

Study Tour of Japan for European Youth 2010

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan invites young Europeans for a ten-day group study tour of Japan in November 2010.

The objective is, in the short term, to inspire participants' interest on Japan through experiences on many aspects of Japan (i.e. Japanese politics, economy, culture, society). It is hoped that the participants' deeper understanding of Japan gained during this tour will contribute to strengthening future ties between Japan and European countries.

1. Applicants are required to meet the following conditions:

(1) Nationals of the following countries:

Andorra(Application at Japanese Embassy in France), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus(at Embassy in Greece), Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein(at Embassy in Switzerland), Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta(at Embassy in Italy), Monaco(at Embassy in France), the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino(at Embassy in Italy), Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, the United Kingdom, EU*

* "EU applicants" are limited to officers and trainees of the EU Institutions– European Commission, Council of the EU, European Parliament etc.- with the nationality of the 27 Member States.

Dual nationals of Japan are not entitled to apply.

(2) Aged 25-35 as of 1st June 2010

(3) Able to communicate effectively in English

(4) Others

- Applicants are not student.
- Applicants have never visited Japan before and have no plan to visit Japan in the near future.
- Applicants are expected to be enthusiastic, sociable and well suited to group activities for the Tour.
- Participants are required to submit a short essay. It is also required to answer to a questionnaire and submit a report after the Tour. The theme of the report (which is to be submitted after the Study Tour) is:

"The future between Europe and Japan."

2. Outline of the Tour

(1) Duration (plan)

Group A: from 8th to 18th November 2010

Group B: from 29th November to 9th December 2010

(2) Number of Participants

Up to 37 persons in total

(3) Plan of Study Tour

- (A) Experiencing cultural, economic and political aspects of Japan from both traditional and modern perspectives through lectures, visits and hands-on experiences.
- (B) Discussions with Japanese youth.
- (C) Visits to regional cities in Japan
- (D) Stay with a host family.

Applications should include a CV and a short essay (one page in A4-sized paper) with a cover letter in English on:

“What would you do to strengthen the relationship between Japan and Norway?”

Applications are required to be sent to the Japanese Embassy/Consulates General in the applicant's country of nationality. (This rule, in principle, applies also to applicants residing in another country.)

*“EU applicants” mentioned above are requested to send their applications to the Mission of Japan to the European Union in Brussels.

Deadline Applications are required to be sent **by email** by Monday 26 July 2010 to:

info@japan-embassy.no

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