

Experience Japan Project 2017

This year, Experience Japan, which is one of the projects of MIS, is going to hold a 9-day program.

In this program, we will go beyond the border between people with disabilities and able-bodied people by interacting with students in South/Southeast Asia beyond national borders.

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1. What is MIS?



We, organizers of this project, belong to MIS (Multilateral Interaction with Students), a NPO (Non-profit Organization). MIS mainly consists of students in The University of Tokyo.

AIM:

Make students grow up to be leaders in the next generation

ACTIVITY:

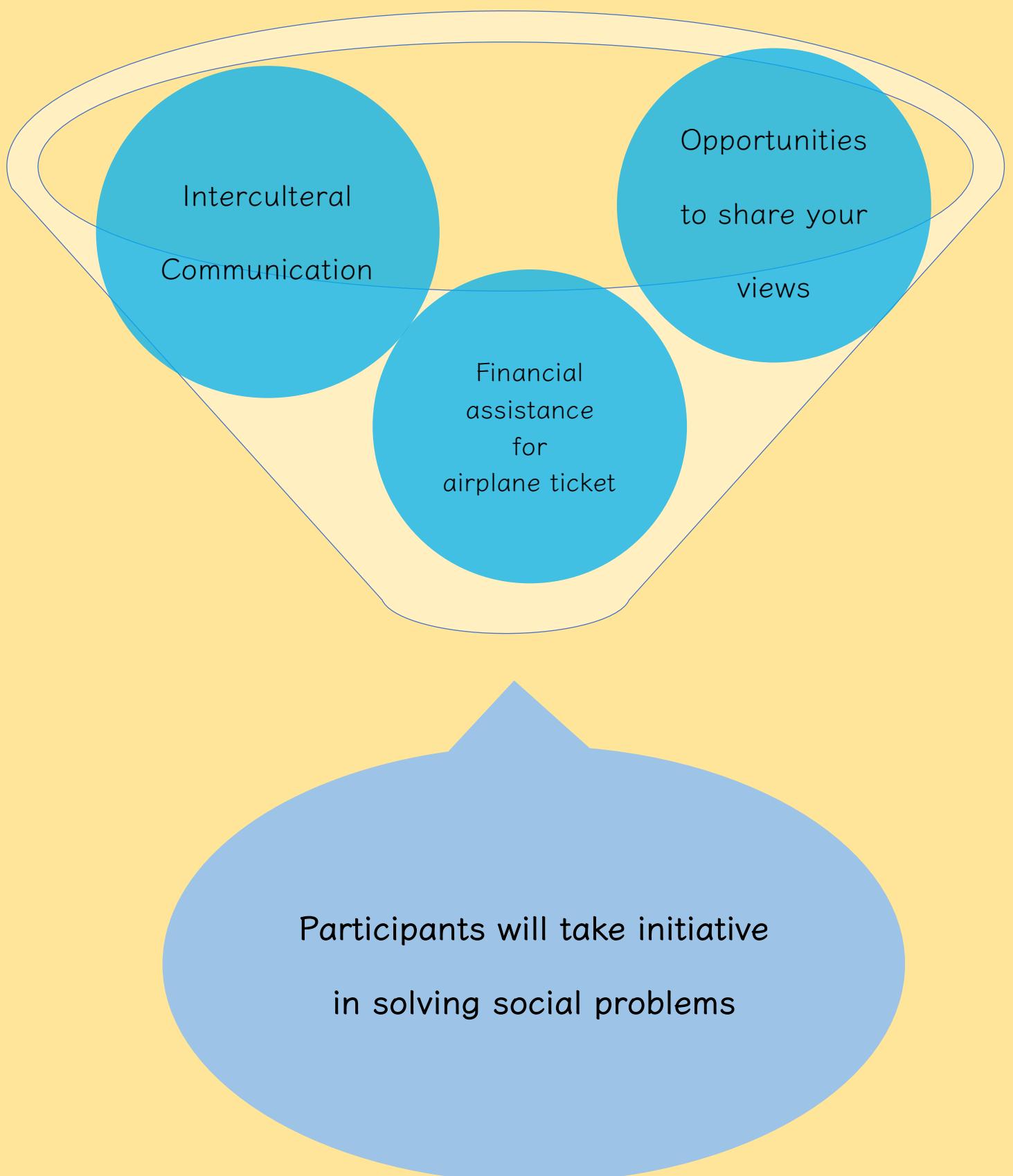
“Find” social problems, “discuss” their solutions and then “carry out” them.

