



The 23rd

Japan - America Grassroots Summit

Shimane

July 1st - July 8th 2013

しまね

Regardless of age, occupation, or language ability,
you can join the Grassroots Summit.
Make your friends in Japan through homestay program!





Zenbee Mizoguchi

Honorary Chair of Shimane Summit Executive Committee
Governor of Shimane Prefecture

I am pleased to hold the 23rd Japan-America Grassroots Summit in Shimane. I would like you all to enjoy the Summit from the opening at "Izumo Taisha", which has just completed the significant renovation done in every 60 years, to the closing at Matsue City, which has been preserving the traditional culture of "Edo Era". I am looking forward to eye-witnessing the extension of the friendship made between John Manjiro and Captain Whitfield and inherited by the descendants of the both families over the years as well all the attendees of this Summit would be bound and develop new relationship between us.



Kiichirou Arima

Chair of Shimane Summit Executive Committee

Shimane prefecture has all the aspects of natural beauties such as "Ocean", "Mountains", "Rivers", "Lakes", "Rice Fields" and "Farmlands". Shimane is the place which has been holding myths about 8 million Gods gathering in Shimane once a year. I trust you would enjoy the stay in Shimane. We are looking forward to seeing you all.



Masato Fujihara,

Chairman of the Shimane Kenjin Kai (Prefectural Association) in New York,

In 1996 I established a company to assist internationally-minded, bilingual Japanese/English speakers, which currently operates in fifteen locations across the United States. Shimane Prefecture is my true home. It has much history and culture to share as well as a rich natural landscape. I proudly believe it to be a fantastic place where one can enjoy a relaxed lifestyle. I invite you all to participate in the 23rd Grassroots Summit in Shimane Prefecture. We often speak about "quality of life" in America - Shimane has it.



Taizo Watanabe

Chairman, Center for International Exchange (CIE)

Shimane is the old capital of the Izumo Dynasty, which had governed a sizable area of Japan before the Yamato Dynasty (which has been succeeded to by the forefathers of the current Imperial family) and was established supposedly more than two thousand years ago. Our Summit meeting will coincide with the festival celebrating the restoration of the Izumo Grand Shrine completed in memory of the Izumo Dynasty in 659. Please join us not only to remind yourselves with the humanitarian story of encounter of Captain Whitfield and John Manjiro, but also to familiarize yourselves with the ancient history of Japan.



Hiromi Aramoto

Executive Director,
Shimane Grassroots Summit 2013 Executive committee
Director of Cultural and International Division,
Shimane Prefectural Government

It is a great pleasure to be able to hold the Grassroots Summit in Shimane, which was originated by the friendship between John Manjiro and Captain Whitfield and aimed to exchange the goodwill for the Japanese and American. We, all the staff in committee, is going to welcome you all and we are looking forward to seeing you at the 2013 Shimane Summit.



Richard Wood

President, CIE-US

My wife, Judy, and I first went to Shimane in 1969. Visiting the Izumo Grand Shrine was a special treat. So we are looking forward to the 2013 Grassroots Summit, which will be in Shimane and coincide with the restoration of that wonderful and historic place. I hope you can join us there.

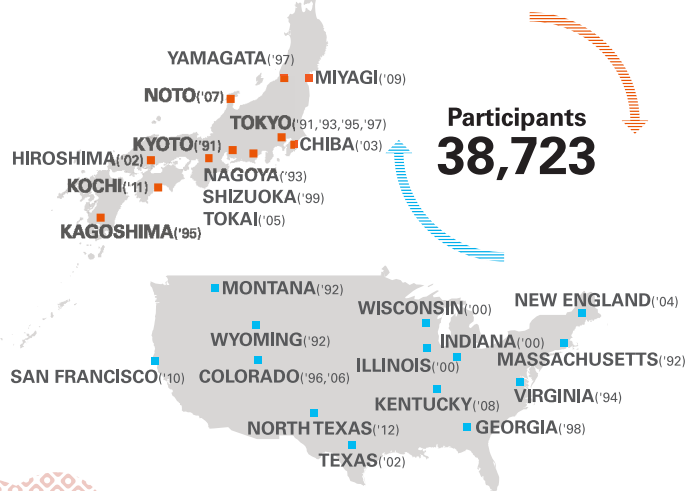
Messages



“Grassroots exchange” is what happens when ordinary citizens of different countries meet and make friendships with each other. Through participating in cultural activities and staying in each other’s homes, they discover much about the other person’s culture and way of life. It is our hope that “grassroots exchange” will lead to increased mutual understanding, respect and friendship between different countries.

