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The Grassroots Summit is a homestay program aimed at heartfelt exchange between America and Japan, regardless of age or language ability.



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Grassroots Summit 2009]

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27 July – 3 Aug, 2009  

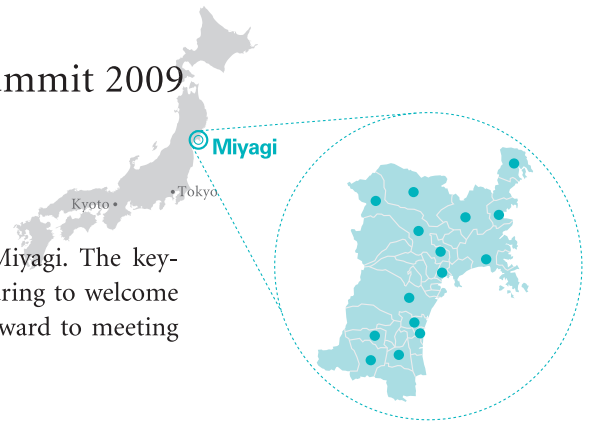
The Japan-America Grassroots Summit is an annual large-scale meeting of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and America. The summit aims to strengthen the peaceful relationship between Japan and America by fostering grassroots friendships. The Summit is managed jointly by the CIE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



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.

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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!



Food Kingdom Miyagi

Miyagi, blessed with mountains, the sea, and fertile ground, is a treasure chest of culinary delights.



Summer in Tohoku is Festival Season!

In summer, Tohoku, northern part of Japan, comes alive with the numerous festivals held throughout the region.



Stunning sightseeing spots

Miyagi is famous for its geography and abundant nature. It gives Miyagi many stunning sightseeing spots.



A long history of international exchange

Miyagi's history of international exchange begins some 400 years ago with Masamune Date's mission to Europe.

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.

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.)

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.

1. Tokyo Free Time \$100 / per night
2. Kyoto & Tokyo \$500
3. Noto & Tokyo \$470
4. Tohoku Big Summer Festivals \$880
5. Luxurious Spa Resort Hawaiians \$310
6. Hokkaido Free Time \$560
(\$100 per additional night in Sapporo)

※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.

Contact

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