Now, we are cooperating with students in 7 different countries in South/Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Myanmar and India). We are finding social problems and carrying out projects together.

2. What is Ex Japan?



Many students are eager to learn in Japan, but they cannot mainly because of economical bottleneck. By our financial support, we strongly hope that those who participate in this project actively learn the way to solve social problems by understanding different culture.





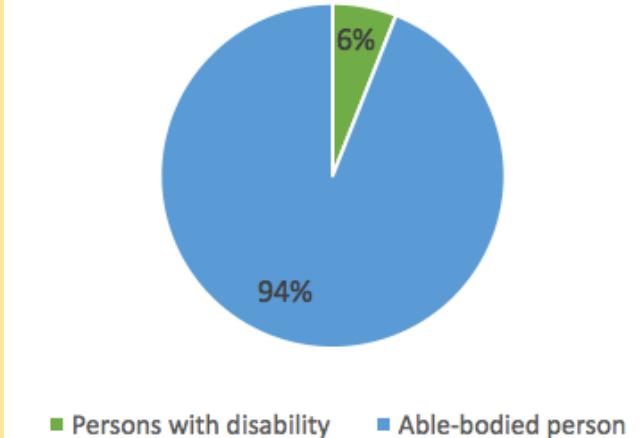
3. This year's theme

This year, Experience Japan 2017 is going to focus on “barrier”, of which majority: able-bodied persons are not usually conscious.

Statistically, the percentage of persons with disabilities in Japan is about six. Six percent is not small enough to ignore, but the society cannot be said to be open to the six percent.

Politics, economy, and society differ from one country to another. However, the importance of respecting and understanding others is common all over the world, and it has to be so in order to realize a great world.

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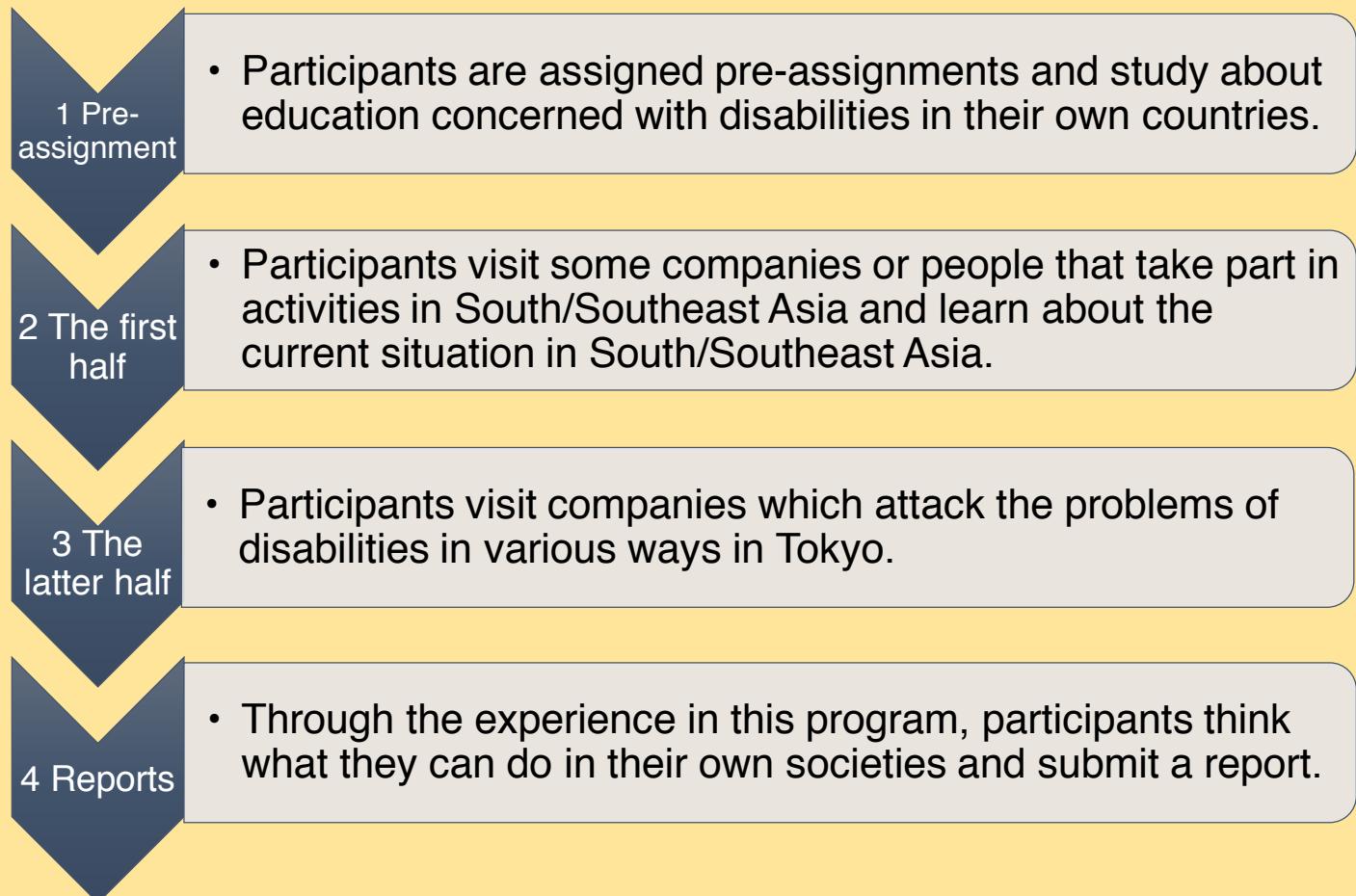
Based on this policy, we set the theme of this year's project as
“Beyond the Border”

