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The 25th Japan-America Grassroots Summit in

OITA



JULY 6 – JULY 13, 2015

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

Messages from the Organizers

Katsusada Hirose

Governor of Oita Prefecture



I am so pleased that the 25th Japan-America Grassroots Exchange Summit will be held in Oita Prefecture. Oita is known as the Onsen (hot spring) Capital of Japan because nationally it has the greatest amount of onsen water gushing out from the earth's surface and as well as the highest number of onsen sources. Oita is a popular tourist destination because of its onsen, its rich nature, history, and culture, as well as its culinary delicacies from both the mountains and sea. Oita welcomes tourists from all over the world. Please be sure to get to know Oita's nature and food, and meet and befriend many people from Oita. I hope you make friendships here that are comparable to or surpass the friendship between John Manjiro and Captain Whitfield.

Kiyotaka Himeno

Chair of Oita Grassroots Summit Executive Committee



Oita is blessed with beautiful nature, such as verdant mountains and a sawtooth shaped coastline. Furthermore, this beauty is reflected in differing ways in each region of the prefecture. Each region is filled with seasonal delights, and delicacies from the sea and mountains. We hope that you will be able to taste and enjoy them! We have decided to hold special interest group meetings in selected regions for the benefit of everyone. Whatever region's meeting you participate in, we think you will have a very satisfying experience. We are greatly looking forward to meeting you all in Oita Prefecture.

Taizo Watanabe

Chairman,
John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange



Oita has long been the Japan's gateway to the outside world and its culture. The first Christian mission from Portugal to Japan arrived in Oita in the 16th century. Oita is rich in natural resources and is culturally diverse. Oita is well known for having the largest number of hot springs in Japan and a warm climate. Oita also produces an abundant variety of products, and is famous for its beautiful maritime resorts. In many ways, Oita is comparable to San Diego, the site of the last Grassroots Summit in 2014. A great number of volunteers are all waiting to greet you in Oita.

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 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 descendents. 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.



John Manjiro Nakahama



W.H. Whitfield

Friendship

What is Grassroots Exchange?

“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.



The Program of the 25th Grassroots Summit

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

The Grassroots Summit starts with an Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. Participants from America, Japanese volunteers and others connected with the Summit gather to enjoy the welcome provided by the Summit Executive Committee. In 2015, the Opening Ceremony and the Welcome Reception will be held in Beppu Suginoi Hotel which is well known with its great onsen (hot spring) facilities all over Japan.



Opening Ceremony in 2013

Local Sessions (Homestay Program)

The 11 local Sessions will be offered by 11 cities all over Oita prefecture. The participants will experience person-to-person exchange with their host and learn about the unique culture of the local area through this 4 days 3 nights program.



Local Sessions in 2013

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception

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 and others who have connections with the summit. This is the start of the true grassroots exchange.



Closing Ceremony in 2009

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 2013

Hikotaro-ike

What is about OITA?

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Oita Prefecture is located in the eastern area of the Kyushu island (located in the south-west of the Japanese archipelago). The region has a mild climate, and is blessed with rich nature as it is close to both the mountains and the sea. For these reasons, we think you will greatly enjoy Oita's fresh delicacies from the sea, as well as its meat and vegetables, not to mention the countless famous dishes made here using those ingredients.

What is more, Oita has a rich history and cultural heritage that is unmissable for those who wish to learn about Japan, and in Oita you can enjoy visiting shrines, Buddhist temples and Buddhist statues.

Finally, there is Oita's pride and joy: its onsen (hot springs). Places in Oita Prefecture such as Beppu and Yufuin are full of onsen, and in terms of the amount of onsen sources and the amount of onsen water rushing from the earth, not to mention the fact that Oita boasts ten of the eleven types of onsen known world-wide, Oita Prefecture is known as the "Onsen Capital of Japan." For this reason, Oita is known throughout Japan and it also receives many visitors from abroad. Oita is truly a fascinating place.

Welcome to OITA!

