

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 2770 YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

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Welcome to Japan. we congratulate on you as being selected as a young ambassador representing your country. The main purpose of this program is to understand and appreciate the differences in culture so that the people in the world would live in peace. From this point of view, we would like you to introduce your culture to us. Despite abundant information circulating in the inter-net, people living in the Far East have had less chance to experience foreign culture in the face to face form. So, show and tell us what your culture is like. We are so excited about to know you and your country.

Japan is unique in its culture. This uniqueness comes from the culture, which has been formed through the thousands of years of history in the rather isolated islands in the Far East. In the first several weeks, you may find yourself uneasy at your host family and high school. This kind of feeling is obviously derived from the differences in culture. Please remember that you are here to understand these differences for. Let's look at the point from different perspectives. How many of your classmates at your high school have a chance to live in Japan for one year? This is all up to you whether you take this great opportunity to make it fruitful or not. The member of this committee, host rotary clubs, host families and host schools pay much attention on you. So we want you to have once in a lifetime great year in Japan.

In the following pages, you will find the rules and obligations for INBOUND STUDENTS. They are very important items for you to make this exchange program meaningful for both of us. After reading them, please sign in the agreement sheet along with your parents' signature and please send us by e-mail or fax as soon as possible before your departure.

RULES AND OBLIGATIONS

Students are required to follow the rules and obligations.

1. JAPANESE LAWS

You are required to keep the laws of Japan at all times, particularly in relation to the use of prohibited drugs. Breaking of this rule will automatically result in severe penalty and being deported. Smoking and drinking are not legally permitted for minors (below 20 years of age). The same rule applies at Pachinko parlor (pin ball machines) and discos. Please check with your counselor for details.

2. DISCIPLINE

You are expected to accept the normal discipline of the host school and the host parents. The host family and school are under no obligation whatsoever to adapt in any way to the student. The students are required to follow the rules set by the host school and the host family.

3. EMPLOYMENT

You are not permitted to work in Japan.

4. LANGUAGE

You are expected to learn Japanese as quickly as possible.

5. HIGH SCHOOL

You are required to attend your high school for one academic year. You are expected to take part in all school activities.

The School will determine the number and kind of subjects you take often consultation with you. Your school fees and other necessary school related expenses will be paid for by your host Rotary Club. However, the fees for the school excursion trips are not paid by the host club. If you want to participate, you must pay by yourself. You should buy your own notebooks, pens, pencils and so on.

Tattoos are strictly prohibited in your school and will be an important reason your application will be rejected.

6. DRIVING

You are prohibited from driving motor vehicles.

7. TRAVELS

Except Rotary activities, a school excursion trip and trips with host Rotarians, you are not permitted to travel during your stay in Japan. If you want to travel outside the District 2770, written approval from all the following persons should be obtained prior to the departure:

1. Host parents
2. Counselor
3. Host District YEP Chairman

8. ATTENDANCE AT ROTARY EVENT

During the year, there will be many Rotary related events such as club meetings, annual District Conference as well as other official Rotary and YEP meetings to which you are expected to attend. You may be excused from classes with a note from your counselor, to attend those meetings.

9. ROMANCE

The global YEP rules state that students shall not become “romantically involved”. That is, dating is prohibited. Your sponsoring Rotary has selected you as an exchange student because you have been judged mature enough to understand the aim of this program. Therefore, try to make a friendly relationship at school and rotary activities without any romantic affair.

10. HOST FAMILIES

Your hosts will make every effort to welcome you. Host families accept you, but not as a special “honored guest”. The whole value of this exchange scheme centers on the acceptance by both student and host, that the student will be “one of the family”, not receiving any special favors or treatments, but undertaking normal family chores. It follows, therefore, that you are to refer to your host-father, as O-TO-SAN (father), and your host-mother, as O-KA-SAN (mother) not as Mr. and Mrs.

ADVICES

1. COUNSELOR

The host Rotary Club has appointed a counselor who will act as a “father” to advise and help you during your stay in Japan. You are expected to see the counselor, for guidance with any problem that might arise, which cannot be resolved within the host family.

The Counselor is also available to help host families with any problems that they encounter. This is a very valuable system. Do not hesitate to consult your counselor. You should make a point of taking the initiative to be in contact with your counselor about once a week, and do not put it off to less than once every two weeks. If by chance, problem develop which the counselor cannot resolve, do not hesitate to contact to your district YEP Chairman.

2. RETURN TICKET AND FLIGHT RESERVATION

Exchange students should bring *one-year open round trip air ticket*. Please tell your arrival date and time to the 1st host family and the counselor as soon as the flight is fixed. On your return flight, you better confirm your returning flight ticket at least two (2) months prior to the departure.

3. THE PERIOD OF STAY

Exchange students shall not return home earlier than 44weeks unless for a sudden tragedy or any valid reason acceptable to the host District. The period of stay shall not exceed 52 weeks.

We strongly ask you to finish all the necessary paper work required for college and university before your departure.

4. POCKET MONEY

Arrangements have been made to provide you with the amount of ¥10,000- per month by the host Rotary Club.

5. TELEPHONE CALLS

Use of the host parent’s telephone is a privilege but limited to local calls within 5 minutes. Students must pay the host family for long distance calls, and overseas calls you make must be collect call. The phone call should be finished before 10pm. These days, the use of IP phone such as skype became common because of the lower cost for giving a call; however, please do not use it every day to talk to your friend or family back home. Again, the main purpose of this program is to learn about Japanese CULTURES. Instead of talking to your friend from your own country, please try to enjoy communicating with your host family, which will help you to learn Japanese cultures.

6. Mobile Phone

The use of mobile phone is permitted but it must be paid by yourself. If you need it you have to ask your host club so that they can lend you one, the monthly cost for using a mobile phone is approximately ¥5,000.

7. RELIGION

Our experience shows that this poses very few problems. In most cases, your religion will differ from that of your host family and you are quite free to follow your own as long as it does not interfere the aim of this program.

8. ALLOWANCES

It will be necessary for you to bring some amount of money. This money will be used for transportation fee, clothing and unexpected expenses. You are fully responsible for the use of this money.

9. DRESS

You shall wear a suitable style of clothing to all Rotary events. Jeans and T-shirts are not acceptable at Rotary events.

10. INSURANCE

Exchange students shall purchase an insurance policy in your country that adequately covered them from the date of departure until your returning flight. The policy must meet the minimum value specified by Rotary International, which includes liability, luggage, accident, health, medical and dental insurance.

11. APPRECIATION

You should not forget to write “thank you” notes to people who host you overnight or weekends, take you on trips or in any way assist you during your stay as an exchange student.

This is a not only polite manner expected of you, but it helps build goodwill for your country and helps those students who come in the following years.



Rules and Obligations for Inbound Student

AGREEMENT

DATE: ____ / ____ / ____
(year / month / day)

To: 2017~2018 Chairperson, Mr. Nobuo Suzuki
Youth Exchange Committee
Rotary International District 2770

We have read, understood and agreed to abide by the purpose of this guideline.

Student's name:
(Please print) _____

Home address:
(Please print) _____

Signature of the student:

Signature of Father / Guardian:

Signature of Mother / Guardian:

A signed copy of this form must be e-mailed to the following number or address,
As Soon As Possible, before your departure.

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