Students who go **beyond the national border** and participate in this project learn what kind of **barrier exists between persons with disabilities and able-bodied persons** and discuss how to go **beyond** it.



4. About this year's program

Our project is divided into 4 steps



1. Pre-assignment

Participants study in advance about education concerned with disabilities in their own countries.

Pre assignment

Please work on applying for our program, International Japan 2011!
We also have time to do our program with you.
Before our program starting, we would like you to do some assignments so that you can make the most of our program for your own development.
Please do these assignments and submit them to us by **August 20th**.
And we also want you to do presentation about the assignment **11:30am** at the first day of the program. (You can use 10 minutes for the presentation.) We plan make comments about each other's presentation. You also should submit it to us by **August 20th**.

If you have some trouble about doing presentation, send questions or whatever, please contact us.
The mail address is: epic2011@gmail.com

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Assignment 1:
Please answer the following questions and tell the favorite places of your country.
(a) I have 5 commonest hobby
(b) I am Japanese

Assignment 2:
(1)Please research the local culture in your country.
(2)What's the culture in the culture in the world?
(3)How culture have changed, what is the difference between now and the past?
(a) I have 5 commonest hobby for each topic

Pre-assignment last year

We believe that thinking about **education** will help us **organize** what kind of problems persons with disabilities have.



2. The first half



How can we solve those problems?

How can we realize a society where all people with disabilities can take part in with equal opportunities?

We discuss what we can do to make an ideal society in the end.

For example, where do we visit?



Sports For Tomorrow(SFT)

SFT is an international contribution led by the Japanese government.

