers and others connected with the Summit gather to enjoy the welcome provided by the Volunteer Committee. A brief introduction of Miyagi Prefecture will also be given. The party will be held at the Matsushima Taikanso Hotel.



Local Sessions (Homestay Program) (p.9)

Local sessions will be held in 15 locations in Miyagi. Over a 4 day 3 night homestay, participants will experience person to person exchange with their host and learn about the unique culture of the local area.



Closing Ceremony and Farewell Party (p.7)

The Closing Ceremony and Farewell Party are the final events of the Summit. They are attended not only by the American visitors and Japanese volunteers, but also the host families and others who have connections with the summit. This is the start of the true grassroots exchange.



Post Summit Optional Programs (p.18)

For those who wish to experience more in Japan, an optional program will be held after the summit. Participants will be able to visit other regions of Japan, with both hotel and homestay options.



The Beginnings of America-Japan Grassroots Exchange

In 1841 an American whaling boat rescued five shipwrecked Japanese fishermen in the Pacific Ocean. Among them was a fourteen year old boy called Manjiro, whose intelligent good nature earned him respect among the American crew. Given the name John, he was taken back to Fairhaven Massachusetts to receive an American education under the care of the ship's captain William H. Whitfield.



John Manjiro Nakahama W.H. Whitfield

Japan's isolationist policy meant that leaving the country was an offence punishable by death, yet after 10 years, Manjiro was determined to return home to pass on the knowledge and goodwill he had received in America. Soon after his return, Commodore Perry arrived calling for an end to isolationism, and Manjiro played a crucial role in interpreting and negotiating between Perry and the Shogunate. These events led to the birth of modern Japan.

The friendship between John Manjiro and Captain Whitfield has resulted in more than 160 years of friendship between their descendents.



Ms. K. Nakahama (5th generation) and Mr. S. Whitfield (6th generation) descendents

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The Sant Juan Bautista

| A long history of international exchange

Miyagi's history of international exchange begins some 400 years ago with Masamune Date's mission to Europe. The people of Miyagi enjoy welcoming non-Japanese visitors to their prefecture, and ensure that they enjoy themselves there. If you look at a globe, you can see that Miyagi is the region of Japan that is closest to America.



seafood

| Food Kingdom Miyagi

Miyagi, blessed with mountains, the sea, and fertile ground, is a treasure chest of culinary delights. The local delicacies are famous throughout Japan – delicious rice and seafood, to the sake (rice liquor) and fish sausage made from those ingredients.



Kesenuma Port Festival

| Summer in Tohoku is Festival Season!

In summer, Tohoku comes alive with the numerous festivals held throughout the region. Participants will be able to enjoy the local festivals, each with their own unique characteristics. Also, for those wishing to experience more, an optional program of a tour of the festivals of the Tohoku region will take place.

Messages from the Summit Volunteer Committee



Honorary Chair, Miyagi Summit Volunteer Committee

Yoshihiro Murai
(Miyagi Prefectural Governor)

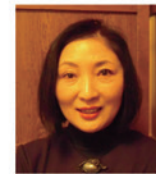
I am delighted that Miyagi prefecture has been chosen as the location of the 19th America Japan Grassroots Summit. Miyagi prefecture is the sister prefecture of Delaware, the home state of Vice President Biden. It is the location of Matsushima, one of the three most beautiful sites of Japan and is blessed with both sea and mountains. Please come and experience the charm of Miyagi for yourself, and further the friendship between our two countries.



Chair, Miyagi Summit Volunteer Committee

Shogo Kamei
(Chair, Tohoku Japan-America Society)

The Tohoku Japan-America Society, which I chair, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Nothing makes me happier than being able to invite new friends from both America and Japan to Miyagi in this special year. Let's chat, eat and laugh together and make friendships that cross international borders. We are looking forward to meeting all of you in July.



Secretary General, Miyagi Summit Volunteer Committee

Masae Omura
(Miyagi International Association)

There are many issues that the world must face during these times. However, I believe in the importance of creating international friendships at the grassroots level and, the volunteer committees in Miyagi are working hard to welcome you all.