The “Japan – America Grassroots Summit” is an annual gathering that provides an opportunity for such an exchange and is held alternately in Japan and the U.S. The program includes homestays, sight-seeing, and various cultural activities. During the Summit, citizens from both countries have the opportunity to get to know each other, have fun, and deepen their friendships.

People of all ages and backgrounds participate in the summit, but they all have one thing in common: a desire to create stronger ties and greater understanding between the people of Japan and America.



What is Grassroots Exchange?



Program of Japan - America Grassroots Summit

1) Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

The Grassroots Summit starts with an Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. In 2013, the Opening Ceremony will be held in Izumo Grand Shrine and Welcome Reception will be held in Shimane Winery.



Opening Ceremony in 2012

2) Local Sessions (Homestay Program)

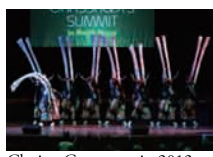
The 11 local Sessions will be offered all over Shimane prefecture. The participants will experience person-to-person exchange with their host and learn about the unique culture of the local area.



Local Sessions in 2011

3) Closing Ceremony and Farewell Program

The Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception are the final event of the Summit. They are attended not only by the American visitors and Japanese volunteers, but also the host families. This is the start of the true grassroots exchange.



Closing Ceremony in 2012

4) Post Summit Optional Programs

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



Post summit Optional Program in 2011



The Beginning of Japan - America Grassroots Exchange

In 1841, an American whaling boat rescued five shipwrecked Japanese fishermen who were marooned on a remote Pacific island. Among the five was a fourteen year old boy called Manjiro. Manjiro's intelligent good nature soon earned him great respect



John Manjiro Nakahama



W.H. Whitfield

among the American crew. He was given the name John, and taken back to Fairhaven Massachusetts to receive an American education. Under the care of the ship's captain William H. Whitfield, Manjiro studied not only English, science and navigation, but also about American culture and values, such as freedom, democracy and hospitality.

At that time Japan was under the rule of the Tokugawa Shogunate, whose policy of isolationism meant that leaving the country was an offense punishable by death. After 10 years in America, however, Manjiro was determined to return home, to pass on the knowledge and goodwill he had received from Whitfield and the community of Fairhaven. Not long after Manjiro returned to Japan, Commodore Perry arrived calling for an end to isolationism, an event which led to the birth of modern Japan. John Manjiro played a crucial role in these events, introducing and explaining American culture, values, technology, etc., to the Japanese.

The friendship between John Manjiro and Captain Whitfield has resulted in more than 170 years of friendship between their descendants. Members of the Whitfield and Nakahama families play a pivotal role in the Summits, and serve as a reminder of the enormous potential of grassroots exchange.



What is about Shimane

Shimane Prefecture lies along the Sea of Japan coast, nestled in the shadows of the Chugoku mountain range that isolated the area for centuries. Today, this land of untouched beauty remains hidden, its charms, traditions and secrets only known to the few who make the journey across the mountains and through the mists; a journey that transcends time and space, taking one far away, down through the ages to a deep, spiritual world of myth and folklore... Three areas make up Shimane - Izumo in the East, Iwami in the West, and the Oki Islands in the Sea of Japan. The Izumo area is the birthplace of Japan, and thus is known as the province of the gods.

Shimane Prefecture Overview

Capital:	Matsue City	Prefectural Flower:	Tree peony
Population:	712,336 (as of October 2011)	Prefectural Tree:	Black Pine
Total area :	6,707.12 km ²	Prefectural Bird:	White Swan
		Prefectural Fish	Flying Fish

Climate of Shimane (July)

Average High Temperature	29.3°C (84.7 F)
Average Low Temperature	22.3°C (72.1 F)

Tourist Information

Shimane Prefecture's Official Tourism Site
<http://www.kankou-shimane.com/en>

Visit Shimane – Explore the beauty and tradition of Japan
<http://visitshimane.com/>

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

Planned Itinerary

- July 1st (Mon.) ■ Depart United States

- July 2nd (Tue.) ■ Arrive in Shimane via Narita and Haneda airport (Bus ride from Narita to Haneda)
 Summit registration at Hotel Ichibata in Matsue City
 ■ <Overnight at Hotel Ichibata in Matsue City>