Their goal is to deliver the value of Paralympic and Olympic to the world including Southeast/South Asia

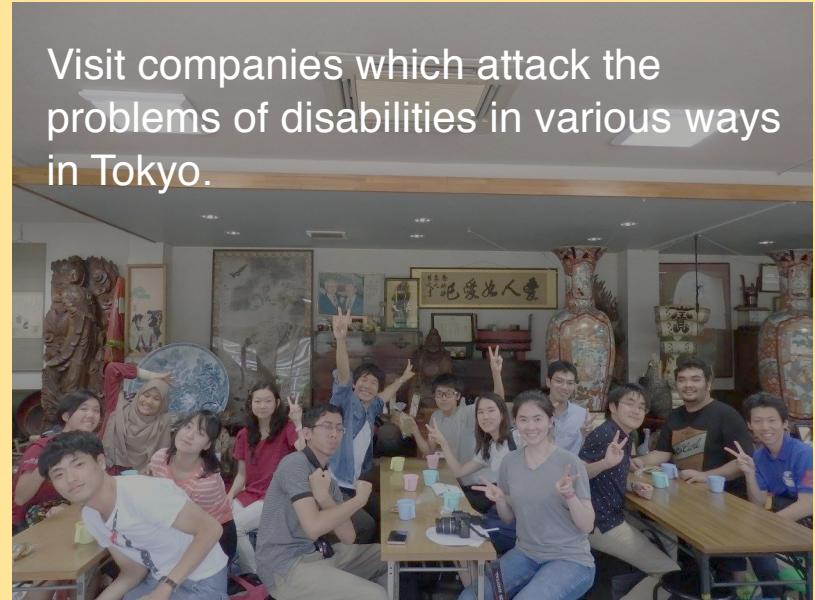
Why not we go sightseeing?

The fourth day is a day for sightseeing.

It would be better if we can find any problems in accessibility.



3. The latter half



What do we learn?

- Their attitudes toward barriers that trouble people with disabilities
- Vision
- Problems they face

→ We think of what **each person** can do or what **societies** can do

For example, where do we visit?



Special Olympics Nippon (SON)

Special Olympics(SO) is a worldwide organization. SO supports persons with intellectual disabilities to become athletes doing their best in national games and world games.

SO also encourages people with and without intellectual disabilities to get unified through sports.



THE NIPPON FOUNDATION PARALYMPIC SUPPORT CENTER

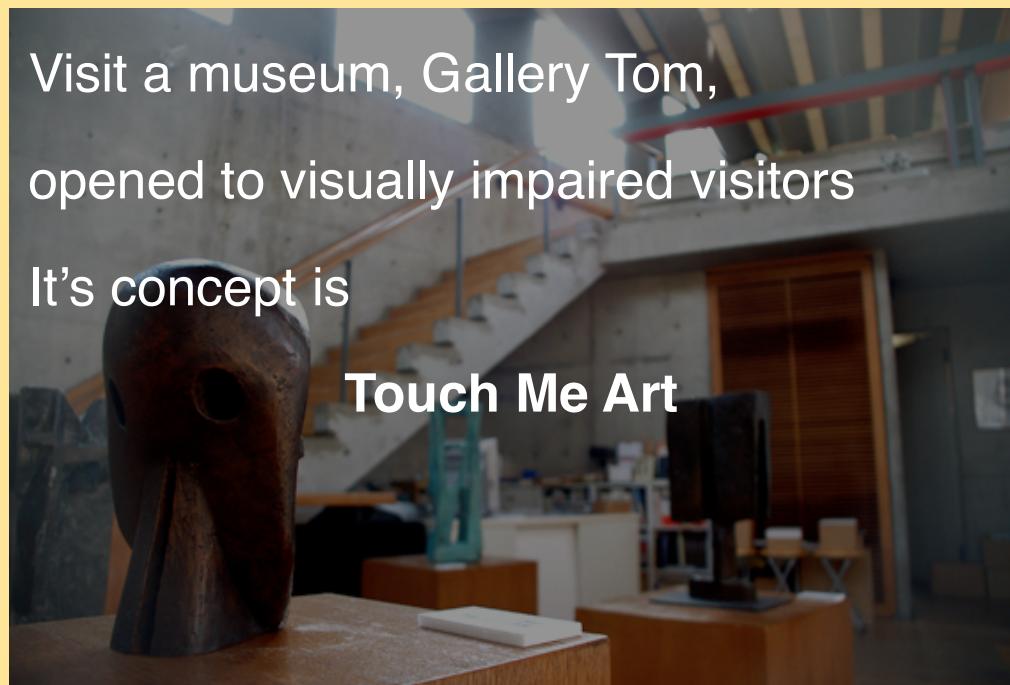
This center supports parasports athletes and advertises the great power of Paralympic games over the society. They try to make the society where all the people, whether they have disabilities or not, can enjoy watching, supporting and playing parasports.