Message from CIE



Chairman, Center for International Exchange - Japan

Taizo Watanabe

Annual American-Japan Grassroots summits are held alternately in Japan and America to provide opportunities for people of both nations to understand more about each other and nurture friendship between them, overcoming differences in language, culture and tradition. The Miyagi Summit to be held this year will be a great success, I hope, through your active participation and the long held tradition of hospitality inherited by people living in this beautiful land of green and world-famous landscape.



Planned Itinerary

July 27th (Mon.)	Depart United States
July 28th (Tue.)	Arrive at Narita (Tokyo) Airport / Bus ride to Matsushima Overnight at traditional Japanese hotel in Matsushima
July 29th (Wed.)	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Party in Matsushima Overnight at traditional Japanese hotel (same as Tue.)
July 30th (Thu.)	Local Session (Homestay Program)
July 31st (Fri.)	Local Session (Homestay Program)
Aug. 1st (Sat.)	Local Session (Homestay Program)
Aug. 2nd (Sun.)	Depart local area for Closing Ceremony & Farewell Party in Sendai Overnight at hotel in Sendai
Aug. 3rd (Mon.)	Depart Sendai for Narita (Tokyo) Airport and for the United States

* There may be changes in the schedule and program due to unforeseen circumstances.



View of Matsushima



Zuiganji Temple



Izu Lake and Lotus



Gyutan - Ox Tongue



Sawtooth Coastline

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party

The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party will start in the early evening of July 29th. The location is the Hotel Taikanso, a famous hotel in Matsushima, one of the 3 most scenic areas of Japan. Summit participants, volunteers and others who are connected with the summit will all gather to celebrate the opening of the summit. At the welcome party, American guests will be welcomed to Japan with Miyagi local delicacies, Japanese rice liquor and a performance of "Suzume Odori", a traditional dance from Miyagi.

- Welcome speeches from Summit organizers
- A seminar on Miyagi culture
- Welcome reception

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Party

After the homestay program has finished, a closing ceremony and farewell party will be held to give everybody the opportunity to say goodbye to those who they have made so many memories with. It will be held in the Sendai Royal Park Hotel, in the suburbs of Sendai on August 2nd. Farewell speeches from the organizers will be given, and volunteers have arranged a program to ensure that the final evening of the summit will be one not to be forgotten!

- Farewell speeches from organizers
- Farewell Party

Hotel Information

Hotel Taikanso

Hotel Taikanso offers stunning views from its location atop a hill in Matsushima. It is a resort that mixes both East and West, with shared baths including an outside bath (all rooms have shower rooms), numerous restaurants, a bar and karaoke.

10-76 Inuta Matsushima, Matsushima machi, Miyagi-gun, Miyagi
TEL : +81-22-354-2161 <http://www.taikanso.co.jp/eg/>



Sendai Royal Park Hotel

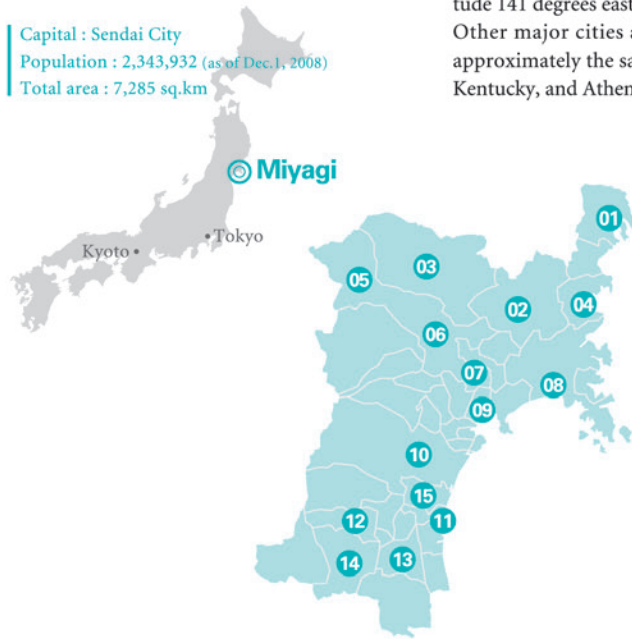
The Sendai Royal Park Hotel is an urban resort hotel. It is the leading international hotel in Miyagi, with an elegant design, beautiful gardens and the latest in hotel facilities. It is a luxurious city hotel that allows you to relax.

