



"The KKC Program has made me a better social studies teacher and provided me a wealth of new knowledge to share with my students and colleagues."



"This Fellowship Tour provided endless possibilities to educate our American students about Japan and the impact will be widely felt by my school and students."



"The KKC Fellowship is a program that changes how teachers see this beautiful country, changing how every student will understand Japan."

Since 1980, over 700 U.S. and Canadian social studies teachers have taken part in "KKC Study Tour to Japan".

The program aims to deepen participants' understanding of Japan and contribute to international mutual understanding across the Pacific. Their experiences and findings in Japan have significant value to their students, who will build future ties with Japan.

The KKC Study Tour to Japan is filled with opportunities to:

- ***Interact with Japanese students***
- ***Exchange views with Japanese school teachers***
- ***Discuss with scholars and experts on political, economic and social issues***
- ***Meet business leaders***
- ***Enjoy traditional and contemporary Japanese culture***

Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs, KKC) an independent, nonprofit organization supported entirely by private sector. Since 1978, KKC has served as a platform for the Japanese business community to interact with its key stakeholders inside and outside Japan, such as scholars, businesspersons, educators, lawmakers and journalists.



KKC Study Tour to Japan 2024 for Middle and High School Teachers

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2024 KKC Teacher Fellowship

Keizai Koho Center (KKC), in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS), will offer the "KKC Study Tour to Japan 2024" for U.S. and Canadian social studies teachers.

Dates of the Program

June 24 (Mon) -July 2 (Tue), 2024 (tentative)

The contents will be developed to provide vivid and enjoyable experiences which may include:

- Visits to Japanese schools and Japanese companies
- Meetings with scholars and/or experts on political, economic, social issues and the education system
- Cultural and fun experiences
- A seminar with an audience of business people

Costs covered by KKC

KKC provides round trip air transportation from the participants' home city to Tokyo, as well as accommodations, ground transportation and meals associated with the program.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have skills and experience in developing curriculum and a strong interest in Japan,
- Have never lived in Japan nor visited Japan on a similar study tour,
- Be middle or high school classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies, Geography or History (grades 6-12).
- Be able to attend the full itinerary. (Cancellations and changes made after the air ticket is issued will be paid by the Applicant)

Requirements

To participate in the Study Tour, applicants are required to agree to:

- Make a presentation and contribute to discussions at a seminar organized as a part of the program.
- Submit a lesson plan on contemporary Japan for their classroom to KKC by Oct. 31, 2024.
- Submit a final report to KKC by January 10, 2025, which describes how experiences and findings from the tour are used in the classroom and other occasions. Relevant copies of any school newspaper/magazine articles are appreciated.
- Consent that the lesson plans and the final reports become the property of KKC to be posted to its website for use by other teachers.
- Understand that the demands of the itinerary are such that only individuals physically able to travel without special assistance should consider the participation, special diets cannot be provided, and various restrictions related to Covid-19 might be necessary.
- Understand there will be no provisions for spouses to accompany fellows due to the nature of the program and logistical arrangements.

How to Apply

Applications must include all required documents and be submitted no later than March 1, 2024 to the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP), the North American representative of the KKC Study Tour. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Required Documents

- 1. Resume:** A list of your current academic position, educational achievements, and professional activities. Provide details regarding previous curriculum and/or staff development experiences.
- 2. Project Proposal:** A 1-2 page narrative describing your interest in Japan and plan to use

the program to develop specific curriculum materials and/or educational activities on contemporary Japan. Quality and originality are key elements in the selection process. Please provide a timeline of the project-related activities to be scheduled from September 2024 - June 2025. You are encouraged to disseminate information to audiences beyond individual schools such as district-wide teacher resource centers, community or professional organizations. Local Japan-America Societies may be of assistance for community-wide dissemination efforts (www.us-japan.org).

3. Letter of Employment: A letter from your employer, which attests to your full time professional status for the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Letters of Recommendation:

Two letters to support for applicants' participation in the tour from administrators and/or key individuals. Letters may be mailed separately to the JASP.

After gathering all above documents electronically ("3. Letter of Employment," and "4. Letters of Recommendation" may be mailed), please visit www.us-japan.org/programs/kkc to apply for the KKC Study Tour by the aforementioned deadline.

A special committee will select and notify each fellow in writing on March 25, 2024. Submitted application documents become the property of the KKC and cannot be returned.

For further information

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Lesson Plans on Japan prepared by participants of previous years are available at:
<http://en.kkc.or.jp/programs/stj/>