Oita Grassroots Summit
Executive Committee

Yufuin Mountains

Hot Spring

Old Samurai Residence


Usuki Stone Buddhas

Japanese
Monkeys

Jigoku Mushi
(Food steamed by hot spring)



Planned Itinerary

July 6 (Mon.)	Depart United States	
July 7 (Tue.)	Arrive in Oita via Narita and Haneda airports (Bus ride from Narita to Haneda) [Overnight at Beppu Suginoi Hotel]	
July 8 (Wed.)	Optional Local Tours Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception [Overnight at Beppu Suginoi Hotel]	
July 9 (Thu.)	Move to Local Session	[Home-stay]
July 10 (Fri.)	Local Session	[Home-stay]
July 11 (Sat.)	Local Session	[Home-stay]
July 12 (Sun.)	Depart local area for Oita City Visit Oita Prefectural Art Museum (OPAM) Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception [Overnight at Oita Oasis Tower Hotel]	
July 13 (Mon.)	Depart Oita for Haneda / Narita, and for the United States or Depart for Post Summit Optional Program	

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

* To reach Oita airport from the U.S., you will have to travel from the Tokyo area to Oita on a domestic flight. Most international flights to Tokyo land at Narita Airport, and domestic flights to Oita leave from Haneda Airport. The minimum connecting time from Narita to Haneda airport is 3 hours. (Package participation price of the back cover includes the airfare between Haneda and Oita.)

OPAM will open in spring of 2015, and is designed by the world-renowned architect, Shigeru Ban, the recipient of the Pritzker Architecture Prize (the Nobel Prize of the architectural world).



Hotel Information

Beppu Suginoi Hotel

Stay on July 7 and 8

Beppu Suginoi is a spa resort hotel located on the hill top called Kankaiji, one of the 8 hot spring areas of Beppu city. It offers stunning view of nature as far as Shikoku Island over the Beppu bay on a sunny day on one side, and Mt. Tsurumi on the other.

Suginoi consists of 3 buildings, which are Hon-kan (Main Wing), Hana-kan (Hana Wing), and Naka-kan (Middle Wing), hot springs, restaurants, banquet halls, meeting rooms, Karaoke rooms, and spa salon, "Spa the Ceada". Suginoi also offers many other amusement facilities, such as an open air hot spring, "Tanayu", an open air swimsuit hot spring facility, "The Aqua Garden", the bowling alley, amusement swimming pool, "Aquaheat", the game center, and souvenir shops.

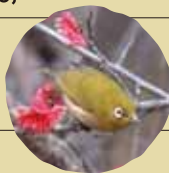


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Oita Prefecture Overview



- **Location of the Prefectural Office:** Oita City
- **Prefectural Flower and Tree:** Bungo Prunus Mume
- **Prefectural Bird:** Japanese White-Eye
- **Population:** 1,171,702 (As of October 1, 2013)
- **Area:** 6,339.82km² (As of October 1, 2013)
- **Climate in July:**
Average highest temperature 87.0°F (30.6°C)
Average lowest temperature 73.8°F (23.2°C)
- **Sister Cities:**
Austin, Texas and Oita City
Beaumont, Texas and Beppu City



Japanese White-Eye
with Bungo Prunus Mume

Tourist Information

Oita Prefecture's Official Tourism Site
<http://www.pref.oita.jp/site/tourism/>

Oita Prefecture's Official Sightseeing Information Site
<http://www.visit-oita.jp/index.e.html>

Oita Oasis Tower Hotel

Stay on July 12

Oita Oasis Tower Hotel is a modern hotel in Oita City. It is located in the "Oita Oasis Tower," the highest building in the city, which houses the cultural center and shopping mall. The tower will be connected with the Oita Prefectural Art Museum (OPAM) to be opened in April 2015.

It also houses the prefectural musical theater and the NHK broadcast station. The hotel is only one kilometer from JR Oita railway station and 60 kilometers from Oita airport.



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Opening and Closing Ceremonies & Receptions

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

Evening of July 8, Wednesday

The Opening Ceremony will be held in a banquet room, "Pearl", of Beppu Suginoi Hotel.

This is the true start of the Grassroots Summit with the American participants, distinguished guests, Summit organizers, volunteers, Japanese Summit alumni members, etc. It will be followed by Welcome Reception in a room, "Amber", in Beppu Suginoi.



