



140 High School Students from Japan and China Reunite in China

“Hosting Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors (High School Student Exchange)”

An Event to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Conclusion of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People’s Republic of China



The AEON 1% Club Foundation will host the “Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors (High School Student Exchange)” program in the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter, China), during which high school students from Japan and China will deepen their friendship through seven days of exchange activities, starting from October 15 (Monday).

In this exchange, a total of 140 students – 70 students from Tokyo, Ibaraki Prefecture, and Hokkaido, and 70 students from Beijing, Wuhan and Qingdao in China - who participated in the “Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors” program that was held in Japan in July this year, will be reunited in China. As Teenage Ambassadors, participants will conduct activities such as courtesy visits to the China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of Beijing Municipality. Furthermore, with the theme of the evolution of traditional culture, participants will try their hands at *zhezhi* (Chinese paper folding) and attend a lecture by a Japanese architect working on the reconstruction of *siheyuan*^{*1}, a style of house that is traditional in China. The students will be separated into three groups visiting Beijing, Wuhan and Qingdao, where they will deepen their friendships through historical and cultural experiences, classroom visits and homestays in each region.

The Foundation has established one of our three main projects^{*2} as Promotion of Friendship with Foreign Countries, and as such, we have been holding the Teenage Ambassadors Program, in which high school students from Japan and various nations, particularly in Asia, visit each other’s countries and conduct interpersonal exchange, since 1990. High school students from 18 countries have so far participated in the program, with a cumulative total of 2,632 participants. Among these programs, the Japan-China high school student exchange held in Beijing in 2009 received high acclaim from both the Chinese Government and participants from both nations, and as a result has since been held every year, with a cumulative total of 1,204 participants.

Furthermore, this tenth anniversary year of “Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors” has been officially recognized as an “Event to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Conclusion of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People’s Republic of China” by Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, due to its promotion of exchange between young people of both nations.

The Foundation will continue to foster activities that will contribute to promotion of friendships between Japan and China by providing opportunities for deepening mutual understanding between young generations who will lead the future of both nations.

Scenes from the “Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors” program implemented in Japan in July



Courtesy visit to the Prime Minister’s official residence



Chinese students experiencing Japanese school lunch, together with Japanese students

*1: *Siheyuan*: A type of traditional Chinese house. Its basic shape centers around a courtyard, with the main room positioned at the north side, side rooms at the east and west, and a reception room on the south side.

*2: * The three projects: Sound Development of the Next Generation, Promotion of Friendship with Foreign Countries, and Sustainable Development of Regional Communities

Program Outline

1. Period: October 15 (Mon.) ~ 23 (Mon.)

2. Participants: 70 students from Japan (Tokyo, Ibaraki Prefecture, Hokkaido)
70 students from China (Beijing, Wuhan, Qingdao)

3. Activity Areas: Beijing, Wuhan, Qingdao

4. Exchange Partners:

- 1) Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba (10 students)
Tokyo: Junten Senior High School (10 students)
Ibaraki Pref.: Toyo University Ushiku Senior High School (10 students) ⇔ Beijing (30 students)
- 2) Hokkaido: Ritsumeikan Keisho Senior High School (20 students) ⇔ Wuhan (20 students)
- 3) Hokkaido: Sapporo Nihon University Senior High School (20 students) ⇔ Qingdao (20 students)

5. Main Activity Schedule:

- October 15 (Mon.) Orientation, *zhezhi* paper folding experience, *siheyuan* house visit
- October 16 (Tues.) Great Wall visit, *tai chi* experience, Jingshan Park
- October 17 (Weds.) Courtesy visit to Government of Beijing Municipality, Courtesy visit to Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Welcome Party at Embassy of Japan in China
- October 18 (Thurs.) * Students are separated into regional groups to conduct exchange
- ① (Tokyo/Ibaraki Group) Visit Peking University & Beijing Foreign Studies University
 - ② (Hokkaido Group) Courtesy visit to Government of Wuhan Municipality, Visit Wuhan University
 - ③ (Hokkaido Group) Courtesy visit to Government of Qingdao Municipality, Visit Qingdao University
- October 19 (Fri.)
- ① (Tokyo/Ibaraki Group) Classroom visit, Homestay
 - ② (Hokkaido Group) Classroom visit, Homestay
 - ③ (Hokkaido Group) Classroom visit, Homestay
- October 20 (Sat.)
- ① (Tokyo/Ibaraki Group) Homestay
 - ② (Hokkaido Group) Homestay
 - ③ (Hokkaido Group) Homestay
- October 21 (Sun.) Homestay, Farewell Party
- October 22 (Mon.) Japanese students return home

Reference List of Japan-China Teenage Ambassadors Programs

Program	Year Held	Japanese Participating Schools	Visited Cities	No. of Participants
1st	2009	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba	Beijing	59
2nd	2010	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School	Beijing	81
3rd	2011	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School	Beijing	80
4th	2012	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School Tokyo: Tokyo Metropolitan Nishi High School Tokyo: Ochanomizu University Senior High School	Beijing Tianjing Qingdao	200
5th	2013	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School Osaka Pref.: Ikeda Senior High School Attached to Osaka Kyoiku University Hyogo Pref.: Himeji Nishi Senior High School	Beijing Wuhan Suzhou	120
6th	2014	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School Chiba Pref.: Chiba Municipal Chiba High School	Beijing Wuhan Suzhou	120
7th	2015	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School Chiba Pref.: Chiba Municipal Chiba High School	Beijing Wuhan Suzhou	120
8th	2016	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Chiba Pref.: Chiba Municipal Chiba High School Hokkaido: Sapporo Nihon University Senior High School Oita Pref.: Iwata Senior High School	Beijing Wuhan Qingdao	143
9th	2017	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School Hokkaido: Sapporo Nihon University Senior High School Oita Pref.: Iwata Senior High School	Beijing Wuhan Qingdao	141
10th	2018	Tokyo: Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba Tokyo: Junten Senior High School Ibaraki Pref.: Toyo University Ushiku Senior High School Hokkaido: Ritsumeikan Keisho Senior High School Hokkaido: Sapporo Nihon University Senior High School	Beijing Wuhan Qingdao	140