Many programs are organized to teach students the way to interact with people with disabilities.

**We're now planning to visit many other places and companies
In various fields**

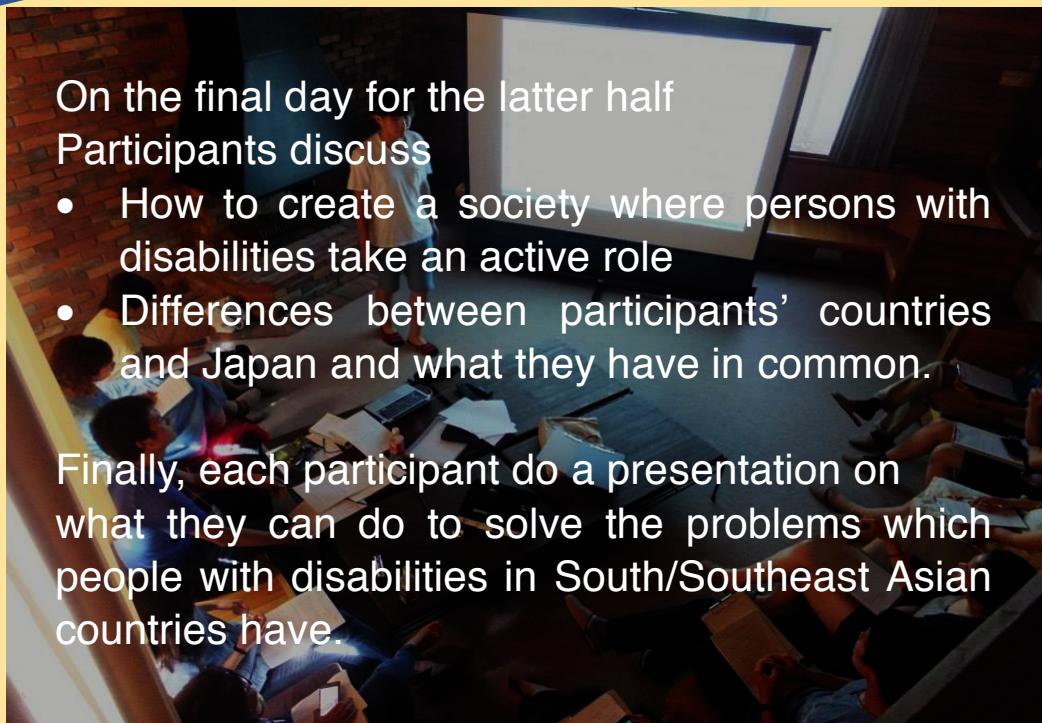
Not only organizations related to sports.

Look forward to it until you participate in this project!

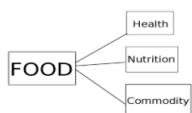


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4. Reports



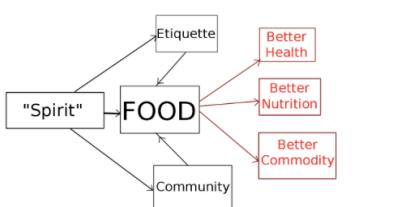
Go back to their
own countries



However, after participating in Experience Japan 2016, My understanding about the importance of food had changed. Yes, Food still have its role in health, nutrition and commodity. But presence of "spirit" of hospitality will develop "etiquette" and sense of "community". The etiquette in this context is the high level of professionalism and diligent in doing one's job. We can see through every place we visit. Our guide at Marusou Ichifaku taught us how to pick mushrooms and how to cook them. They even give us opportunity to harvest his "Shadow Queen" potatoes while giving us guideline on which potato to harvest. All of them are giving their best and take pride on their duty.

The "community" in this context is the realization that we are all living in a huge community. Not because we are the same or we are from the same country or our own family, not because of they are our customer, but because later we will become friends and be treated the same. That is the importance of food that I first realize at Ouka Ramen (Free water). But this sense of community only works when the whole community feels the same. I believe this is only found in Japanese people.

