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

Established in 1978, the Keizai Koho Center (KKC) is the information and outreach arm of Keidanren. KKC is an independent, nonprofit organization supported entirely by the private sector. The Center’s mission is to promote dialogue and understanding of Japanese business and society by sponsoring informational programs and events and through study trips which bring foreign scholars, businesspeople, educators, and journalists to Japan to help them learn more about the nation and its economy. Since 1980, through the Teacher Fellowship Program, Keizai Koho Center has invited social studies teachers from the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Canada to Japan on ten-day programs designed to introduce Japanese culture and society to Western educators.

Supporting Organizations: Japan Business Federation; Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry; 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.; Japan Automobile Tyre Manufacturers Association; 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 Oilseed Processors Association; Japan Paper Association; Japan Petroleum Development Association; Japan Securities Dealers 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 Industry 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.

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Japan for Middle and
High School Teachers

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The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) will organize a ten day fellowship to Japan in summer 2014 for educators from the U.S. and Canada. In its 34th year, 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 30 —July 12, 2014
The ten day itinerary will primarily include time in Tokyo; typically, there is at least one scheduled visit to a destination outside of Tokyo. During this time, participants will engage in some or all of the following: tours of major industrial and corporate facilities, meetings with key business leaders, government officials, educators, school visits, discussions with teachers and students, and a home stay with a Japanese family.

Highlights
- The fellowship provides teachers a unique chance to learn about contemporary Japanese society, economy, business, and education arranged by a highly respected institute.
- Roundtable discussions between Japanese teachers, the participants, and prominent business leaders.
- The Keizai Koho Center will cover air transportation from the fellow’s home city to Japan and return, as well as accommodation, transportation as called for by the itinerary, and some meals.

Eligibility

Applications must have skills and experience in developing curriculum. This fellowship is open to:
- Applicants who have never lived in Japan and have not visited Japan on a similar study tour,
- Middle and High school classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies and History (grades 6-12),
- Supervisors, specialists, and school administrators at the district and state levels, and
- Faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly concerned with the training of K-12 teachers.

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.

Complete applications must include the following information:

1. Resume: Please list your current academic position, educational achievements, and professional activities. Provide details regarding previous curriculum and/or staff development experiences.
2. Project Proposal: Applicants must submit a 1-2 page narrative describing your interest in Japan and a plan to use the fellowship to develop specific curriculum materials and/or educational activities, for use in classroom teaching, related to the Japanese economy, society, history or culture. Proposal quality and originality are key elements in the selection process. Please provide a timeline of project-related activities to be scheduled from Sept. 2014 - June 2015. You are 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).
3. Employment: Include a letter from your employer that supports the above mentioned project and attests to your full time professional (or sabbatical leave) status for the 2013-2014 school year.
4. Letters of Recommendation: Applicants are required to include two letters of support for the proposed individual project from administrators and/or key individuals. Letters may be mailed separately to the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

How to Apply

The Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP) serves as the North American representative of the Keizai Koho Center Fellowship. Applications must include all required information and be submitted online. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please carefully read the application requirements and have all of your digital documents ready when you submit your online application.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. While in Japan, fellows will have the opportunity to give a short presentation regarding their Japan program experience or on educational issues in their home school. This presentation will occur at the end of the fellowship trip.
2. After the trip to Japan, fellows must provide a lesson plan related to the above mentioned project by Oct. 31, 2014. Lesson plans become the property of KKC and will be posted to our website for use by other educators. Fellows must submit a final report of their Japan-related activities by Jan. 10, 2015. This report will describe the Japan-related activities that you have completed as well as those proposed for the future as outlined in your fellowship application Project Proposal.
3. Public Relations Fellows are asked to provide copies of any school/newspaper/magazine articles related to their fellowship to the Keizai Koho Center. Reports and feedback on workshops, lesson plans and activities are also very welcome.

Additional Information:

- Applications become the property of the Keizai Koho Center Fellowship Program and cannot be returned.

For more information, please visit www.us-japan.org/programs/kkc.