Contents

- The welcome addresses by distinguished guests of Oita
- Local attraction
- Welcome dinner

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception

Late afternoon of July 12th, Sunday

After the local session and the visit to Oita Prefectural Art Museum have finished, a Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception will be held to give everybody the opportunity to say goodbye to those who have made so many memories with. It will be planned in a banquet room of Oita Oasis Tower Hotel which is located in the midst of Oita City.



Contents

- Farewell speeches from organizers
- Introduction of the next Grassroots Summit in 2016
- Farewell dinner



Local Tour Choice on July 8

The second day in Oita will begin with 5 optional local tours. Each tour will take 5 to 6 hours, and includes the sightseeing of three famous hot springs, Chinoike-Jigoku (Blood Pond Hell), Umi-Jigoku (Sea Hell), Oniishi-Bozu Jigoku (Monk Head Hell), and lunch. Some Japanese Grassroots Summit alumni will join the tour, too.

***Please choose a tour of different area from the preferred Local Session city**

A Beppu Nature Course \$45

Lunch will be served at Hyotan Onsen, the Michelin 3 starred hot spring, and then the bus will go to the mountain top to give you the magnificent view of the whole Beppu city. The visits to Myoban Onsen, and to Lake Shidaka are also included.



Lake Shidaka

B Unique Oita Course \$65

Mt. Takasaki in Oita City is very famous for Japanese monkeys. July is the season to be able to see their cute babies. After the encounter with the monkeys, lunch is planned at Umitamago Aquarium where attractive sea animals are waiting for you. "Oita Toillennare" will amaze you, showing how the toilets can be the artworks.

Youth Admission Discount
15 and under **-\$12**
6 and under **-\$18**
3 and under **-\$23**



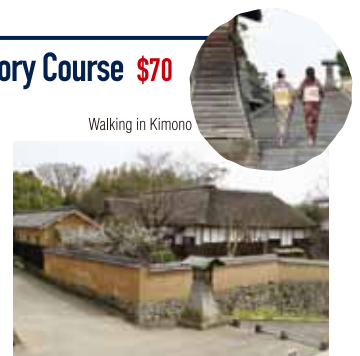
Monkeys of Mt. Takasaki



Umitamago Aquarium

C Kitsuki Beautiful History Course \$70

Kitsuki will show you the vivid history of Oita with its unique cityscape. Changing the western clothes to Kimono and walking along the street with wooden clogs are just fun! Visits to Kitsuki Castle and to old samurai residences are included.



Old Samurai Residence

D Yufuin Relax Course \$45

Yufuin is another well-known Onsen (hot spring) resort, and several high-end ryokans (Japanese style inn) are located. Unique shops, museums, cafes, etc., are lined along the streets, and they are always busy with many tourists. Lake Kinrin is a beautiful and calm spot to relax and good place for the photographers.



Lake Kinrin



Street with Tourists

E Beppu Learning Course \$40

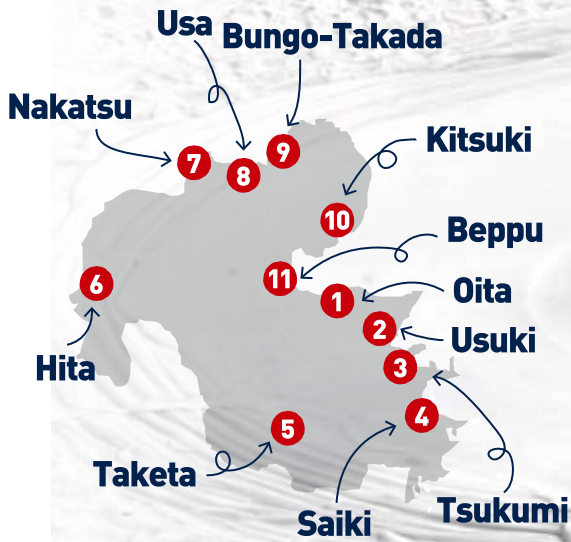
Beppu is also famous with "Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)" and "Japan Sun Industries". APU was established in 2000, and now 5,700 students from about 80 different countries are studying. "Japan Sun Industries" is a Social Welfare Organization which is providing jobs to handicapped people, collaborating with major Japanese companies. Their motto is "No charity, but the chance!"



Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)



People of Japan Sun Industries



Local Sessions



One of the best features of the Grassroots Summit is the “local sessions (homestay program).”