- July 3rd (Wed.) ■ 3 Local Tour options
 ■ Opening Ceremony at Izumo Grand Shrine
 ■ Welcome Reception at Shimane winery
 <Overnight at Hotel Ichibata in Matsue City or Twin Leaves Hotel in Izumo City>

- July 4th (Thu.) ■ Move to Local Session (Homestay Program)

- July 5th (Fri.) ■ Local Session (Homestay Program)

- July 6th (Sat.) ■ Local Session (Homestay Program)

- July 7th (Sun.) ■ Depart local area for Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception at Matsue English Garden
 <Overnight at Choseikaku or Tamai-Bekkan Hotel in Tamatsukuri Hot Springs of Matsue>

- July 8th (Mon.) ■ Depart Izumo / Yonago airport for Haneda / Narita, and for the United States
 ■ Depart for Post Summit Optional Program



* To reach Izumo from the U.S., you will have to travel from the Tokyo area to Izumo on a domestic flight. Most international flights to Tokyo land at Narita Airport and domestic flights to Izumo leave from Haneda Airport. The minimum connecting time from Narita to Haneda airport is three hours. If your arrival in Narita airport from the U.S. on July 2 is not early enough to catch the last flight to Izumo from Haneda airport, you should stay overnight near Haneda (or Narita) on that day. Taking the earliest flight to Izumo from Haneda Airport on July 3 will allow you to attend the first Summit program of local tours. KIE agents will help you at Narita and Haneda airports.

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

Hotel Information

Matsue Shinjiko Hot Springs (Matsue City)

Situated on the north shore of Lake Shinji, this hot springs district offers an incredible view of the surrounding area and is an ideal base for sightseeing and shopping in Matsue City. Guests are able to enjoy the hot springs rising from 1,250m below ground and dine on freshly caught shijimi clams, one of the seven delicacies of Lake Shinji.



Hotel Ichibata

July 2nd (Tue.)
July 3rd (Wed.)



Address: Chidorichou 30, Matsue, Shimane, Japan 690-0852
TEL: +81-852-22-0188 FAX: +81-852-22-0230

Those who participate in the local sessions from Izumo and to the west are staying in the following hotel on July 3rd.



Twin Leaves Hotel Izumo

July 3rd (Wed.)



Address: Ekikitamachi 4-1, Izumo, Shimane, Japan 693-0007
TEL: +81-853-30-8000 FAX: +81-853-30-8100

Tamatsukuri Hot Springs (Matsue City)

One of the oldest hot springs in Japan, Tamatsukuri Hot Springs has a history dating back to 733 AD, when it was introduced as “The Bath of The Gods” in the Ancient Chronicles of Izumo. Sprng Type: Alkaline thermal hot springs



Tamatsukuri Grand Hotel CHOSEIKAKU

July 7th (Sun.)



Address: Tamatsukuri 331 Tamayuchou Matsue, Shimane, Japan 699-0201
TEL: +81- 852-62-0711 FAX: +81- 852-62-0772

OR



Tamai Bekkan

July 7th (Sun.)



Address: Tamatsukuri1247 Tamayuchou, Matsue, Shimane, Japan 699-0201
TEL: +81-852-62-0524 FAX: +81- 852-62 -2473

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

(Evening of Wednesday July 3rd)



Izumo Grand Shrine



Shimane Winery

The Opening Ceremony will be held in Izumo Grand Shrine which is the second oldest and largest Shinto shrine following "Ise Jingu" in Mie prefecture. It is dedicated to the God of 'en-musubi' and marriage, and it is said that all the Gods in the land gather here in the 10th month, known in Izumo as the month with Gods. The Welcome Reception will be held at Shimane Winery in Matsue City, located about 5 minutes from Izumo Grand Shrine by car, this area is well known for vineyards.

- Welcome speeches from Summit organizers
- Traditional music and dance
- Welcome Reception

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception

(Afternoon of Sunday July 7th)



Matsue English Garden



Matsue English Garden

After the local session (homestay program) has finished, a Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception 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 at the Matsue English Garden in Matsue City. This garden is English style cottage garden. In each garden you will encounter various flowers and enjoy a beautiful smell.

- Farewell speeches from organizers
- Farewell Reception

Local Tour Choice on July 3rd

3 different optional local tours are offered in the morning of July 3rd. Each tour has a different taste, but all are full of beauty and joy. All tours include lunch.
 * The fees for the participants of 18 years old and under are \$7 off for each tour.

