

Reaching 1,000 students in total! Promoting further friendship!
Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors Program

AEON 1% Club Foundation (hereinafter AEON 1% Club) will implement the "Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors Program" from Monday, July 11. This nine-day program is held for high school students from Japan and the People's Republic of China (hereinafter, China) to deepen mutual understanding.

With the objective of "Promotion of Friendship with Foreign Countries," AEON 1% Club has been implementing the "Teenage Ambassadors Program Since 1990. An exchange with Beijing under this program was conducted in 2009 and was praised highly by the Government of China and by participating students from both countries. Since then, the exchange has been conducted annually, raising the total number of Japanese and Chinese student participants to 1,050. The initiative has therefore contributed to the expansion of the cross-border friendship between Japan and China.

The exchange this fiscal year will include a total of 70 high school students from Beijing, Wuhan, and Qingdao. They will conduct exchanges with 70 Japanese high school students from Tokyo, Chiba, Oita, and Hokkaido prefectures. Representing the home country as "Teenage Ambassadors," they will pay courtesy visits to the Office of the Prime Minister of Japan, the Foreign Ministry of Japan, and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Japan. Students will then divide for travel to three areas, Tokyo and Chiba prefectures, Oita Prefecture, and Hokkaido Prefecture. At each site, participants will enjoy cultural and historical activities and exchange activities, enabling all to deepen mutual understanding.

In October, the Japanese high school students will visit China to renew and strengthen the friendships that they formed while in Japan.

AEON 1% Club will continue to provide opportunities for prospective youth who bear the future of China and Japan to deepen mutual understanding, and to contribute to the promotion of friendly relations between the two countries.

【Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors Program of fiscal year 2015】



Courtesy Visit to Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato at the Office of the Prime Minister.



Chinese high school students participating in an English class at a Japanese high school.

【Program Overview】

1. Dates: July 11 (Monday) - July 19 (Tuesday)

2. Participants: High School Students from China (Beijing, Wuhan, Qingdao cities)

Total: 70 students

High School Students from Japan (Tokyo, Chiba, Oita, Hokkaido prefectures)

Total: 70 students

3. Regions of Program Activities: Tokyo, and Chiba, Oita, Hokkaido prefectures

4. Exchange Pairs:

(1) Beijing (30 students) and Tokyo metropolitan district

▪ Senior High School at Otsuka, Tsukuba University (20 students)

▪ Chiba Municipal Chiba High School (10 students)

(2) Wuhan (20 students) and Oita Prefecture

▪ Iwata Secondary School (Iwata Gakuen) (20 students)

(3) Qingdao (20 students) and Hokkaido Prefecture

▪ Sapporo Nihon University Senior High School (20 students)

5. Activities Schedule

July 11 Tokyo sightseeing

July 12 Orientation, Japanese confectionaries cooking experience,
Courtesy Visit to the Office of the Prime Minister of Japan

July 13 Courtesy Visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Preliminary Meeting,
Welcoming Party at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Japan

July 14 (from this day on, each group performs activities in their designated areas)

(1) (Beijing students) Visit to Cup Noodles Museum (Yokohama City), Yokohama Marine Tower

(2) (Wuhan students) Courtesy Visit to Mayor of Oita City, Takasaki-yama Natural Zoological Park (Oita City)

(3) (Qingdao students) Courtesy Visit to Superintendent, Hokkaido Government Board of Education,
Visit to Shiroyo Koibito biscuit factory (Sapporo City)

July 15 Experience of school classes

July 16

(1) (Beijing students) Drednet fishing experience, (Minamiboso City, Chiba Prefecture),
Edo-Tokyo Open-Air Architectural Museum (Tokyo)

(2) (Wuhan students) Drednet fishing experience, visit to Art Museum (Usuki City, Oita Prefecture)

(3) (Qingdao students) Visit to lavender fields, Ranching farm experience (Sapporo City, Hokkaido Prefecture)

July 17 Homestay

July 18 Homestay, Farewell Party

July 19 Returning to China