Beside the "spirit" of hospitality, etiquette and community will influence the "food". With all these three, the food delivered will result in better health and nutrition for human and higher quality product for commodity trading.



Based on all the experience in Tokyo,
each participant writes a report about

an ideal society from the perspective of disabilities

what they should do to realize that society in their own countries.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBIT IT!

Final report last year

5. Basic Information



✓ Place

Tokyo

✓ Date

Aug. 23 - Sep. 1

FOR 10 DAYS

1 Application Form

Fill in the application form.

<http://misleaders.org/katsudou/Application%20Form%202017.docx>

and send it to

josi@misleaders.org

The deadline is **July 7**

2 Confirmation

We'll send you back an email after we received your application.

We'll announce the result **around the middle of July**

3 Flight Ticket & Subsidies

Book a flight to Narita Airport or Haneda Airport that arrives on **August 23rd** and leaves Japan on **September 1st** on your own. (It doesn't matter if you arrive sooner or stay longer in Japan, but the extra travel expenses have to be paid by yourself.) We will check your flight and the airfare, and then we will decide the subsidies you can get.

The subsidy is:

Max. 50,000 JPY

For example, if your airfare is 70,000 JPY, you can get 50,000 JPY and you have to pay the surplus, 20,000 JPY.

If your airfare is 40,000 JPY, you can receive 40,000 JPY.

We will reimburse the subsidies to students when they come to Japan.

We will pick you up at the airport and go together to the central Tokyo by bus or train, but the fare is not included in the participation fee (Details below).

If there is any document required for visa applying, contact us.

4 Participation Fee

The money students have to pay is:

- The airfare exceeded the subsidies
- The participation fee: 40,000 JPY

(Expenses for accommodation, meals and transportation during the program are all included)

-Two-way ticket fare (The airport ⇔ the central Tokyo):

4,000~6,000 JPY

-The expenses for souvenirs and the extra stay in Japan

6. Accommodations and Meals



· Accommodations :

① National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (Olympics Center)

Address: 3-1. Yoyogi Kamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0052

Tel: +81-3-3469-2525



*You will stay at 2(pic[3]) or 4(pic[4])-person room.

*You will use a public bath room. If you can't for some reasons, please tell us.

② Wa-kan

Address: 3-8-1 Komaba, Meguro-ku, Tokyo, 153-8902

Tel: +81-3-5454-6139

*You must go to Sento (Japanese public bath) in staying here.

· Meals :

@Cafeteria Fuji in Olympics Center.

This restaurant serves smorgasbord in the morning.

You can choose Western or Japanese style mainly.



@a restaurant in Tokyo

You will go to a restaurant near the place where you visit in the day.



✓ Notice

【For Muslims】

- we can serve halal food.
- we prepare some places for prayer as much as possible, but their facilities may be not enough partly.
- we can't prepare a private bath room. It has only a partition.
You will take a bath with some people of the same sex.

A screenshot of the Halal Gourmet Japan website. At the top, there is a red header bar with the text "HALAL GOURMET JAPAN" and "presented by HMJ". Below the header is a search bar with a placeholder "Freeword" and a red "Search" button. Underneath the search bar are two dropdown menus: "Search for Prefecture" and "Search for Category". The main area is titled "Search for Conditions" and contains a grid of 16 items, each with an icon and a checkbox. The items are: Halal Certified (checked), Halal Meat (checked), Pork Free (unchecked), Halal Seasoning (unchecked), Halal Dishes (unchecked), Muslim Owner (unchecked), Muslim Chef (unchecked), Halal Storage (unchecked), Kitchen and Cutlery (unchecked), No Alcohol (unchecked), No Alcohol used (unchecked), Vegetarian (unchecked), Place for pray (unchecked), Wi-Fi (unchecked), Delivery (unchecked), and To go (unchecked). At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright (c) Japan Guide for Muslims Project All Rights Reserved."

【For people with disabilities】

Please fill in the following 4 points ((1) – (4)) regarding assistance in the application form. (In particular, we wrote special notices for those who use wheelchair (①), a visually handicapped person (②) or a person having hearing difficulty(③). Please check it if you need.)

