



MIRAI Program
Japan's Friendship Ties Programs
Application Guidelines (Undergraduate/Graduate students)
1st Group (Theme: Politics and Security)
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1. MIRAI Program

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has launched “Japan’s Friendship Ties Programs” which promote people-to-people exchange between Japan and the various nations of the Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and to encourage an understanding of Japan’s economy, society, history, diverse culture, politics and diplomatic relations among participants. This program will include approximately 5,300 people who will be sent to or from Japan and the Asia-Pacific, North America, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean in a year. Participants are expected to proactively disseminate information on Japan’s attractions and contribute to promoting sustained attention to Japan. The European regional component of this exchange program is called “MIRAI Program”, which features intellectual exchange among youths across Japan and Europe.

※ MIRAI: Mutual-understanding, Intellectual Relations and Academic Exchange Initiative

<Objectives of Program>

- (1) To promote mutual trust and understanding among the people of Japan and Europe to build a basis for future friendship and cooperation.
- (2) To promote a global understanding of Japan’s economy, society, history, diverse culture, politics and foreign policy.
- (3) To disseminate information on Japan’s attractions through communication tools including social media.

2. Program Overview

Total number of the participants: 40 undergraduate/graduate students

Place: Tokyo and Hiroshima or Nagasaki

Program contents in Japan:

- Attend lectures on Japanese politics, economy, society, history, and diplomatic policy to gain a deeper understanding of Japan.
- Intellectual exchange at a prestigious university in Japan through interaction and discussion
- Visit the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima or Nagasaki
- Visit high-tech and traditional industries, fine arts and traditional crafts exhibitions, cultural heritage sites, and local government offices.
- Share information about Japan through reporting sessions and social media during/after the program



Model schedule of the Program : ※ Contents are tentative and subject to change.

Date		Contents	City
0		Departure to Japan	
1	Wed.	Arrival in Japan	Tokyo
2	Tue.	【Orientation】Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)	
		【Keynote Lecture】Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)	
		【History/Traditional Culture】	
3	Fri.	【Intellectual Exchange】 University Keynote lecture, interaction, group discussion, campus tour 【Get-Together Interaction】University	Nagasaki or Hiroshima
		Trip to Nagasaki/Hiroshima by air	
4	Sat.	【Historical Landmarks】 Testimony by Atomic Bomb Survivor and Discussion, Peace Memorial Park, Peace Memorial Museum	
5	Sun.	【Historical Landmark / Traditional Culture】	
6	Mon.	【Observation of Company】 Local area in Japan	
		【Workshop】	
		Return to Tokyo	
7	Tue.	【Reporting Session】Action plan presentation 【Lecture by MOFA】 Sum-up and Discussion	Tokyo
		【Farewell Party】	
8	Wed.	Departure to Respective Countries	



3. Qualifications for Participants

Applicants should meet the entire criteria as follows.

【All Participants】

- (1) Applicants must understand the aims of this program and be capable to disseminate information on positive characteristics of Japan through communication tools such as social media and/or submitting their writing for publication during their stay in Japan and after returning to Europa.

Publication results should be shared with Japan's Foreign Missions.

- (2) Applicants who have been involved in study, research or activities related to Japan or Japanese language/culture or who wish to do so are given priority. However, applicants must not have an experience of residing in Japan for more than 6 months.
- (3) Applicants who have participated in the MIRAI program and/or other similar programs funded by the Japanese government are not eligible.
- (4) Applicants must have a nationality of the countries below and do not have Japanese nationality.

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan

- (5) Applicants must be in good health conditions.
- (i.) Applicants are healthy physically and mentally.
- (ii.) If a participant's body temperature is 38.0°C (100.4°F) or higher on the day of departure, he/she cannot depart for Japan and is not eligible to participate the program in Japan.

- (6) Applicants must be enrolled at universities/graduate schools located in the countries below.

The location of the universities/graduate schools is not necessarily the same as applicants' nationality.

Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

- (7) Applicants are aged 20 or over.
- (8) Applicants must have a satisfactory command of English to discuss relevant topics with fellow participants at the ministries and universities.
- (9) Applicants must have good academic achievement such as top 20 %.

4. Requirements for Application and Deadline for Application

Applicants must submit following documents to JICE by September 7, 2018.

- (1) **The Entry Form for the MIRAI Program**



Each applicant must fill out the entry form with his/her correct information and sign the entry form at the section of “Declaration” and “Agreement of the Application Guidelines for MIRAI Program” .

(2) Photocopy of the Applicant’s passport

Each applicant must submit a photocopy of the photo page of the applicant’s passport.

If an applicant does not have a passport that is valid during the period of the program, he/ she must immediately obtain his/ her passport and submit the photocopy of the photo page as soon as possible.

(3) “Mandatory Assignments for All Participants” (Please see the Annex 1)

Each applicant must read “Mandatory Assignments for All Participants” before applying for the program. Each applicant must sign or press “I agree” for an online application.

(4) “Academic Result” or “Certificate of Enrolment”

Each applicant must submit either “Academic Result” or “Certificate of Enrolment” at the university/graduate school.

(5) “Letter of Understanding” (Please see the Annex 2)

Each applicant must read carefully the conditions described in the “Letter of Understanding before applying for the program.

Each applicant must sign the “Letter of Understanding” or press “I agree” for an online application.

(6) “Handling of Personal Information 2018” (Please see Annex 3)

Each applicant must read “Handling of Personal Information 2018” before applying for the program. Each applicant must sign or press “I agree” for an online application.