6-2-1 Teraoka, Izumi-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi
TEL : +81-22-377-1111 <http://www.royalparkhotels.co.jp/sendai/index-e.html>



Miyagi Overview

Capital : Sendai City
 Population : 2,343,932 (as of Dec. 1, 2008)
 Total area : 7,285 sq.km



Miyagi Prefecture is located 200 miles northeast of Tokyo, the capital of Japan, and lies in the central part of the Tohoku region. Sendai, the prefectural capital, is located at longitude 141 degrees east, and latitude 38 degrees north. Other major cities around the world that are on approximately the same latitude are San Francisco, Kentucky, and Athens.

Local Session Area

- 01 Kesenuma
- 02 Tome
- 03 Kurihara
- 04 Minamisanriku
- 05 Osaki / Naruko
- 06 Osaki / Furukawa
- 07 Osaki / Matsuyama
- 08 Ishinomaki
- 09 Matsushima Shiogama
- 10 Sendai
- 11 Iwanuma
- 12 Zao
- 13 Kakuda
- 14 Shiroishi
- 15 Natori

Climate of Sendai

	July	August
Average Temperature	71.8°F (22.1°C)	75.4°F (24.1°C)
High	78.3°F (25.7°C)	83.2°F (27.9°C)
Low	66.7°F (19.3°C)	70.2°F (21.2°C)
Average Rainfall	159.7mm	174.2mm
Average Humidity	83%	81%

Tourist Information

Miyagi Prefecture Government
<http://www.pref.miyagi.jp/english/index.htm>

Miyagi International Association
<http://www.h5.dion.ne.jp/~mia/index.html>

Japan National Tourism Organization
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/index.html>



We, the Miyagi Summit Volunteer Committee look forward to welcoming our guests from overseas. Please enjoy the opportunity to experience the magnificence of Miyagi, and the hospitality of Miyagians.

Local Session

The best part of the grassroots summit is the "local sessions (homestay program)".

In Miyagi, the local sessions will start on July 30th, for 4 days and 3 nights. The participants will experience person-to-person exchange and the unique culture of the local area with their host families.

There are 15 local session areas in Miyagi, and participants are able to choose one of them.

(Participants can choose 2 preferred areas on their application form, however, we cannot guarantee that they will be placed in one of these areas.)



01 Kesennuma City

「けせんぬま」

A city of “slow food” and a great port festival

Kesennuma is a city of sightseeing, a rugged coastline and ocean produce. Kesennuma Port is one of Japan’s best places for high quality fishing. The port festival held on August 1st is a very lively and high spirited festival. We hope you will attend it!



Shark's Fin Ramen



Fish Market



Port Festival

Akihiko Sugawara

Key Person



I am the President of a sake (Japanese liquor) company and the Chairman of “Slow Food Kesennuma”, revitalizing the abundant produce of the region, offering children the chance to taste “truly delicious food” and trying to create a town spirit through good food and ingredients.

02 Tome City

「とめ」

Beautiful architecture and breathtaking scenery

Tome city is popular with many tourists due to the beautiful Kitakami River which flows through the city, as well as the rare and historic architecture that still stands from the Meiji era (19th century). We hope you will enjoy the beautiful Japanese woods and forests, as well as Japanese culture!



Old School Building



Handcraft Experience



Historical Architecture

Seiko Sasaki

Key Person



I used to work as an English teacher at a senior high school, and have also worked for the Tome City International Board. I am currently working as a volunteer Japanese teacher, helping people from Korea, China and other countries who have moved to the area.

03 Kurihara City

「くりはら」

A city with lakes, mountain and lotus flowers

Kurikoma mountain is frequently visited by climbers due to its treasures of various plants and vegetation. The Uchinuma and Izu lakes, recognized under the Ramsar convention, are stunning at the end of July as the lotus flowers on their surface burst into bloom.



Water Mills and Rice Field



Izu Lake and Lotus

Yasumi Kawashima

Key Persons



I manage marriage ceremonial halls and restaurants. My hobbies include taking pictures, and I have taken numerous photos of the beautiful Kurikoma nature.

