

JAPAN'S FRIENDSHIP TIES PROGRAM “MIRAI ”

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MIRAI: Mutual-understanding, Intellectual Relations and Academic Exchange Initiative

- Invites groups of **promising young leaders** who are expected to play an active role in the international society.
- Provides opportunities to have **intellectual exchanges** with Japanese experts, scholars, and students of the same generation.
- All participants are expected to **share their experiences and charms of Japan** proactively through SNS and other media during / after the visit.

1. Purpose

- To promote **mutual-understandings** in the young generation.
- To foster **supporters and experts of Japan**.
- To build a basis for **future friendship** and **cooperation** between Japan and the participants' regions.

2. Overview

- Participants : Graduate / Undergraduate students, young professionals
- Participating Countries : Countries in Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus region
- Duration : Around 10 days (Online Pre-exchange Program and Program in Japan)
- Number of Participants (JFY 2023) : 150 (TBD)
- Records: Started in 2015. After 2 year-long exclusively online exchanges and virtual visits due to the pandemic, travels resumed in 2022.

Meet up with Japanese scholars and students.



3. Itinerary (model)

■ Pre-exchange Program (Online)

- Orientation of the program
- Lecture on the theme-related contents
- Virtual exchange and discussion with Japanese students/ experts

■ Program in Japan

- 4 days in Tokyo & 2 days in other cities
- Lectures on Japan and its major policies
- Visiting Japanese companies/ research institutes/ historical sites (Tokyo and other prefectures)
- Discussions with Japanese young students / experts at universities / think-tanks
- Homestay (in province)

■ Reports and Disseminations of the Program

- Presentations on the outcome by participants
- Follow-up discussions among participants
- Farewell Party

etc

	AM	PM	Place of stay
Day 1~3	Pre-exchange Program (Online)		Each country
Day 4	Departure from each country / Arrival		In flight
Day 5	Orientation	Company visit	Tokyo
Day 6	Transfer to another city	Lecture at a research institute	
Day 7	Activities in province (e.g. Hiroshima, Kyoto)		other cities
Day 8			
Day 9	Transfer to Tokyo	Activities in Tokyo	Tokyo
Day 10	Report / Debriefing		
Day 11	Departure from Japan		In flight