5. After a notification of selection results to the applicants

(1) Participants’ Handbook

A tentative program in Japan and **Participants’ Handbook for the MIRAI Program** prepared by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICE), will be provided to the participants.

The Participants’ Handbook contains information about the outline of the Project, travel information, travel tips on how to stay in Japan, and so on. The participants are highly requested to read the handbook carefully so that they can sufficiently prepare for the participation in the program.

(2) Arrival Orientation in Japan

After the participants’ arrival in Japan, JICE will hold an orientation to explain below;

- 1) Outline of MIRAI Program
- 2) Schedule in Japan,
- 3) Introduction to Japan; its life and customs, and
- 4) Others



6. Terms and Conditions

(1) The following arrangements and expenses are covered by the program

- Round trip international air tickets from/to Europe, to/from Japan by Economy class
 - * Excess baggage charge will be paid at one's own expense.
- Overseas travel accident insurance
 - * Please note that chronic diseases, dental diseases and pregnancy diagnosed by a Japanese medical doctor and cases disapproved by the insurance company will NOT be covered by insurance. Individuals will be liable for such costs. Any loss or damage to personal belongings is not covered by insurance.
- Accommodation in Japan
- Transportation in Japan
- Meals in Japan
- Admission fees for scheduled activities in Japan
- * No cash allowance is provided to participants.
- * Participants are expected to cover personal expenses, such as passport fees, fees for vaccination, excess baggage charge, travel expenses between their residences and departure/arrival port designated by the Program, fees for accommodation and meals in Europe.

(2) Cancellation fee

If a participant chooses to drop out of the program for reasons other than a medical emergency or other unavoidable circumstances, the participant will be fully responsible for any costs associated with this cancellation. The cancellation fees will be charged to the participant if his/her application has already been accepted and the flight and /or other bookings are completed. In the event of cancellation due to a medical emergency or other unavoidable circumstances, cancellation fee may be waived upon presentation of a medical certificate and /or other documentation requested by JICE.

(3) The following is not permitted.

- ✓ To remain in Japan after the program;
- ✓ To change the flight designated by the program;
- ✓ To change accommodation designated by the program;
- ✓ To skip any elements of the official program, including scheduled meals or visits, for personal or business reasons such as meetings with friends, business partners in Japan, etc.
- ✓ To be accompanied by someone else; or
- ✓ To travel to the third countries on the way to Japan or back to participant's country.

(4) Condition in Japan

- All the participants must attend all the scheduled programs and follow the rules/guidelines given by JICE.



- Participants that cause hindrance to the program may be dismissed and are responsible for leaving Japan at their own expense.
- Participants will share a twin or triple rooms when staying at hotel and they must not change room assignment designated by the program for safety reasons.
- When requested, JICE will try to arrange the following* for religious reasons. However, JICE cannot guarantee their availability in all locations.
 - * time and place for prayers
 - * meals suitable for food restriction for religious reasons

(5) Photos/Videos taken during the Program

The participants must agree to grant permission to JICE and organizations participating in the program the right to use his/her voice and likeness in any writings, photographs, films, and recordings collected during his/her participation in MIRAI Program. The participant authorizes the publication of, for all purposes, the participant's name, his/her pictures in film or electronic (video) form, sound and video recordings of his/her voice, and printed and electronic copy of the information described above in any and all media including, without limitation, cable and broadcast television and the internet, and for promotion, advertising, meetings, educational conferences and in brochures and other print media. This permission extends to all languages, media, formats now known or hereafter devised. This permission shall continue forever unless the participant revokes the permission in writing to JICE.

(6) Japanese Law and Regulations

During the stay in Japan, participants must observe the laws and regulations of Japan, and offenders are subject to penalties under the Japanese law. Any dispute arising out of the application and admission of, or relating to, this program between the participants and The Japanese Government or JICE should be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of Japan, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws, and should be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the applicable courts in Japan.

(7) The attribution of responsibility during the program

All participants are agreeing to release JICE (including its employees and agents) of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses (collectively, "Claims") arising from or relating to a participant's participation in the MIRAI Program; provided, however, that this release shall not apply to any Claims related to or arising from JICE's gross negligence, bad faith or wilful misconduct. Finally, all participants should agree to indemnify JICE (including its employees and agents), and hold it harmless, of and from any and all Claims arising from or relating to their breach of the terms and conditions of this Application Guideline

(8) Post-Program Activities and Questionnaires

Participants are required to share their experiences and discoveries about Japan and its attractiveness as a destination for travel, study or work with their family, relatives, friends and peers at school or in their communities by delivering presentations, publishing their writings, or posting their photos and text on social or other media. Participants will be asked to complete 3 types of the questionnaire online, at the



end of the program and 3 month after participation.

All participants are requested to report their post-program activities and stay connected with Japan and Japanese people through the online community sites of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)* and JICE**.

*Facebook of Youth Exchange Program of MOFA:

<https://www.facebook.com/youthexchange.mofa>

** JICE Youth Exchange Program (MIRAI Program/ KAKEHASHI Project / JENESYS 2018):

<http://sv2.jice.org/exchange/e>

** Facebook of JICE's International Exchange Programs:

<https://www.facebook.com/jice.exchange/>

* **Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)**

JICE is an official agent, which has undertaken all the necessary arrangements for the MIRAI Program in Japan under the guidance of the Japanese Government.

<https://www.jice.org/en/index.html>

ANNEX 1: Mandatory Assignments

ANNEX 2: Letter of Understanding

ANNEX3: Handling of Personal Information