

FY2020
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(University Students)
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1. Purpose of program

Generational change is progressing within Nikkei communities in Central and South American countries and Japanese descendants after the second and third generation will play a role in leading these future Nikkei communities. This program has the purpose of fostering Nikkei/Japanese descendants who can contribute to strengthening the relationship with Japan and the development of Japanese overseas migrant communities through providing program in Japan for those generations who will play a role in leading the future Nikkei communities.

Through learning about the overseas migration history of the Japanese people, program at universities in Japan, and various other program provided by students of Japanese descendants who have the full potential to contribute to the development of future Nikkei communities, this program aims at deepening their understanding of their roots and of Japan, and moreover, strengthening their identity as Nikkei/Japanese descendants.

2. Countries of Participants and the number of persons to be accepted

20 persons from 9 countries

Country	Number of persons	Country	Number of persons
Brazil	9	Venezuela	1
Bolivia	2	Colombia	1
Paraguay	2	Mexico	1
Peru	2	Dominican Republic	1
Argentina	1	Total	20

3. Program period

Arrive in Japan: June 24, 2020 (Wednesday)

Leave Japan: July 17, 2020 (Friday)

4. Program outline *Program contents may be changed.

Program	Content	Site
Studies about Japanese overseas migrations	Visit the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum Lectures about Japanese overseas migration, Workshops Introduce Nikkei communities and the roots of the participants themselves in each area	JICA Yokohama Facilities and historical sites related to overseas migration
Program at Universities	Attend classes Exchange program with Japanese university students	Universities in Tokyo or Kanagawa
Cultural experience in Japan	Cultural experience in Japan	To be assigned
Study tour	Visit companies / NPOs Understanding of Japanese society, occupational culture	To be assigned

5. Accommodation (except the period of study tours)

JICA Yokohama or hotel is planned.

6. Qualifications of Applicants

The Applicant must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Applicant must be a Japanese overseas migrant or a descendant of a Japanese overseas migrant, generally up to the Nikkei third generation (*)

*Those with the lineage of Japanese migrants

*Applicant must be residing in the country listed in 2 (main place of residence).

- (2) Applicant must belong to a higher education institution (university) of the county listed in 2 and must be 18 years old or above, and 30 years old or below at the time of participating in the program.

- (3) Applicant must obtain consent of the person with parental authority or guardian.

*The applicant who is from the country, which has joint legal custody, must obtain consent of the all person with parental authority.

- (4) Applicant must have Japanese language proficiency to the extent that they won't have problems in their daily life. In addition, the Applicant must also be able to take lectures in Japan in Japanese or in English and participate in discussions.

- (5) Applicant must be mentally and physically healthy and able to endure living in a group in Japan.

- (6) Applicant must participate all program determined by JICA in principle.

7. Required Documents for Application.

(1) Please apply by using the following forms specified by JICA.

(a) Personal Data: one original copy (Form 2)

Please submit the personal data either in the Japanese language or in the English language.

Name of Japanese character:

JICA will prepare a Letter of Guarantee and Certificate of Acceptance necessary for visa application in accordance with the name noted in this document (including the different Kanji, Kana and Katakana characters). The name noted in the Personal Data will also be used to prepare the Certificate. Please write in legible Japanese.

Name of alphabet:

Confirmation of your air ticket reservation will be made using this name. Please write in legible letters as written in the passport that you will use for travelling. Please write paying attention to spelling, the order of surname and given name, and possession/non-possession of a middle name.

Nationality:

Please write the nationality of the passport you will use when you come to Japan. Even in the case of dual nationality, please write only the nationality of the passport that you will use to visit Japan for the program this time. Moreover, if a passport other than Japan is used, please describe possession/non-possession of Japanese nationality.

(b) Photo: two photos

Must be taken within the last six months.

(size: vertical 4 cm × horizontal 3 cm; upper body; front view; hatless; write the name and the country of the Applicant on the back)

*Please attach one photo to the Personal Data.

(c) Certificate of Health: one original copy (Form 3-A or 3-B)

Please submit the certificate either in the Japanese language or in the English language.

*Please examine all items and confirm whether or not all items have been filled in. A certificate with unexamined items or omissions cannot be accepted (please pay particular attention to clinical history, film number of chest X-ray examination and current use of medicines, etc.)

*Please make a declaration about the chronic disease like allergy, etc.

*If any false statement is found in the described matters, the Applicant may not participate in the program.

- (d) Pledges: one original copy (Form 4)

Please submit the pledges in the Japanese language. (The English one is for reference.)

*In countries where joint custody is legislated, pledges from all persons in parental authority are required.

- (e) Essay “Purposes of Participation in the Program and Plans for the Future” (Form 5)

Please submit the certificate either in the Japanese language or in the English language.

*Please write an essay about “why you think you would like to apply for the program, what objectives you have, and how you want to use your training experiences after returning to your home country” in Japanese or English.

- (2) Please obtain the following documents from each organization/education institution and submit them at the same time as the application.

- (a) Recommendation letter from an affiliated Nikkei organization: one original copy

*If the Applicant has no affiliated organization, submission is not necessary. However, it is preferable to contact a neighboring Nikkei organization by taking an opportunity of application.