In Oita, the local sessions will start on July 9th for 4 days and 3 nights. The participants will experience person-to-person exchange and the unique local culture with their host families. There are 11 local session areas in Oita.

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 Oita City

In the sixteenth century, under the protection of the Christian Daimyo(feudal lord), Otomo Sourin, Oita became a center for Christian missionaries and Western culture blossomed here. Medicine, music, and drama from the West also flourished in Oita. Oita City is now developed as a center of trade and industry, playing an important role as the largest economic heart of eastern Kyushu. It is surrounded by the beautiful Beppu Bay, and at the popular “Umi Tamago” aquarium, guests can see fun performances from dolphins, walruses and more. Visitors can also see groups of wild Japanese monkeys nearby at the Mt. Takasaki Natural Park.



KEY PERSON



My name is Hitoshi Hashimoto and I am the promotional chairperson of the Oita Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Since 1990, Oita City has enjoyed a sister city relationship with Austin, Texas, U.S.A, and the two cities enjoy a deep friendship. I hope that all participants in this summit enjoy a wonderful experience in Oita City. We are all waiting to welcome you.

2 Usuki City

Usuki is home to the Usuki Stone Buddhas. They were carved into the cliff face about one thousand years ago and are national treasures. Many people come to visit these statues. Furthermore in Usuki’s urban areas, surrounding a sixteenth-century castle are Buddhist temples dating from the Edo Period, samurai residences, and many old merchants’ houses (machiya). Looking at the view from the castle ruins is like going back in time to the Edo Period. Modern Usuki is famed for its “miso” and “soy sauce” production, but the area is also known for fishing and farming. For these reasons and more, there are many Japanese restaurants in Usuki, and visitors from all over Japan come to eat the delicious Japanese food here.



KEY PERSON



My name is Kensuke Ono and I am the vice president of the Usuki Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In a town like this, I hope that you will fully experience Japanese culture, and make many wonderful memories here. We are currently making plans to enable you to interact and have cultural exchanges with Usuki residents. We hope that you are looking forward to seeing them!

3 Tsukumi City

Tsukumi is a port city made up of interweaving orange fields and a unique sawtooth-shaped coastline.

It is famous for being a cement town, being one of Japan's prominent producers of limestone deposits. Furthermore, Tsukumi is a city of many charms, such as our traditional fan dance that has been performed for roughly 450 years, and opportunities to interact with dolphins.

We truly hope that our American guests taking part in the summit will fully enjoy Tsukumi City's nature and culture.



Traditional Fan Dance



Communication with Dolphins

KEY PERSONS



We are Rina Futamura (left) and Ikushiro Harajiri (right). We are greatly looking forward to meeting you all and spending time with you all. Let's all experience Tsukumi's culture together!

4 Saiki City

In 2005, the former Saiki City absorbed eight of the surrounding towns and became the city in Kyushu with the largest total area. Old castle towns, as well as mountain, sea and river towns, became one, meaning that in Saiki City one can enjoy a variety of sights, and also taste a rich variety of foods. Why don't you spend the deep summer, energetically moving through the ocean, or experiencing the gentle mountain air, or taking a leisurely stroll around a quiet castle town? I assure you that all of the various delights of the Japanese summertime can be experienced in Saiki.



Walking with Kimono



Tsurumisaki Lighthouse

KEY PERSON



My name is Toru Yamamoto and I am the vice president of the Saiki City Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Please look forward to the people of Saiki welcoming you all from the bottom of their hearts. We are looking forward to seeing you.

5 Taketa City

Taketa City is located in the south-west of Oita Prefecture, roughly in the center of Kyushu. It is surrounded by the mountains that Kyushu is well-known for: the Kuju mountain range, Mt. Aso, and the Sobo-Katamuki mountain range, and is an area rich in nature with water and greenery. Visitors will be delighted by the famous ever-flowing water of Taketa, Taketa's food which is borne of Taketa's rich nature and history, Nagayu Onsen, Japan's best carbonated onsen (hot spring) and the vast Kuju Highlands that give one a sense of openness. Furthermore, there are the Oka Castle Ruins, made famous by the music "The Moon over the Ruined Castle," and in the castle town there are many old samurai residences and other historical buildings.



