**OREGON INTERCULTURAL ASSOCIATION (OIA)**

***31st Summer Educational Trip!***

**2022 JAPAN EDUCATIONAL HOMESTAY TRIP**

**6/21 (Tue) – 7/06 (Wed) (tentative dates)**

**Are you interested in visiting Japan next summer to learn more about the people, customs, family life, language, education system, art, etc.? Since 1989, Oregon Intercultural Association has been offering an educational home-**

**stay trip every summer for high school students in Oregon. Every summer, a group of about 50 students from 10 Oregon high schools including some parents, teachers and some college students join this program and enjoy cultural and educational experience! They live with Japanese families in two locations (Gifu, Kumamoto in Kyushu and Shizuoka) and experience various educational and cultural activities, and spend 3 days in Tokyo (hotels).**

**Since 1989, this Japan educational program has been sponsored by several Japanese cities in Saitama, Gifu, Toyama, Oita, Kumamoto and Shizuoka as well as the non-profit organizations such as Jaycees, Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, etc.**

**During the past 30 years, about 1,400 high school students, teachers, and parents in Oregon participated in this program! Among these high schools are Beaverton, Westview, Aloha, Jesuit, Gresham, Saint Mary, Central Catholic, Oregon Episcopal, Valley Catholic, Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, Sunset, Lincoln, Lake Oswego, Franklin, Tigard, Gladstone, Sam Barlow, Corvallis, McKay, West Albany, McMinnville, Sheldon High School (Eugene), Churchill (Eugene), N. Eugene, S. Eugene, Marist Catholic, etc.**

**For our 2022 Japan educational trip, 3 cities in Gifu, Kumamoto City (Kyushu Island), and 2 cities in Shizuoka will again sponsor this program. They will arrange your home-stays and organize various activities. On weekdays you will visit schools (high school, middle school, and elementary school), visit a Honda or Toyota car manufacturing company, meet the mayors of 3 cities in Gifu, experience the traditional kimono or yukata, tea-ceremony, music, folk dance, craft, martial arts, and tour Kyoto or Nara, Miyajima Island, Hiroshima (Atomic Bomb Memorial Museum), and Tokyo, participate in an international seminar, and attend “welcome” parties as special guests. During weekends and evenings, your host families will treat you to some fun activities, including local tours.**

**The low cost of this program is another big attraction! The cost of the 2022 Japan educational trip will be $3,300 (estimated) including a round-trip airfare from Portland to Japan (usually by Delta Airlines), most meals, cultural activities, and homestays in two cities, 3 days in Tokyo (youth hostel), and full-day sightseeing tours by “Bullet Train” (2-week JRPass).**

**References (teachers/students/parents) are available. You can talk to some of them to find how good this program is! If you’re taking Japanese in your school, check with your teacher about this program. Your teacher can contact those Japanese teachers who have sent their students on this program before. Having some Japanese language back- ground is desirable though not required. Our space is limited and will fill quickly, so reserve your spot soon! An application fee of $60 (non-refundable) is required to reserve your spot. You can get an Application Form by requesting Dr. Ozawa or through OIA website (oiajapantrip.com). For any questions, please email Dr. Ozawa:**

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