Hiroshi Sato



I am Chairperson of the Kurihara Junior Chamber Inc., a group of young business people. Alongside my colleague Mr Kawashima, I look forward to welcoming you to our beloved Kurihara City.

04 Minamisanriku Town

「みなみさんりく」

A port town surrounded by sea and mountains

Minamisanriku is a port town with a sawtooth coastline. The beauty of the rugged coastline, as well as the azure sea, coupled with the stunning green of the mountain, takes away the breath of visitors. Please enjoy boat fishing, coast fishing, sea bathing, fisherman experience and silk weaving!



Rugged Coast



Shizugawa Bay

Kyuichiro Sato

Key Person



Alongside managing the woods of Minami sanriku, I am also the director of the Masamune Date History Museum. Since participating in a homestay in Texas as a university student, I have held an interest in international exchanges and am currently working on an international exchange project.



Spa

05 Naruko Area (Osaki City)

Hot springs and Kokeshi

Of the 11 types of hot spring that exist in Japan, there are 8 of them in Naruko area, with over 400 individual springs in total. It has long been well known as a health resort in northeastern Japan. Also please look forward to experiencing the beautiful Buna (beech tree) forest, as well as kokeshi – traditional wooden Japanese dolls that you will even have the chance to create!

「なるこ」



Hot Spring

Koju Itagaki

Key Person



I was born in Naruko, and was raised bathing in the Naruko hot springs. I manage my family's hot spring resort and farm which produces rice and vegetables for the guests at the resort. I also work as the Chairperson of the Naruko Tourism Association.



Face Painting of Kokeshi

06 Furukawa Area (Osaki City)

The hometown of Sasanishiki rice and traditional culture

Furukawa is blessed with beautiful nature and very distinct seasons. Sasanishiki, one of the most famous brands of Japanese rice, was born right here in Furukawa area. In the castle town of Iwadeyama, there is the oldest existing place of learning, Yubikan. Also, make sure you try on the traditional armor of Samurai!



Sumurai Armors



Festival at Yubikan

Kiyoshi Minakawa

Key Person



Volunteer work is at the heart of my life; I work in kindergarten management, Corporate Tax Payers Association, and international exchange, and am also past-governor of the Rotary Club.



Tatami Room of Yubikan

「ふるかわ」

07 Matsuyama Area (Osaki City)

Hometown of Swordsmithing and Sake

You can experience traditional Japanese craftsmanship when viewing the swords made by Saburo Hokke, a swordsmith. Also, the famous Ichinokura brand of sake (Japanese liquor) originates from Matsuyama. You will be greeted with a performance of a local traditional lion dance by elementary school students.



Ichinokura Sake



Sake Making

Ryutaro Oikawa

Key Person



When I was younger, I participated on a two month long boat trip sponsored by the government, aimed at youth exchange. Since then, I have been involved in numerous international exchanges. Recently, I have also been working with projects handing down traditional arts and crafts to children.



Sword Smithing

08 Ishinomaki City

A city rich with culture and lots to experience!

One of the delights of summer in Ishinomaki is the River Opening Festival of Aug.1st and 2nd. Please join our parades and dancing! The highlight of the festival is the fireworks display. The restored ship, St John the Baptist (Sant Juan Bautista), that crossed the Pacific over 400 years ago is also a symbol of the town. Do not forget to visit the spaceship shaped Manga (comics) Museum!



River Opening festival



Manga Hero

Emiko Kuga

Key Person



I have a passion for volunteer work, and at the moment I am Chairperson of the Ishinomaki International Friendship Association. My hobbies include chanson, and in April 2009 I will hold a charity concert, and the proceeds will go towards the construction of a museum.



Sant Juan Bautista

「いしのまき」

09 Matsushima and Shiogama 「まつしま・しおがま」

One of Japan's top three most beautiful areas and a town of history and culinary delights

Matsushima Bay, which is dotted with around 260 picturesque pine-tree covered islands, has taken away the breath of many visitors. Neighbouring Shiogama is a town with a long history, centered around the Shiogama Shrine, and it offers the chance to try truly delicious sushi.



Sushi



View of Matsushima



Shiogama Shrine

Taeko Aizawa

Key Person



I was born and raised in Shiogama, next to Matsushima. I want to teach international visitors about the many splendors of Matsushima, and so I created the Matsushima Goodwill Guide Association, which has been providing volunteer tour guides and interpreters for 23 years.