A Deep in the Heart of Matsue \$45

Explore beauty and tradition of Matsue, riding on the sightseeing bus and boat. This tour includes Matsue Castle, Horikawa Sightseeing Boat, Shimane Art Museum, Gesshoji Temple and Japanese tea and sweet tasting.



Matsue Castle



Horikawa Sightseeing Boat

B Adachi Museum of Art and Yasugi-bushi \$69

Adachi Museum of Art houses a collection of 1300 Japanese paintings and artworks, and been named the best garden in Japan since 2003 by the Journal of Japanese Gardening. You can also see and enjoy a performance of folk dance at Yasugi-bushi Entertainment Hall.



Adachi Museum of Art



Yasugi-bushi Dance

C Yuushien Garden and "Gegege-no-Kitaro" \$64

Yuushien Japanese Garden, located in Daikonshima Island floating in Nakaumi lagoon, is famous for the variety of seasonal flowers. You will also visit Sakaiminato City where you will encounter the unique characters of "Gegege-no-Kitaro", one of the most popular Manga and Anime in Japan.



Yuushien Garden



Statue of Kitaro and Cartoonist, Shigeru Mizuki

Local Sessions

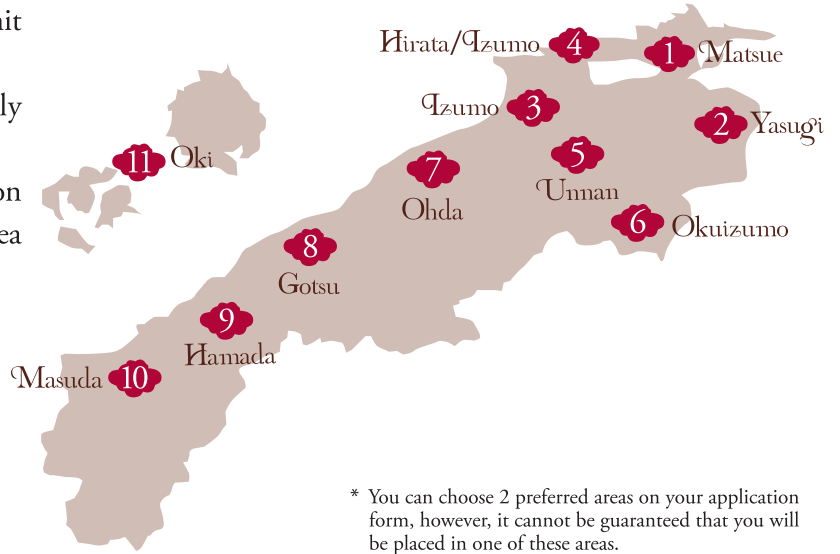


One of the best features of the grassroots summit is the “local sessions (homestay program)”.

In Shimane, the local sessions will start on July 4th 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 11 local session areas in Shimane.



* You can choose 2 preferred areas on your application form, however, it cannot be guaranteed that you will be placed in one of these areas.



1 Matsue City

まつえ

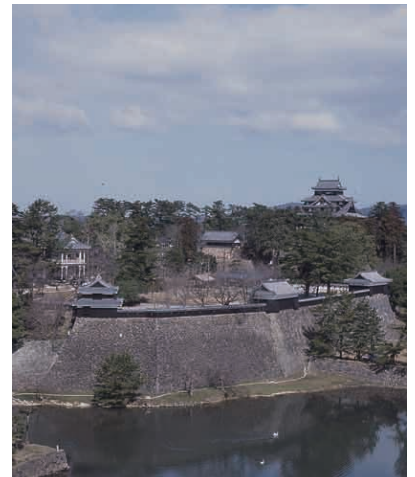


Shigeyuki Yubuki (left), Mariko Takahashi (center) and Toshiki Ikeda (right) are going to be Key Persons for the session in Matsue. We are engaged in the local activities of international exchange. We are excited to have a wonderful encounter with you all and looking forward to spending time with you.

The city faces Shinji Lake, the seventh largest in Japan and famous for its beautiful sunsets. Matsue is called the City of Water, because of the lake and the nearby Ohashi and Horikawa rivers. The lake changes its appearance seasonally and, together with Matsue Castle and the Samurai residences, gives the city a mystical ambience of medieval Japan. We look forward to helping Summit participants enjoy the City of Matsue and its culture.