If you have any other questions, feel free to ask us by e-mail (josi@misleaders.org).

(1) How heavy your own disability is ?

(ex. What can you do or can't do without caregiver in daily life?)

(2) Whether it is necessary to bring a caregiver from your country.*

(3) If you do not need your caregiver from your country, can we (beginners of assistance) give you enough care?

(4) Do you have other things to consider?

(ex. I can't move with a wheelchair for a long time etc.)

* If you can bring your caregiver from your country, he or she is also counted as one of the participants. Therefore, his or her air fare is also subsidized, but participation fees must be paid.

① those who use a wheel chair

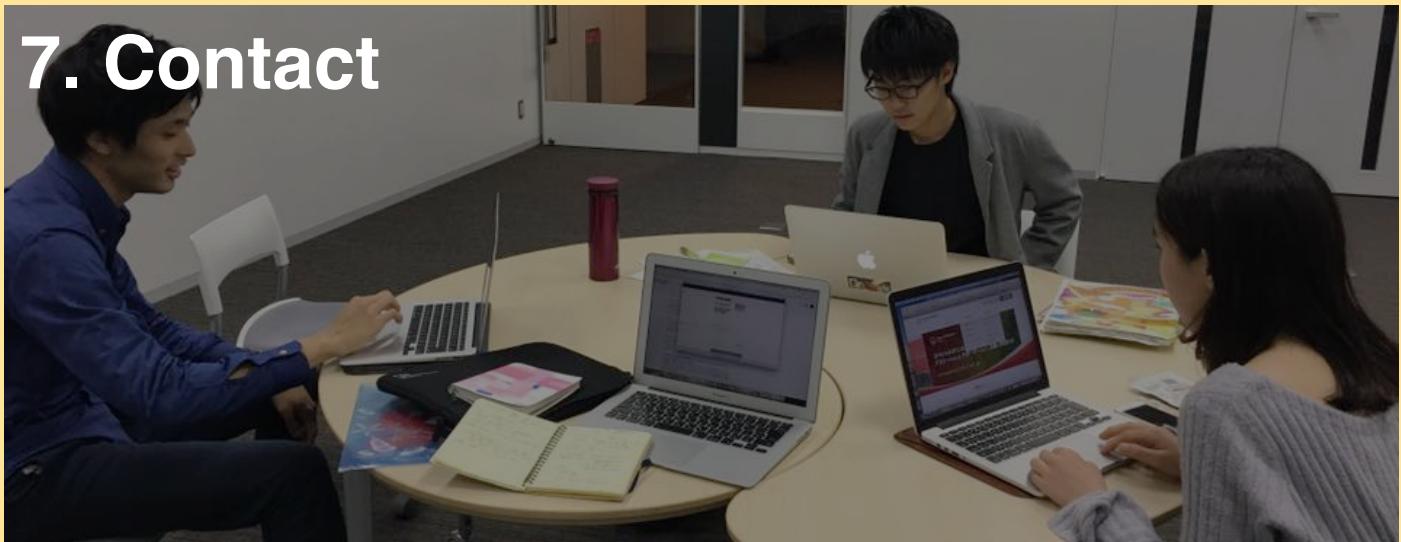
- The width of the door of the room in Olympics Center is 70 cm. If you have a wheelchair with a width of more than 70 cm, you must get off the wheelchair by yourself. If you can't do it, I'm sorry but please refrain from applying.
- We will confirm accessibility of the place you will visit before this project. If accessibility can't be secured, we always prepare countermeasures. In that case we announce it to you in advance.

② a visually handicapped person

- As Braille service can't be provided, all information are offered as data. I'm sorry but please apply only when you can acknowledge this situation.
- It is possible for Japanese students to accompany with you. However, let you know that they have little experience of assistance.

③ a person having hearing disability

- We currently do not have any hearing loops, minicom or textphones
- Sign language services can't be provided. We will write or type what people say in the notebook, PC or smartphone. In that case, Some cases can't be covered, such as ordinary conversations other than discussions. I'm sorry but please apply only when you can acknowledge this situation.



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