10 Sendai City 「せんだい」

A capital of greenery and festivals

Sendai is the largest city in the Tohoku region. As its catchphrase “a capital of greenery” says, the streets are beautifully lined with Zelkova trees. Alongside learning about the history of the world famous samurai Masamune Date, we hope you can also join us for a “Suzume Dance” workshop.

Heiichi Suzuki

Key Persons



I am a project manager at a company that publishes free papers, where I am currently preparing a booklet entitled “Hello Sendai, Miyagi” to welcome our American visitors in 2009.

Eiko Yokoyama



I am president of an architectural design office, but also working for various areas such as art, environment, etc., hoping that Sendai-city will become more vital.



Aoba Castle



Samurai Armors

11 Iwanuma City 「いわぬま」

A relaxing place to be in Miyagi

Due to its warm climate and beautiful scenery, Iwanuma has abundant stunning nature. It was voted as the easiest place to live in Miyagi prefecture. Please look forward to experiencing the beautiful Teizan canals that were a great feat of Masamune Date's, and the coastline along the Pacific Ocean.

Hiroaki Ono

Key Persons



I manage a precision engineering business and am President of the Iwanuma City Society of Commerce and Industry, working towards economic development in the region.

Isao Ajima



I retired from my job at Iwanuma City Hall 4 years ago, and am now Secretariat Director at the Iwanuma International Exchange Association.



Takekoma Shrine



Teizan Canal

12 Zao Town 「ざおう」

Mountain resort town

Zao is a sight-seeing and agricultural town, with beautiful scenery in every season. The Zao plane is dotted with hotels, holiday retreats and hot spring resorts and there are many wild birds and animals in the mountains. The crater lake on the top of Mount Zao attracts visitors from Japan all year round and is a symbol of the town.

Hiroyuki Toyohara

Key Person



I opened the Manpu Pottery Kiln 21 years ago at the Tohgatta hot springs in Zao. Using natural resources from the Zao region, I make ceramics for everyday use. For several years I have participated in international exchanges with potters from China and South Korea.



Crater Lake of Zao



Pottery Making

13 Kakuda City

A relaxing town, close to space!

Research and development facilities for rocket engines are located in Kakuda, and there is a model replica of the H-II rocket. The fertile grounds near the Abukuma River enable us to grow delicious rice and we also brew our own German-style beer. Kakuda has placed great emphasis on English learning in schools, and there is a great enthusiasm for cultural exchange.



H-II Rocket

「かくだ」



Takekoma Shrine



Teizan Canal

Yoshiaki Omokawa

Key Person



As part of my job as a farmer, I grow rice, wheat and soybeans. Along with other agricultural workers in the region, I formed the "Kakuda City and Asian Farmers Friendship Group" to improve our own rice growing methods by exchanging ideas with the agriculturists from the Asia monsoon region.

15 Natori City

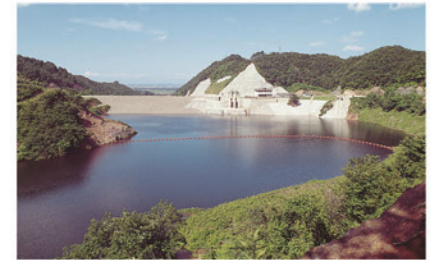
A city of history, nature and industry

Natori City is located in central Miyagi, and is a city of history, nature and industry. It is the location of "The Horaguchi Family House", a farmer's house from the Edo period which has been designated an important cultural property, and its proximity to the sea provides fresh delicious seafood. It is also proudly the only site of carnation growing in the whole of north eastern Japan!

「なとり」



Yuriage Bay Morning Fish Market



Tarumizu Dam

Kiyoshi Aizawa

Key Person



I produce "Sakamai", rice to make local Sake (Japanese rice wine). I am also the President of an international volunteer group, "Friends in Natori". We support foreign nationals living in Natori and hold many events to further understanding between Japan and other countries.

14 Shiroishi City

A castle town enhanced by nature and history

Shiroishi is a beautiful castle town blessed with hot springs and the beautiful nature of the Zao mountain. Not only you will have the chance to make your own Japanese paper and kokeshi (a traditional Japanese wooden doll), but also you will have the opportunity to taste and make U-men noodles, which in recent years have become famous due to their health benefits.