Lake Shinji



Matsue Castle

2 Yasugi City

やすぎ



I am Nobuo Nakasa, Key Person in Yasugi City. I have been engaged in the exchange program for Australian children as well. I am looking forward to exchanging with American people at our local area of Yasugi.

Yasugi is the home of traditional ironwork, including the production of quality ironsand for use in the manufacture of Japanese swords. Yasugi was known as the port of “Kitamaesen”, from where this was shipped all over Japan. All Japanese know the famous folklore “Yasugi-bushi”, which describes the products and practice of the old Yasugi tradition.



Wako Museum, Tataro Iron making method



Dojo Sukui, Loach Scooping Dance by Yasugi-bushi



3 Izumo City

いずも



I am Masao Nagira, the Chairperson of International Exchange Association of Izumo. While I was working at the Shimane Prefectural government office, I had visited the U.S. as well as 14 foreign Asian countries, and was engaged in the promotion of trade and international communications. I am now enjoying working on international exchange activities with Santa Clara, CA, the sister city of Izumo, and also with the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Izumo is a mystical rural city which preserves the grandeur of ancient myths and a refined traditional culture. There are many shrines of different sizes and temples, providing wonderful surprises for visitors. "Ookuninushi-no-mikoto", the enshrined deity, is known and honored throughout Japan as the god of marriage. The people of Izumo talk about the myths about Izumo in daily life. You, as a visitor, would be captured with Izumo's natural features and myths. We are looking forward to seeing you with Gods in Izumo.



Farmer's Garden



Izumo Grand Shrine

4 Hirata Area, Izumo City

ひらた



My name is Noboru Kato and 62 years old. I run the book store and am engaged in the management of local cable TV station. I have a 33 years old son with two granddaughters who live at the annex of my house. In the month of June, I have been accepting the several students from the Southwest High School in Minneapolis.

The Hirata area is located at the northern part of Izumo city. It has an old Ichibata Yakushiji Temple, inaugurated 1,100 years ago. Hirata also has two famous festivals; Isshiki Kazari with 200 year old porcelains, and Tanabata with decorated boats. Momen Kaido (cotton road) is also well known with the traditional Japanese houses. We invite you a sake brewery, including a tasting. Also, we plan to have you experience Japanese calligraphy, enjoy green tea and view a Japanese garden.



Cotton Road



Ichibata Yakushi Buddhist Temple

5 Unnan City

うんなん



I am Kuniyuki Tsubouchi. After retiring from my career as a high school teacher, I have been teaching a general education program for young police officers. I am now serving to Unnan International Association as a chairperson. We sent seven middle and high school students to Richmond, Indiana last summer. We are looking forward to seeing you all with wonderful landscape and scenery as well with people in Unnan city.

The Hikawa river, known in the myth of "Yamata-no-orochi", flows through Unnan city. Unnan has various myths and legends as well as historic remains and ancient tombs such as "Kamo Iwakura Iseki". The origin of these historic remains, temples, shrines and places are described in the book, "Izumokoku Hudoki", which was compiled 1,300 years ago. In the Unnan area, farming has taken place in the lowlands of the Hikawa river, while ironworks and charcoal making are traditionally in the hill areas. In each season, you can enjoy magnificent Chugoku mountain scenery from a special miniature truck train.



Sake Brewer's Museum



Sightseeing Train



6 Okuizumo Town

おくいずも



My name is Hiromichi Fujihara, in charge of the International Association of Okuizumo Town. Despite of its location in deep mountain side, we are actively engaged in the international exchange program with Chicago high school students and we have been inviting 20-30 students, having them long stay in our town every year.

Rice from Okuizumo, known as “Nita Mai”, is delicious and equally famous as the koshihikari rice of Niigata Prefecture. Okuizumo has delicious local sake, “wagyu” beef, buckwheat noodles and shiitake mushrooms. The hot springs are known as one of the three best hot springs in Japan. We are looking forward to meeting you all in Okuizumo.



Nita Mai, Delicious Rice



Kamedake Hot Spring

7 Ohda City

おおだ



I am Yasuko Takahashi, chairperson of Green and Water Network, a nonprofit organization in Ohda. We've been trying to preserve the environment of woodlands near populated area as well as grasslands. We are also engaged in the preservation of the old site of Iwami Silver Mine, which is designated as the “World Heritage” by UNESCO. We have been holding the international work-camp since 2007.

