Keizai Koho Center

The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) is a private, non-profit organization that works in cooperation with Nippon Keidanren (Japan Federation of Economic Organizations) to foster better understanding of the goals and the role of business in a free society.

**Supporting Organizations:** Japan Business Federation; Communications and Information Network Association of Japan; Flat Glass Manufacturers Association of Japan; Japan Aluminum Association; Japan Automobile Dealers Association; Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc.; Japanese Bankers Association; Japan Cement Association; Japan Chemical Fibers Association; Japan Chemical Industry Association; Japan Dairy Industry Association; Japan Department Stores Association; Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association; Japan Federation of Construction Contractors; Japan Foreign Trade Council, Inc.; Japan Mining Industry Association; Japan Olseed Processors Association; Japan Paper Association; Japan Petroleum Development Association; Japan Securities Dealers Association; Japan Soap and Detergent Association; Japan Spinners’ Association; Petroleum Association of Japan; Regional Banks Association of Japan; The Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan; The General Insurance Association of Japan; The Investment Trust Association, Japan; The Japan Bearing Industrial Association; The Japan Electrical Manufacturers’ Association; The Japan Gas Association; The Japan Iron and Steel Federation; The Japan Rubber Manufacturers Association; The Japan Warehousing Association, Inc.; The Japanese Electric Wire & Cable Makers’ Association; The Japanese Shipowners’ Association; The Life Insurance Association of Japan; The Real Estate Companies Association of Japan; The Second Association of Regional Banks; Trust Companies Association of Japan.

For more information visit the NAJAS website: www.us-japan.org
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Teacher Fellowships

The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) will sponsor a ten day Fellowship to Japan this summer for educators in the U.S. and Canada. The Fellowship allows teachers to learn first hand about contemporary Japanese society and enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.

Fellowship Agenda
Fellowship Dates (Tentative): June - July, 2008

The ten day itinerary in Japan will include time in Tokyo; tours of major industrial and corporate facilities; meetings with key business leaders; meetings with government officials, educators, and business people; school visits; discussions with teachers and students; and a home stay with a Japanese family. Typically, there is at least one scheduled visit to a destination outside of Tokyo.

Highlights
The Fellowship covers air transportation from the Fellow's home city to Japan and return, as well as accommodations, transportation as called for by the itinerary, and some meals. Fellows have the opportunity to learn about the Japanese economy and businesses, in addition to contemporary Japanese society. Roundtable discussions between Japanese teachers and the participants, as well as business leaders, will also be arranged.

In Japan, fellows will make a presentation for four minutes followed by four minutes of Q&A regarding their Japan program experience. This presentation will occur at the end of the fellowship trip.

Eligibility

This Fellowship is only open to those who have never lived in Japan and have not visited Japan on a similar study tour. The demands of the itinerary are such that only individuals physically able to travel without special assistance should consider this Fellowship. Special diets cannot be provided and a smoke-free environment cannot be assured. Due to the nature of the program and logistical requirements, there will be no provisions for spouses to accompany Fellows.

Applicants must have skills and experience in developing curriculum. The Fellowship is open to:

1. High School classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies and History (grades 8-12)
2. Supervisors, specialists, and school administrators at the district and state levels; and
3. Faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly concerned with the training of K-12 teachers.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted to the JASP in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in digital form either through email to kkcfellowship@us-japan.org or saved to a CD as one file and mailed to the address below. Please follow the Application Procedures outlined in this brochure.

Applications must be received and/or postmarked no later than February 15, 2008. Faxed applications are not accepted. Fellows will be notified of their selection in writing by mid March 2008. For further information about eligibility or any questions please contact:

Keizai Koho Fellowship Program
Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania
600 Grant Street, Room 444
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2703
Email: kkcfellowship@us-japan.org
Tel: 412-433-5021
or your local Japan-America Society
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A special committee will select each Fellow. Written applications submitted become the property of the Keizai Koho Center Fellowship Program and cannot be returned.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must include the following information. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications may be submitted by email to kkcfellowship@us-japan.org or saved as one document on a CD and mailed to: Keizai Koho Fellowship Program, Japan-America Society of PA, 600 Grant Street, Room 444, Pittsburgh PA 15219-2703. Faxed applications are not accepted. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2008.

1. Cover Sheet: Please include the applicant's full name, present work title, name and title of supervisor, home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

2. Resume: Please list your current academic position, educational achievements, and professional activities. Provide details regarding previous curriculum and/or staff development experiences. In addition, note all foreign travel.

3. Project Proposal: Applicants must submit a narrative for the development of specific curriculum materials and/or educational activities related to the Japanese Economy, Industry, Business, Society or Education. Please provide a timeline of project-related activities scheduled from Sept. 2008 - June 2009. One is encouraged to disseminate information to audiences beyond individual schools such as district-wide teacher resource centers, and community or professional organizations. Local Japan-America Societies may be of assistance for community wide dissemination efforts. (www.us-japan.org)

4. Employment: Include a letter from your employer which supports the above mentioned Project, and attests to your full time professional status for the 2008-2009 school year, or indicate that a sabbatical leave has been granted.

5. Letters of Recommendation: Applicants are invited to include letters of support for the proposed individual project and its dissemination from administrators and/or key individuals.

6. Required Follow up and Deadlines: Fellows must provide a lesson plan related to the above mentioned Project by Oct. 31, 2008. Lesson plans become the property of KKC and will be posted to the NAJAS website for use by other educators. Fellows must submit a final report of their Japan-related activities by Jan. 15, 2009. This report will address the Japanese-related activities which you have completed as well as those proposed for the future as outlined in your fellowship application Project Proposal.

7. Public Relations: Fellows are asked to provide copies of any school/newspaper/magazine articles related to their Fellowship to the Keizai Koho Center when published. In addition, reports and feedback on workshops, lesson plans and activities are encouraged.