U-men Noodle

「しろいし」



Shiroishi Castle



Japanese Paper Making

Nahomi Aso

Key Person



After working in various internationally focused jobs, such as the Olympics, I returned to my hometown 6 years ago. I am working as a marketing consultant in Tokyo, and also teaching traditional Japanese dance in Shiroishi.

Comments from Past Participants

This was my first summit and first trip to Japan. It has been both memorable and life changing. The summit is a model for world peace; a people to people program which builds mutual caring and understanding across international borders and cultural barriers.

(J. C.)



I have participated in previous summit and have brought my grandchildren to the last two. They were very impressed with the friendliness of the people, the beauty of the landscape and the extraordinary culture. They both became interested in learning more about the history, culture and language of Japan.

(C. F.)



Post Summit Optional Program

After the summit is over, you can extend your stay in Japan to discover more about the culture of Japan and make more friends in other regions. CIE, together with travel agencies, will offer the following 6 optional programs. You can designate preferred optional program on the application form.

1. Tokyo Free Time

\$100 / per night

Stay at a hotel in central Tokyo. This includes breakfast.

- Aug.3 | Depart Sendai to Tokyo by bus. Tokyo free time. (Stay at a hotel in central Tokyo)
- Aug.4 ~ | Depart hotel to Narita by Airport Limousine Bus.



2. Kyoto & Tokyo

\$500

2 nights homestay in Kyoto and one night hotel stay in Tokyo. This includes breakfast on August. 6th.
Maximum number of participants: 20.

Volunteer program coordinator in Kyoto :
Yoshie Nakayama



- Aug.3 | Depart Sendai to Itami (Osaka) airport by airplane. Take Airport Limousine Bus to Kyoto station where hostfamilies will pick you up. (Homestay)
- Aug.4 | Stay with hostfamily with sightseeing. Special welcome program. (Homestay)
- Aug.5 | Depart Kyoto station to Itami airport by Limousine Bus. Fly to Haneda airport. Take Limousine Bus or train to hotel in central Tokyo. Tokyo free time. (Hotel Stay)
- Aug.6 | Depart hotel to Narita Airport by Limousine Bus.



3. Noto & Tokyo

\$470

2 nights homestay in Noto and one hotel stay in Tokyo. This includes breakfast on August. 6th.
Maximum number of participants : 20.

Volunteer program coordinator in Noto :
Shinobu Uogishi



- Aug.3 | Depart Sendai to Komatsu (Ishikawa) airport by airplane. Meet hostfamilies at Komatsu airport. (Homestay)
- Aug.4 | Stay with hostfamily with sightseeing. Special welcome program. (Homestay)
- Aug.5 | Depart Noto to Haneda airport. Take Limousine Bus or train to hotel in central Tokyo. Tokyo free time. (Hotel Stay)
- Aug.6 | Depart hotel to Narita Airport by Limousine Bus.



4. Tohoku Big Summer Festivals

\$880

3 nights in Tohoku region enjoying Sansa, Nebuta and Sendai Tanabata festivals, and one night in Tokyo. This includes breakfast on August. 7th.
Minimum number of participants: 20.

- Aug.3 | Depart Sendai to Chusonji temple and Morioka. Practice Sansa dance and watch Sansa Festival. (Stay at traditional Japanese inn in Morioka, Iwate)
- Aug.4 | Visit Morioka Handicraft Village and Koikwai Farm. Exchange with local school in Aomori. Practice Nebuta and watch Nebuta Festival. (Homestay in Aomori)
- Aug.5 | Hakkoda ropeway ride and walk around Oirase and Towada lake. Visit Sendai and watch great fireworks (Hotel Stay in Sendai)
- Aug.6 | Sendai Tanabata Festival. Depart Sendai to Tokyo in the afternoon. (Hotel stay at a hotel in central Tokyo)
- Aug.7 | Depart hotel to Narita by Airport Limousine Bus.