Oka Castle Ruins



The landscape of the mountains

KEY PERSON



My name is Kiyoko Hada and I am the vice president of the Okajo Historical Town Planning Society. I am looking forward to meeting you all in the castle town which is rich in nature and history.

6 Hita City

Hita City is surrounded by beautiful mountains (Aso, the Kuju mountain range and the Hiko mountain range), and the town is blessed by the wonderful water that flows from these mountain ranges. On summer nights, many Japanese houseboats float on the Mikuma River, and we invite you all to this enchanting world. Furthermore, from the olden days, Hita has flourished as an important place bringing together traffic from all over northern Kyushu. In the Edo period, the region prospered as the Saigokusuji County - an imperial fiefdom directly controlled by the Edo Shogunate, and so was the center of Kyushu's governmental, economic and cultural worlds. Even now this reputation remains unchanged, and the area is known as "Little Kyoto."



Houseboats on Mikuma River



Kangien Old Private Academy

KEY PERSON



I am Kiyoshi Sakuragi. I have been operating an English language cram school for around 30 years. Every summer we run a program called "A Summer Adventure in Hita," during which American Students and local elementary & middle school pupils are able to meet, make friends, and experience all the charms of Hita. Hita is often called "Little Kyoto of Kyushu." I hope you will come to our town and experience traditional Japanese culture here.

7 Nakatsu City

Nakatsu is famed for its connection to Fukuzawa Yukichi, whose portrait is featured on the ¥10,000 bank notes (Fukuzawa visited the U.S. along with John Manjiro in 1860). There are culturally important and historical buildings in the city, such as Nakatsu Castle and the former home of Fukuzawa. Nakatsu is also home to the famed scenic area, Yabakei, and rich in seafood (the conger eel is particularly famed). Its mountainous regions are home to shitake mushrooms, Bungo-beef, peaches, pears, green tea and lumber. Furthermore, Nakatsu is famous throughout Japan for its "Heavenly Kara-Age (Japanese fried chicken)".



Nakatsu Castle



The Former Home of Fukuzawa

KEY PERSONS



We are the vice presidents of the Nakatsu City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tadashi Hosokawa (left) and Kiyosi Takemoto (right). Our city was the castle town established approximately 400 years ago by the famous Edo period military commander, Kuroda Kanbei. With its gorgeous scenery, and famous delicacies of the mountain and sea, Nakatsu is waiting to warmly welcome you all.

8 Usa City

Usa City hosts the Usa-Jingu Shrine, which was designated a national treasure and is the head Shrine of the Hachimon shrines, of which there are approximately 40,000 in Japan, and many people from all over Japan come to visit this shrine. There are also many other historical and cultural treasures that are really worth seeing, such as Ajimu, which attracts many tourists, the stone bridge, and the Yuzu citrus production center. Usa is a place with many charms. We warmly welcome all of you! Please enjoy Usa's 1,500 year history and natural landscape.



The Stone Bridge



Usa Jingu Shrine

KEY PERSON



My name is Hisako Nishioka. Every other year, I take part in homestay exchange events and educational exchange with people from foreign countries. Additionally, I also run a cultural exchange business and English conversation classes, and by next year will have been doing that for 20 years. I am really looking forward to meeting you all in our town which is steeped in history and culture, and hope that we can have a good international exchange.

9 Bungo-Takada City

Bungo-Takada is a city that is alive with history. For thousands of years it has enjoyed a rich cultural atmosphere that interweaves beautiful nature with the culture and history of the Rokugo Manzan temples. Bungo-Takada is a place where you can truly come to understand and to experience history through the old town streets and the cultural events. Beginning with the city center, which has been revitalized and is full of energy, the Fukiji Temple (a national treasure), and the scenery of the Tashibu rural area have particularly utilized their charms, and due to the efforts of the many people of this region, you can experience the charms of this newly re-born city.



Fukiji Temple



Showa Town

KEY PERSON



My name is Yoji Noda of the Bungo-Takada Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Many tourists come to visit the "Showa Town" area of Bungo-Takada, and I'm extremely pleased to welcome you all there. We in Bungo-Takada are looking forward to meeting you all.

