



*"The homestay was a great experience. I hope to reconnect with my host family at some point in the future."*



*Give a mini-lesson to students in Japan!  
"This is a great learning experience for any teacher!"  
"Wow! The hospitality of a Senior High School was amazing. I thoroughly enjoyed the economics lecture at Junior and Senior High School."*



*"The teacher discussion with the Japanese teachers was one of my favorites. They were as curious about our practices as we were about theirs."*

***Since 1980, over 700 U.S. and Canadian social studies teachers have taken part in "KKC Study Tour to Japan." The program aims to deepen participants' understanding of contemporary Japanese social, economic, political, and international issues. Their experiences and findings in Japan contribute to international mutual understanding across the Pacific and have significant value to their students, who will build future ties with Japan.***

***The KKC Study Tour to Japan is filled with opportunities to:***

- ***Interact with Japanese students***
- ***Exchange views with Japanese school teachers***
- ***Discuss social, economic, political, and international issues with scholars and experts***
- ***Meet business leaders for exchange of views***
- ***Enjoy traditional and contemporary Japanese culture***

*Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs, KKC) is an independent, nonprofit organization supported entirely by private sector. Since 1978, KKC has served as a platform for the Japanese business community to interact with its key stakeholders inside and outside Japan, such as scholars, businesspersons, educators, lawmakers, and journalists.*



## **KKC Study Tour to Japan 2025 for Middle and High School Teachers**

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# 2025 KKC Teacher Fellowship

Keizai Koho Center (KKC), in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS), will offer the "KKC Study Tour to Japan 2025" for North American social studies teachers.

## Dates of the Program

June 23 (Mon) - July 1 (Tue), 2025 (tentative)

The contents will be developed to provide vivid and enjoyable experiences which may include:

- Visits to Japanese schools and Japanese companies
- Meetings with scholars and/or experts on social, economic, political, and international issues and the education system
- Cultural and fun experiences
- A seminar with an audience of business people, educators, etc.

## Costs covered by KKC

KKC provides round trip air transportation from the participants' home city to Tokyo, as well as accommodations, ground transportation, and meals associated with the program.

The cost of insurance premiums covering overseas travel, medical and accident expenses are not covered by KKC.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have skills and experience in developing curriculum and a strong interest in Japan.
- Have never lived in Japan nor visited Japan on a similar study tour.
- Be middle or high school classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies, Geography or History (grades 6-12).
- Be able to attend the full itinerary. (Cancellations and changes made after the air ticket is issued will be paid by the Applicant)
- Be able to work and cooperate with others.
- Be open and flexible.

## Requirements

To participate in the Study Tour, applicants are required to agree to:

- Make a presentation and contribute to discussions at a seminar organized as a part of the program.
- Submit a lesson plan on contemporary Japan for their classroom to KKC by **Oct. 31, 2025**.
- Submit a final report to KKC by **January 9, 2026**, which describes how experiences and findings from the tour are used in the classroom and other occasions. Relevant copies of any school newspaper/magazine articles are appreciated.
- Consent that the lesson plans and the final reports become the property of KKC to be posted on its website for use by other teachers.
- Understand that the demands of the itinerary are such that only individuals physically able to travel without special assistance should consider participating, and that special diets cannot be provided.
- Understand there will be no provisions for spouses to accompany fellows due to the nature of the program and logistical arrangements.
- Write an article for the KKC Fellowship Newsletter, which is published twice a year.

## How to Apply

Application portal opens in mid-December. Applications must include all required documents and be submitted no later than **February 28, 2025**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### 1. Required Documents

- (1) Resume:** A list of your current academic position, educational achievements, and professional activities. Provide details regarding previous curriculum and/or staff development experiences.
- (2) Project Proposal:** Download the Project Proposal form from <https://www.us-japan.org/kkc> and complete the required questions. Tell us why you would like to participate in this Study Tour and how you will use what you learn from the program. Quality and originality are key elements in the selection process.

Please also outline a timeline of activities related to your project to be scheduled from September 2025 - June 2026. You are encouraged to disseminate information to audiences beyond individual schools such as district-wide teacher resource centers, community or professional organizations. Local Japan-America Societies may be of assistance for community-wide dissemination efforts ([www.us-japan.org](http://www.us-japan.org)).

**(3) Letter of Employment:** A letter from your employer, which attests to your full time professional status for the 2025-2026 school year.

**(4) Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters to support for applicants' participation in the tour from administrators and/or key individuals.

**Recommendation Letter Guidance** to the administrators is available at:

<https://www.us-japan.org/kkc>

### 2. Submission

After gathering all above documents, please visit <https://www.us-japan.org/kkc> to apply for the KKC Study Tour by the aforementioned deadline.

All documents must be submitted online.

Submitted application documents become the property of the KKC and cannot be returned.

### 3. Selection Results

A special committee will select and notify each fellow in writing on **March 25, 2025**.

### For further information

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