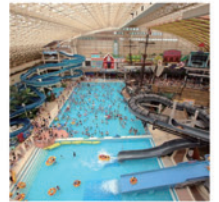


5. Luxurious Spa Resort Hawaiians

\$310

One night at "Spa Resort Hawaiians" in Fukushima. A famous and popular resort in Japan, whose popularity has increased since it was featured in the award winning Japanese film "Hula Girls." Price includes dinner and breakfast.
Minimum number of participants is 20.

- Aug.3 | Depart Sendai by bus to Iwaki, Fukushima. Arrive Fukushima and relax in "Spa Resort Hawaiians"
- Aug.4 | Depart Iwaki to Narita.



6. Hokkaido Free Time

\$560 (\$100 per additional night in Sapporo)

2 nights or more additional night in Sapporo, Hokkaido. This includes breakfast.
Minimum number of participants is 20.

- Aug.3 | Depart Sendai to Sapporo Chitose airport by airplane. Take Airport Limousine Bus from airport to hotel in Sapporo. Sapporo free time. (Stay at hotel in Sapporo)
- Aug.4 | Free time in Sapporo (Stay at hotel in Sapporo)
- Aug. 5~ | Depart Sapporo by Airport Limousine Bus to Sapporo Chitose airport. Fly to Narita airport.



※All programs include accommodation cost, transportation to destination, and airport on the final day. "Tokyo Free Time" and "Hokkaido Free Time" do not include organized tours and participants are to plan their own activities.
※Hotel costs are based on double occupancy. Please indicate if single occupancy is required, at a cost of \$100 per night.

Information

Price

The following prices include airfare, hotel costs in Japan, all transportation in Japan, and participation/administrative/handling costs. Prices below DO NOT include applicable taxes and fuel surcharge. (Taxes are \$76 as of January 2009.) If paying by credit card, please be aware that a 4% charge for processing will be added.

CATEGORY 1: Honolulu	\$ 1,950
CATEGORY 2: San Francisco, Los Angeles	\$ 2,200
CATEGORY 3: Chicago, Denver	\$ 2,300
CATEGORY 4: Colorado Springs, Lexington, Louisville, New York, Washington DC, Boston	\$ 2,350

※For all other departure cities, please contact Kintetsu International Travel Consultants Company (TCC) at 212-259-9640 during office hours (9:00 am – 5:30 pm EST, Mon.- Fri.)

Local Tour Choice in Matsushima on July 29th

In the afternoon of July 29th in Matsushima, the volunteer committee will offer you some optional local tours in Matsushima. They will start around 1:00 pm and will take approximately 2 hours. You can designate 1st and 2nd choices on the application form.

A Course: History Tour (Zuiganji and Godaido temples, and others)	\$ 10
B Course: Date Masamune Historical Museum and Matsushima Walk	\$ 10
C Course: Marinepia Matsushima Aquarium	\$ 10
D Course: Matsushima Cruising	\$ 20



A Course



B Course



C Course



D Course

Early Morning Fish Market Tour (before breakfast)

In the early morning of July 30th in Matsushima, before breakfast, you can join Shiogama Fish Market Tour. You will see lively auctioning of fish and enjoy watching over 200 fish shops in the market.

Please designate your preference on the application form.

Time : 4:30am – 7:00am Cost : \$ 10 Capacity : 40 people



Please Note – Important Additional Information

1) Discount

Children 11 years and under: \$300 discount
(Infants under 2 are \$300 for all costs.)

Students between 12 and 25 years old: \$250 discount
(Hotel rooms in Matsushima and Sendai are shared with 3 or 4 people)

2) Hotel Rooms

All rooms are double occupancy.

If traveling alone, unless otherwise requested, another participant may share a room with you.

Please indicate if single occupancy is required, at a cost of \$100 per night.

3) Any changes to your schedule made after the deadline will incur a substantial penalty.

4) Deadline & Deposit:

The Registration deadline is May 20th, 2009, by which date all applications and deposits are due. Please send the application form along with a check for the deposit of \$300 made out to Kintetsu International Travel Consultants Company. You can also register online with your credit card for the deposit. The deposit will count toward the total cost.

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5) Invoice & Deadline:

TCC will send you an invoice for the remaining balance upon receipt of your application and deposit. Deadline for payment of the balance (including applicable taxes) is June 20th, 2009.

6) Payment by credit card will incur a 4% handling charge.