Ohda enjoys a comfortable natural environment and a long history. The city has a 46 kilometer shoreline facing the Sea of Japan. It preserves beautiful farming and forest land, surrounded by a National Park including the Sanbe Mountain Range and Sanbe Mountain, rising 1,126 meters above sea level. During the summer time, you can enjoy swimming, fishing, hiking, climbing, observation of nature and camping all over the places. People in Ohda have been preserving not only the natural environment, but also its rich culture, such as Iwami Kagura and Bon Dance.



Kotogahama Beach



Mountain Sanbe and Lake Ukinuno

8 Gotsu City

ごうつ

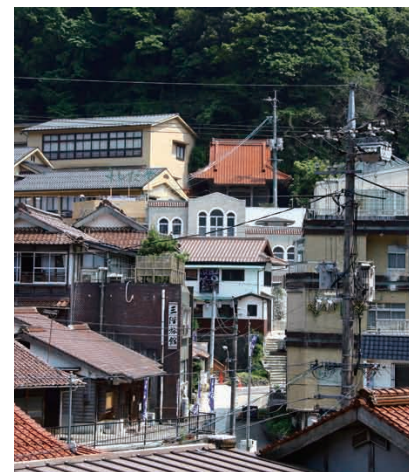


My name is Kazunari Yamazaki, chairperson of Corona Society in Gotsu, and I am going to be a key person of the Gotsu local session. Corona city in California and Gotsu have started the exchange of goodwill from 1989 and we made the sister city agreement in 2004. People from both cities have been enjoying student exchange programs ever since. We are looking forward to having fun with you.

Gotsu City is located in the middle of Shimane Prefecture and has profound natural beauty, with the ocean, mountains and rivers. The city has not only natural beauty but traditional “Iwami Kagura” dance and delicious, nourishing food produced by dedicated producers. We are planning for attendees to encounter these delights and look forward to welcoming you all.



Iwami Kagura Festival



Arifuku Hot Spring



9 Hamada City

はまだ



My name is Yosuke Hazezama, chairperson of Hamada International Association, which is going to celebrate the 20th anniversary in 2013. Commemorating this anniversary, we would like to join the Grassroots Summit, wishing the international exchange will continue in the future to come. We would like all the participants to enjoy the natural beauty and delicious food of Hamada!

Hamada is proud of its natural beauty with ocean and mountains. The city has a lot of tourist attractions, such as a swimming beach, hot springs, and an aquarium, etc. Hamada is the core city in Shimane prefecture, and has the unique combination of traditional culture of Iwami Kagura and cultural and educational facilities, such as Shimane University, Hamada Children's Museum of Art, as well as the fishery port and commercial harbor. You can enjoy the delicate taste of fresh fish and fresh harvests from the farmland, and tasty sake attributed to the pure water. We would like you to have the excitement and experience you can only get from Hamada.



Nodoguro, Rosy Seabass



Summer Train

10 Masuda City

ますだ



I am Yoshiaki Shibutani (right), a retired school teacher. I am growing vegetables and fruits in small farm.
I am Toshie Aoto (left). I appreciated very much for the warm hospitality I have received at the North Texas Summit 2012. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Masuda!

Masuda is located at the western part of Shimane prefecture and has a population of 50,000 people. It has a lot of delicious food and rich culture as well as full of energetic people. We would like you to enjoy tasty sashimi and muskmelon. During the summer time, Kagura dance is performed every night and the adults and children enjoy it very much. It is one of the entertainments we would like you to take part in. Masuda is also famous for the prominent poets like Kakinomoto Hitomaro, or the poet and painter Sesshu. We would like you to experience the traditional Japanese culture, including the tea ceremony.



Mochishi Beach



Ikoji Temple

11 Oki Area

おき



My name is Kazuhiro Nobe, the key person of Oki. I am now engaged in the activities with the 4th generation of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles through basketball. I am excited about the opportunity to associate with people from new and different areas.

Oki is a small island located in the western part of Japan. The archipelago of Oki consists of 4 populated and 180 unpopulated islands. It has a splendid seashore line with incredible shapes of rocks and preserves rich natural environment. We are planning to have tour with sea kayaks and "Bon Dance" so that the participants could enjoy the natural environment and the culture of Oki. Oki is trying to get the authorization to be a part of the Global Geoparks Network backed by UNESCO at present. We are looking forward to seeing you in Oki with world renowned natural environment.