10 Kitsuki City

Kitsuki City is located in the north-east of Oita Prefecture, in the southern part of the Kunisaki Peninsula, an area known as "Hotoke no Sato", which literary means "hometown of Buddha". It is a place blessed with abundant nature, possessing both verdant mountainous regions and a beautiful coastline. There are a wide variety of natural products in the region that have been cultivated by this nature, such as Bungo beef, Yamaga rice, and greenhouse-grown oranges from the mountains, as well as conger eels, dried sardines, and oysters from the sea.



Suyano-Saka



Kitsuki Castle

KEY PERSON



My name is Hironobu Tsuchiya. I am fifty-one years old. My only daughter is currently a university student in Tokyo, and so my wife and I live in this town together while managing a DIY store. So far, we have hosted students from the U.S., Germany, Norway and Slovenia. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our hometown, Kitsuki.

11 Beppu City

Beppu city is Japan's best place for onsen (hot springs). Views of great steam plumes rising into the air are symbols of the city, and citizens here are very kind and friendly.

Also, Beppu is proud of having the highest number of the international students per capita all over Japan. Approximately 3,000 international students from around 80 different countries and regions live in the city. These students devote themselves not only to their studies, but also to cultural exchange with Beppu citizens, and it is giving the international thriving atmosphere to Beppu.



The Landscape of Beppu City



Jigokumushi (Food Steamed by Hot Spring)

KEY PERSON



My name is Fusho Yamamoto (center in the picture). I represent a volunteer international exchange group. It undertakes various activities, such as writing tourist guides for foreign visitors to Beppu, as well as running English classes for Japanese people. Through these activities we are deepening understanding between Japanese and those from other countries. We are eagerly waiting to welcome you all here in Beppu.

Post Summit Optional Program

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



OP1 KUMAMOTO & TOKYO
Homestay and Hotel
\$590

Kumamoto is located in the center of Kyushu Island. Over 400-year old Kumamoto Castle and other beautiful spots with warm Kumamoto hospitality are waiting for you. On the way to Kumamoto, just enjoy the magnificent view of Mount Aso!



Honmaru Goten Palace of Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto Castle

Coordinated by Kumamoto International Foundation (KIF)

Maximum number of participants: 15

All transportation, program fee, meals at host's house, hotel room and breakfast are included.

- July 13 (Mon)** Depart Oita for Kumamoto City via Mt. Aso
Meet KIF volunteers and sightseeing in Kumamoto city
[Homestay in Kumamoto]

- July 14 (Tue)** Sightseeing and activities
[Homestay in Kumamoto]

- July 15 (Wed)** Sightseeing and activities
Depart Kumamoto airport for Haneda airport
Move to Ikebukuro (Tokyo) by Airport Limousine Bus
[Stay at Sunshine City Prince Hotel]

- July 16 (Thu)** Move to Narita by Airport Limousine Bus
Depart Narita for the U.S.

OP2 KYOTO & TOKYO
Homestay and Hotel
\$630 (12 years old & under- \$560)

Kyoto is the most popular tourist destination for foreign and Japanese tourists. Admission of "Kyoto Gion Corner" where you can take in seven kinds of performing arts is included.



Yoshie Nakayama

Coordinated by Yoshie Nakayama

Maximum number of participants: 15

All transportation, Gion corner admission, meals at host's house, hotel room and breakfast are included.

- July 13 (Mon)** Depart Oita airport for Itami airport
Move to Kyoto station to meet volunteers
Kyoto Gion Corner experience
[Homestay in Kyoto]

- July 14 (Tue)** Sightseeing and potluck party at night
[Homestay in Kyoto]

- July 15 (Wed)** Depart Kyoto for Shinagawa, Tokyo, by shinkansen
Move to Ikebukuro by train
[Stay at Sunshine City Prince Hotel]

- July 16 (Thu)** Move to Narita by Airport Limousine Bus
Depart Narita for the U.S.

OP3 FUKUSHIMA & TOKYO
Homestay and Hotel
\$490 (12 years old & under- \$400)

Fukushima is now under the recovery from 2011 earthquake and nuclear power plant accident. FIA will offer you the chances to visit the sites where you can see the recovery progress as well as the scenic and historical Aizu area.



Minamisoma Solar Agripark

Meeting at Temporary Housing Site

Coordinated by Fukushima International Association (FIA)

Maximum number of participants: 15

All transportation, program fee, meals at host's house, hotel room and breakfast are included.

