



TRAVEL TO JAPAN THIS SUMMER!

July 5 – 19, 2010 (tentative dates)

Since 1994, students from Coquitlam secondary schools have been invited to our sister school in Hamamatsu, Japan in the summer. This year, the trip is tentatively planned for July 5 to 19, 2010. Students live in a homestay with a boy or girl of the same age and partake in all family activities in the evenings and on weekends. During the day, students participate in some school classes as well as in group activities which in the past have included a cycling excursion, tours through some of the factories (cars, pianos), shopping, a fire works festival, a trip to an amusement park, a Japanese tea ceremony, and several sightseeing ventures in the local area. The tour includes a 3-day visit to the ancient capital city of Kyoto, famous for its history and tradition.

As this is a cultural exchange, students do not need to know Japanese language, but must be interested in learning about Japan, its history, traditions and culture. At the same time, students are expected to be exemplary ambassadors from Canada and be willing to share Canadian culture and experience with their Japanese classmates. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$2,200. Students will provide for their own airfare (approximately \$1600), land costs for Kyoto (\$250) and personal spending money in the range of \$200 to \$500 for souvenirs and gifts.

If you would like to apply for this year's summer tour, please email kklein@sd43.bc.ca for an information package and application or download one from her website at [Ms. Klein's site](#). Any questions can be directed to the trip coordinators, Ms. Karen Klein, Vice-Principal, Como Lake Middle School or to Mrs. Naoko Martin, teacher, at Centennial Secondary School (604-936-7205). Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2010.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 43 (COQUITLAM)
AND
SEIREI CHRISTOPHER HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER CULTURE TRIP to JAPAN**

TRAVELLERS

- 24 person maximum
- 16 students from Washington State
- 2 students from Indiana State
- 4 students from Coquitlam School District
- 2 teacher-chaperones (including one from Canada and one from Washington)

These numbers will be adjusted if there are more or fewer candidates in any category.

AIRFARE

- Airfare for the U.S. travelers will be arranged by Mr. Clarke.
- Airfare for the Canadian travellers will be arranged by Ms. Martin and Ms. Klein.
- Airfare is expected to be around \$1600 Canadian dollars from Vancouver to Nagoya and return. Please be advised that this is an estimate only. Real costs will be available only at the time of booking.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

All students **must** have additional travel insurance covering illness, loss and death. BCAA and Thomas Cook Travel offer comprehensive packages, but you may wish to check with your group plans through your employer or with your own insurance company.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

All Canadian applications for the trip will be submitted to Ms. Martin by **February 28**.

Participants will be chosen on their desire to learn more about Japanese culture and society and on their likelihood of being exemplary Canadian ambassadors while abroad. If American places are not used, additional Coquitlam students will be added.

Applicants must be fluent in English and are expected to speak English while in homestay. Of course, there will be plenty of opportunity to use and practice Japanese, if desired. Applicants must also be able to get along well with other people as there is very little “alone” time scheduled into this tour.

Criteria:

1. English language ability (native fluency)
2. Suitability as exemplary ambassadors for Coquitlam and Canada
3. Desire to learn about Japan and Japanese language and culture
4. Report Cards – work habits, punctuality, reliability, responsibility
5. Reference checks
6. Grade level – open to grade 10, 11 and 12 students; grade 12 students given priority

TIMELINE

February 28	Application deadline
March 15	Travellers will be notified of acceptance
Mid – Late April	Parent information evening to discuss the program and expectations and meet other travelers. All participants and at least one parent must attend.
May 15	Final payment for airfare

COSTS

Approximately \$2,200.00, which is the round trip cost from Vancouver to Nagoya and return and the Kyoto trip portion. Exact costs will be available in spring once flight routing and accurate numbers of travelers have been determined.

Seirei Christopher High School will pay all land costs over \$250 in Japan including the 3 day bus tour to Kyoto and hotel accommodations. The \$250 required for this trip is often in the form of a scholarship. However, students will be expected to cover the amount in case the scholarships are no longer available.

Students responsible for:

- Airfare to and from Vancouver
- Passports and items of personal nature
- Meals when not in homestay (including lunches and dinners in Kyoto)
- Local transportation when not in homestay (including Kyoto)
- Spending money
- \$250 towards Kyoto trip

Seirei to provide:

- Bus transfer between Nagoya Airport and Hamamatsu City
- Homestay costs
- Tours in Hamamatsu city
- Orientation and departure assistance
- Welcome and/or Farewell party
- Bus to Kyoto (and back)
- Hotel and breakfast while in Kyoto

SEIREI CHRISTOPHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE & APPLICATION FORM

FAMILY NAME: _____ CALLED NAME: _____

LEGAL NAME(S) as it appears on your passport or other government identification

BIRTHDATE: _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____ GENDER: M F

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____ Student No. _____

STUDENT MAILING ADDRESS:

Address City Postal Code

Home Phone Email

CONTACT INFORMATION:

	Parent 1 (phone & email)	Parent 2 (phone & email)
Name		
Contact Number		
Contact Email		

Family/Household Information – Names	Relationship	Occupation

How do you usually spend your free time?

Medical Information

Current Health Status	Health Concerns (Include allergies or dietary restrictions)	Other:
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Passport Information (if you have one)

Country of Origin:
Expiry Date:

(If applicable) Knowledge of Japanese is not a requirement for selection but is a consideration factor.

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MARK RECEIVED					
TEACHER					

Have you applied to this program before? If so, when?

Other experience with Japanese traditions, customs, travel or people:

References:

Please indicate two people we can contact to discuss your suitability to the program. Your references must be adults and should include at least one teacher or counsellor.

Name	Title	How long known	Phone No.

School Records

Please include your most recent report card. If you don't have one, please provide your student number. While marks are important, it is your work habits and attendance records that will be strongly considered.

Release

With my signature, and that of my parent, I certify that all the information on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also authorize the Seirei staff, the adult chaperone and the selection committee to verify the information, to contact my references and to review my recent school report cards.

Promise

I promise that if I am selected, I will obey the rules of Seirei Gakuen, the adult chaperones and my host family while I am under their care. I understand that breaking any of these rules may result in my immediate return to Canada.

Student Signature

School Representative

Parent 1 Signature

Parent 2 Signature (if required)