Candle Island



Sea Kayaking Tour

Post Summit Optional Program

After the summit, you can extend your stay in Japan to discover more and make more friends in other regions!

1

Kyoto (hotel and homestay) and Tokyo \$670

You can extend your stay in Tokyo at a cost of \$145 per night



Yoshie Nakayama
Volunteer Coordinator



Maiko Dancers

Kyoto is the most popular tourist destination for foreign and Japanese people. Admission of "Kyoto Gion Corner", most meals in Kyoto, and breakfast in Tokyo are included.

Maximum number of participants: 20

- July 8th (Mon.) ■ Depart Matsue to Kyoto by JR train
< Stay at Hotel Keihan Kyoto >
- July 9th (Tue.) ■ Meet volunteers and sightseeing
■ Kyoto Gion Corner experience
< Homestay in Kyoto >
- July 10th (Wed.) ■ Sightseeing and potluck party at night
< Homestay in Kyoto >
- July 11th (Thu.) ■ Depart Kyoto by Bullet Train to Shinagawa in Tokyo
< Stay at Shinagawa Prince in Tokyo >
- July 12th (Fri.) ■ Depart hotel to Narita airport by Airport Limousine Bus

*Your suitcase should be sent by express courier service from Matsue to Kyoto or Tokyo, as you can not bring in big suitcase to the train. The courier will deliver your bag to the designated place the next day with around \$20 per a suitcase.

2

Hiroshima, Kochi (homestay) and Tokyo \$580

You can extend your stay in Tokyo at a cost of \$145 per night



Atomic Bomb Dome



Ryoma Statue
at Katsurahama Beach

Visit 2 World Heritages, Miyajima and Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, then meet the volunteers in Kochi where you can enjoy various local programs with home-stay experience. All meals in Kochi, breakfast in Hiroshima and Tokyo are included. [Supported by Nankoku City International Association]

Maximum number of participants: 8

- July 8th (Mon.) ■ Depart Matsue to Hiroshima by bus
■ Meet volunteers and sightseeing
< Stay in Hiroshima >
- July 9th (Tue.) ■ Sightseeing and departure to Kochi by bus
■ Meet volunteers and host families in Kochi
< Homestay in Kochi >
- July 10th (Wed.) ■ Sightseeing and other programs in Kochi
< Homestay in Kochi >
- July 11th (Thu.) ■ Depart Kochi to Haneda by airplane
< Stay at Shinagawa Prince in Tokyo >
- July 12th (Fri.) ■ Depart hotel to Narita airport by Airport Limousine Bus

3

Noto (homestay) and Tokyo \$720

You can extend your stay in Tokyo at a cost of \$145 per night



Shinobu Uogishi
Volunteer Coordinator



Morning Market

Noto is a beautiful rural peninsula jutting out of the west coast of Japan. Experience a different culture and enjoy the homestay to make friends in Noto! All meals in Noto and breakfast in Tokyo are included.

Maximum number of participants: 10

- July 8th (Mon.) ■ Depart Matsue to Noto airport via Haneda
■ Meet volunteers and sightseeing
< Homestay in Noto >
- July 9th (Tue.) ■ Sightseeing and programs in Noto
< Homestay in Noto >
- July 10th (Wed.) ■ Depart Noto airport to Haneda
< Stay at Shinagawa Prince in Tokyo >
- July 11th (Thu.) ■ Depart hotel to Narita airport by Airport Limousine Bus

4

Sendai (hotel and homestay) and Tokyo \$630

You can extend your stay in Tokyo at a cost of \$145 per night



Sendai City



Matsushima

Sendai is the biggest city in Tohoku region in Japan. You will visit beautiful Matsushima and also the areas hit by tsunami in 2011. Meals in homestay period in Sendai and breakfast during hotel-stay are included. [Supported by Sendai International Relations Association]

Maximum number of participants: 20

- July 8th (Mon.) ■ Depart Matsue to Haneda airport by airplane
■ Travel to Sendai from Tokyo by bullet train
< Hotel stay in Sendai >
- July 9th (Tue.) ■ Meet staff of Sendai International Relations Association and Sightseeing
< Hotel stay in Sendai >
- July 10th (Wed.) ■ Sightseeing and other programs
< Homestay in Sendai >
- July 11th (Thu.) ■ Depart Sendai to Tokyo
< Stay at Shinagawa Prince in Tokyo >
- July 12th (Fri.) ■ Depart hotel to Narita airport by Airport Limousine Bus

*Your suitcase should be sent by express courier service from Matsue to Sendai or Tokyo, as you can not bring in big suitcase to the train. The courier will deliver your bag to the designated place the next day with around \$20 per a suitcase.