- July 13 (Mon)** Depart Oita airport for Haneda
Move to Fukushima by mono-rail & train (Shinkansen)
Meet FIA staff and Fukushima Program
[Homestay in Fukushima]

- July 14 (Tue)** Program in Fukushima (Visits to temporary housing, local school, Minamisoma Solar Agripark, etc.)
[Homestay in Fukushima]

- July 15 (Wed)** Program in Fukushima (Sightseeing in Aizuwakamatsu)
Depart Fukushima for Ikebukuro, Tokyo, by train (Shinkansen)
[Stay at Sunshine City Prince Hotel]

- July 16 (Thu)** Move to Narita by Airport Limousine Bus
Depart Narita for the U.S.

OP4 TOKYO FREE TIME
Hotel Stay
\$160

Enjoy one of the most exciting cities in the world. The hotel is located in Ueno area, one of the most popular destination for foreign and Japanese tourists. The nearby Ueno Park is famous for its Zoo, several great museums, and beautiful Shinobazu Pond. Ya-Ne-Sen walking is also a great way to discover old Japanese tradition.



Tokyo National Museum in Ueno Park

Shinobazu Pond of Ueno Park

You can extend your stay at \$125 / night. Please feel free to contact with the NTA office in LA.

All transportation, hotel room and breakfast are included.

- July 13 (Mon)** Depart Oita for Haneda airport
Move to Ueno or Nippori by mono-rail and JR train
[Stay at Chisun Hotel Ueno or Hotel Lungwood]

- July 14 (Tue)** Move to Narita airport by train
Depart Narita for the U.S.

*The Post Summit Programs does not include organized tours in Tokyo and participants are to plan their own activities.

*Hotel costs are based on double occupancy. Please indicate, if single occupancy is required in the application form. Single supplement surcharge is \$80 per night.

*If your departure date from Narita/Tokyo back to the U.S. becomes on Fri., Sat., or Sun., \$50 will be added.

Information

Price

The following package prices include

- Round trip airfare between the listed city below and Narita airport (Based on the departure of July 6, and the return of July 13)
- Bus fare between Narita and Haneda airport
- Domestic airfare between Haneda and Oita airport
- Hotel accommodation in Oita based on the double occupancy
- Bento box dinner on July 7
- All breakfast in Oita
- Dinners at opening and Closing events
- Most of the meals during Local Session
- All transportation in Japan during the Summit
- All participation, administration and handling costs for the Summit

The package prices do **NOT** include

- Airline taxes and fuel surcharge
- 3% credit card processing fee
- Hotel single supplement surcharge
- Optional tour during and after the Summit program

Cities (NH = All Nippon Airways)	Early Bird Discount (by Mar. 31)	Regular Price
Seattle (NH, Connecting)	\$2,390	\$2,490
San Francisco, Los Angeles (NH, Direct)	\$2,340	\$2,440
San Diego (NH, Connecting)	\$2,340	\$2,440
Denver (NH, Connecting)	\$2,400	\$2,500
Colorado Springs, Dallas, Houston, Austin, Atlanta (NH, Connecting)	\$2,480	\$2,580
New York-JFK, Washington DC (NH, Direct)	\$2,480	\$2,580

- ① The direct flight is subject to availability. Please contact NTA office in LA.
② For all other departure cities and other airlines, please contact NTA office in LA.

Important Information

1. Youth Discount

- Children (3-11 years old)
\$200 discount (*Early Bird applicable)
- Students (12-25 years old)
\$100 discount (*Early Bird applicable)
- Infants (0-2 years old)
\$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

Single Supplement Surcharge :

\$250 for 3 nights during the Summit

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

4. Application Deadline : **May 7, 2015**

The application deadline is May 7, 2015, or when it reaches 150.
*Tour cost is subject to change due to flight seat availability after deadline.

5. How to Register

Online application is available from early January 2015. Visit the following web address and enter the Oita Grassroots Summit page.
<http://www.manjiro.or.jp/>

Or, send the application form and photocopy of your passport to NTA office (below). Upon receipt of your application, NTA will send you the acknowledgement letter with cancellation policy and other guidance.

6. Credit Processing Fee

Payment by credit card will incur a 3% handling charge.

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