

2018 Fukushima Kizuna Revitalization Programme Application Guidelines

Programme Purpose

In 1996 an agreement was made between Fukushima Prefecture and the New Zealand Government to promote regional exchange. Since then a number of exchange programmes have been held between Fukushima and NZ including the acceptance of Coordinators for International Relations from NZ as part of the JET Programme. The Fukushima Kizuna Revitalization Programme invites teachers of Japanese in New Zealand to visit Fukushima, its purpose being to promote exchange between the people of Fukushima and NZ and increase mutual understanding and expand the international views of both regions. As of 2017 a total of 75 teachers have participated in the programme. We are currently accepting applications for the 2018 Programme!

Programme Schedule

This programme takes place over 10days from October 1 to October 10, 2018

Programme Contents

Learn about the current situation in Fukushima and the recovery progress after the Great East Japan Earthquake:

In 2011 Fukushima Prefecture experienced the Great East Japan Earthquake, tsunami, and Nuclear Power Plant Accident. After the accident many people became unable to reside in their hometowns and currently there still over 34,000 people evacuating to outside of the prefecture. However, the remaining residents of Fukushima are living life as usual, and are working hard together towards recovery. New Zealand is facing a similar situation after the Christchurch earthquakes. This programme provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about disaster recovery in Fukushima.

Visits to schools in Fukushima (Intermediate/High School level):

Fukushima's children are full of energy and very active during their school lives. Through interacting with Fukushima's teachers and students (participants will have the opportunity to introduce New Zealand Culture to students) the programme aims to build a base for future cultural exchange between Fukushima and New Zealand.

The programme will also include:

- A courtesy visit to the Governor of Fukushima Prefecture
- Experience the 'real Japan' through a Homestay and stay at Japanese Onsen(hot spring) Inn
- A variety of Japanese culture experiences

※This programme features an intensive schedule and as such participants will not be able to bring their spouse or any family members with them.

※Fukushima Prefecture has a Coordinator for International Relations(CIR as part of the JET

Programme) from New Zealand working in the International Affairs Division who will attend participants for the duration of the programme along with additional staff.

Selection Requirements

- A total of 2 teachers of Japanese at Intermediate and/or High Schools in NZ.
- Participants must be willing to teach students about the current situation in Fukushima and promote information learned on the programme using social media.
- Participants must be willing to help create and continue cultural exchange programs between schools visited in Fukushima and schools in NZ.
- Participants must be willing to help with future exchange programmes between Fukushima Prefecture and NZ

Costs

Fukushima Prefecture covers:

- Return flight costs from NZ to Narita Airport
- Transportation, accommodation, and some meal costs
- Japanese cultural experience fees, entry fees during the programme

Participants cover

- Travel insurance costs
- Travel expenses within New Zealand
- Passport costs, phone calls, any meals not covered by the programme
- Any additional costs

Applications

Please apply to ILEP by Friday, July 13, 2018 using the application and recommendation forms.

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