- (b) Certificate of university enrollment: one original copy or one duplicate copy of a notarized document

- (c) University transcript: one original copy or one duplicate copy of a notarized document

- (3) Please submit the following documents at the same time with the application if the Applicant has them.

- (a) Certificate regarding Japanese language proficiency, such as JLPT Certificate of Result and Scores

*Submission is not necessary if the Applicant hasn't taken any public examinations, etc.

- (b) Certificate regarding English proficiency, such as TOEIC and TOEFL: one original copy

*Submission is not necessary if the Applicant hasn't taken any public examinations, etc.

- (c) A copy of the passport to be used for visiting Japan (copy of all pages on which visas and arrival-departure records have been printed or stamped)

(Note 1) Documents of (a), (d) and (e) of (1) above must be prepared by the Applicant themselves.

(Note 2) If documents from (1) to (3) above have not been filled in completely and accurately or if the Applicant doesn't have all the documents that must be submitted by the application deadline (differs from country to country), the application cannot be accepted.

(Note 3) Personal information provided will be used for: (1) judgment of acceptance/failure; (2) procedures for accepting participants; and (3) preparation of statistics documents including compilation of operations.

8. Application period

Submission deadline for application documents to JICA overseas offices will be determined by each office. Please comply with the instructions of each overseas office.

Applicants who don't have a passport at the time of application are recommended to take procedures to obtain a passport immediately. If the procedures to obtain a passport are started after receiving notification of acceptance, the visa necessary for visiting Japan may not be obtained in time. If the visa is not obtained in time, the Applicant may not participate in the program.

*Regardless of acceptance/failure, however, JICA will not bear any expenses for obtaining a passport.

9. Payment of necessary expenses

JICA will bear the following expenses based on its regulations.

- (1) Round-trip flight fare on the specified route (however, flight fares are provided in the form of flight tickets, not in the form of cash)
- (2) Travel expenses between the Japanese airport and the accommodation.
- (3) Living allowances during your stay in Japan and Stop-Over allowances (meal expenses)
- (4) Accommodation allowance.
- (5) Overseas travel insurance (period pertaining to outward/program period/homeward)

*In principle, the coverage period is from the time of departure from an international airport of the Applicant's country up to the time of arrival at an international airport on the day of returning to the home country.

*You will be automatically covered by insurance arranged by JICA. A Medical Card, certifying that you have medical insurance. This card is to be used for necessary medical treatment during your stay. Medical expenses will be covered in accordance with the provisions of the medical insurance. The training staff will accompany you if you need to be seen in a clinic or a hospital. You do not need to pay by yourself. The Medical treatment of **pre-existent illness** and **Dental** treatment **will NOT be covered** by the medical insurance.

- (6) Travel expenses necessary for outside program, program at university and study tours, training expenses for organizations accepting participants
- (7) Training costs

10. Program report

The Participant will submit a report about the program at the time the program is

completed (the report will be distributed to the university/organization accepting the Participant and the JICA overseas office). In addition, please hold a report meeting at the Nikkei organization, etc. after returning to your home country and submit the implementation report to the relevant JICA overseas office.

11. Termination of eligibility as a Participant

If the Participant falls under any one of the following, JICA may terminate their eligibility. In such a case, expenses necessary for returning to the home country will be borne by the Participant themselves except in the case of items (6) and (8).

- (1) When the Participant fails to comply with the rules, instructions or decisions of JICA;
- (2) When the Participant violates the rules of an organization accepting the Participant;
- (3) When the Participant violates Japanese laws and regulations;
- (4) When it is found that continuation of the training is difficult due to the intention, gross negligence or omission of the Participant themselves;
- (5) When the Participant has stopped their training on their own account;
- (6) When it is found that continuation of the training is difficult due to severe mental or physical disabilities, injury or illness, etc. of the Participant;
- (7) When a false statement has been discovered in items mentioned in the application documents; or
- (8) When JICA deems that other unavoidable circumstances exist.

12. Other matters to be noted

- (1) The Participant is not allowed to be accompanied by their family member(s). In principle, participants gather together both on the outbound and homebound trips and travel as a group.
- (2) Flight schedules will be informed to accepted participants after having been decided by JICA overseas offices.
- (3) Extensions of the program period and changes to the returning flight schedule are not allowed. After completion of the program, participants must return to their home countries according to the schedule determined by JICA.
- (4) Applicants are preferred to hold nationality of the Program target countries (or hold Japanese nationality).
- (5) Successful applicants need to submit “Written Consent on the Usage of Portrait Rights in JICA’s Publication Media and Reports”. During this program, photographer hired by JICA, JICA staff, Subcontractor will shoot photographs and video footage. We would like to kindly ask you to carefully read the purpose of use and grant your portrait right licence to JICA.

Attachments

Application document forms for “Education Program for Nikkei Next Generation (University Students)”

- (1) Personal Data (Form 2)
- (2) Certificate of Health (Form 3-A; Japanese, Form 3-B; English)
- (3) Pledges (Form 4)
- (4) “Purposes of Participation in the Program and Plans for the Future” (Form 5)

*Form 1 is not attached to this Application Guide since this document is prepared by JICA overseas offices.