5

Tokyo Free Time \$200

You can extend your stay in Tokyo at a cost of \$145 per night



Shinagawa Prince Hotel

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

- July 8th (Mon.) ■ Depart Matsue to Haneda airport{
■ Train ride from Haneda airport to Shinagawa
■ Free time in Tokyo
< Stay at Shinagawa Prince in Tokyo >
- July 9th (Tue.) ■ Depart hotel to Narita airport by Airport Limousine Bus

Hotel costs are based on double occupancy. Please indicate if single occupancy is required, at a cost of \$45 per night for each hotel of all Optional Programs.

All programs include accommodation, transportation to destination, and to the Narita airport on the final day. "Tokyo Free Time" does not include organized tours and participants are to plan their own activities.

If you extend your stay in Tokyo and fly back to the U.S. on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, additional \$50 will be required for OP3 and OP5.



Information

Price

The following prices include round trip airfare between the U.S. city listed below and Narita airport, between Narita and Matsue city, hotel accommodation, all breakfast, dinners at the Opening and Closing events, most of the meals during Local Session period, and all transportation in Japan and all participation, administration and handling costs, for the Summit Program.

The package does NOT include airline taxes, fuel surcharge, 4% credit card processing fee, and hotel single supplement surcharge, any optional tours during or after the Summit program.

Cities	Early Bird Discount (by Mar. 31)	Regular Price
San Francisco	\$2,150	\$2,250
Los Angeles	\$2,050	\$2,150
San Jose	\$2,740	\$2,840
Denver	\$2,450	\$2,550
Colorado Springs	\$2,490	\$2,590
Lexington, Louisville	\$2,490	\$2,590
Dallas (Connecting)	\$2,490	\$2,590
Dallas (Non Stop)	\$2,640	\$2,740
New York (JFK, EWR)	\$2,420	\$2,520
Washington DC (Connection)	\$2,450	\$2,550
Boston (Connecting)	\$2,420	\$2,520

- ① The direct flight is subject to availability.
- ② If your flight will be on Fri., Sat. or Sun, because of early departure or extension of stay in Japan, \$50 will be added to the above price.
- ③ For all other departure cities, please contact KIE New York.

Contact

REGARDING TRAVEL (SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS)

KIE / Kintetsu International
Attn: Grassroots Summit 2013
Ms. Mitsuru Matsumura, Mr. Tatsumi Fukunaga

Address: 1290 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 900 New York NY 10104
Telephone: 212-259-9710 E-mail: Manjiro@kintetsu.com
Office hour: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm EST, Mon.-Fri.

REGARDING THE SUMMIT

CIE-US
(C/O National Association of Japan America Societies)

Address: C/O National Association of Japan-America Societies
1819 L Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20036
Telephone: 202-429-5545 E-mail: manjiro@us-japan.org

Important Information

1) Youth Discount

- Children 11 years and under
\$200 discount from Regular Price
- Students between 12 and 25 years old
\$150 discount from Regular Price
- Infants under 2 are \$300 for all costs.

2) Hotel Rooms

The listed prices are based on the double occupancy. If traveling alone, unless otherwise requested, another participant may share a room with you. Please indicate in the application form if single occupancy is required, at a cost of \$300 for 3 nights during the Summit.

* If you want to stay with your family members or friends with more than 3 people a room, please contact with KIE New York.

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

4) Deadline (May 1st)

The registration deadline is May 1st, 2013, or when it reaches 180.

Please send the application form and copy of your passport to KIE. Upon receipt of your application, KIE will send you the acknowledgement letter with cancellation policy and other guidance.

Tour cost is subject to change due to flight seat availability after deadline.

** Online application is also available from the CIE homepage.

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



- The Executive Committee of the 23rd Japan – America Grassroots Summit 2013 in Shimane
- John Manjiro Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange (CIE)
- CIE-US

<http://www.manjiro.or.jp/>

Translation: Masaaki Asakura

* Information in the brochure is subject to change without notice.