

Application Guidelines for JENESYS 2019

1. Overview

JENESYS 2019 is a people-to-people exchange programme between Japan and the Asia-Pacific region, and will succeed JENESYS 2018. Under this programme, approximately 4,800 people from the Asia-Pacific region will be invited to Japan, while Japanese people also will be sent to the region.

In 2019, 177 participants from New Zealand and South Pacific countries will be invited to Japan. The JENESYS 2019 programme is organised by Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA). JOCA is an official agent which has undertaken all the necessary arrangements for this short-term invitation programme under the guidance of the Japanese Government.

2. Objectives

The objectives of JENESYS 2019 are:

- (1) To promote mutual trust and understanding among the peoples of Japan and the Asia-Pacific region, and to build a basis for future friendship and cooperation.
- (2) To encourage an understanding of Japan's economics, society, history, diverse culture, politics and diplomatic relations.

3. Outlines of the Programme

Students from NZ can apply for one of the following two groups.

(1) Group 1A: Peacebuilding, history and culture (in Tokyo and Hiroshima)

This course focuses on introducing building peaceful societies, Japanese culture, and history which forms Japanese society, by visiting historical and peace memorial sites in Tokyo and Hiroshima. The participants are expected to deepen their understanding of Japan's policies for building peaceful societies, Japanese culture and history by interacting with local people, exchanging ideas with Japanese students, and experiencing homestay.

- i. Duration: 7 nights 8 days
Date of arrival in Japan: 12 November, 2019
Date of departure from Japan: 19 November, 2019
- ii. Number of participants from NZ: 4 people

*14 participants from other Pacific Islands Countries will join.

iii. Language spoken during the programme: English

(2) Group 1B: Sports (in Tokyo and Oita)

This course focuses on introducing sports, by visiting typical sites in Tokyo and Oita. The participants are expected to deepen their understanding of Japan's policies for sports by interacting with local people, exchanging ideas with Japanese students, and experiencing homestay.

i. Duration: 7 nights 8 days

Date of arrival in Japan: 12 November, 2019

Date of departure from Japan: 19 November, 2019

ii. Number of participants from NZ: 4 people

*14 participants from other Pacific Islands Countries will join.

iii. Language spoken during the programme: English

4. Qualifications for Participations

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- (1) To understand and agree with the aims of JENESYS 2019,
- (2) To have New Zealand citizenship and valid New Zealand Passport holder,
- (3) To be aged between 18 and 35,
- (4) To be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or a graduate student at a university,
- (5) To have not participated in any programme initiated by the Japanese Government, including all kinds of JENESYS and KIZUNA programmes,
- (6) To be in good health.

(i). Chronic Diseases

In principle, applicants who suffer from chronic diseases are not allowed to participate in the programme. Chronic diseases include: Chronic lung disease (asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease etc.), immunodeficiency state (T cell immunodeficiency etc.), chronic heart disease (congenital heart disease, coronary artery disease etc.), metabolic disease (diabetes), renal dysfunction, obesity, myasthenia gravis, etc.

(ii). Pregnancies

Pregnant applicants will not be accepted to participate in this programme in the interests of the applicant's health.

(iii). Body Temperature

If a participant's body temperature is 38.0°C or higher on the day of departure, he/she will not be able to depart for Japan and will not be eligible to join in the Invitation

Programme in Japan.

*Applicants who meet the following requirements would be eligible.

- (i). Engaging in activities which are related to Japan or Japanese Culture, etc.
- (ii). Japanese language learner.
- (iii). Majoring in Japan-related faculties.
- (iv). Majoring in faculties which is related to the Course Theme, which is “Peacebuilding, history and culture” or “Sports”.

5. Selection Procedure

All of the following application documents should be submitted to jicc@wl.mofa.go.jp, Japan Information and Culture Centre, the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand by **Thursday October 10th**.

(1) **The Entry Form** for JENESYS 2019

The form must be filled out in BLOCK LETTERS.

Sign the form after reading the “Declaration”, “Agreement of [the Application Guidelines](#) for JENESYS 2019”, and “Agreement of [the Handling of Personal Information](#)” sections.

(2) **Passport Size Photo**

Put a passport size photo, taken within the last 3 months, on the allocated space in the Entry Form.

(3) **Photocopy of the Applicant’s Passport**

A photocopy of the photo page of the applicant’s passport must be sent with the application form.

6. Participant’s Handbook

After notification of selection results, applicants will be provided with a tentative schedule for the programme and a Participant’s Handbook for JENESYS 2019. The handbook will be developed by JOCA.

The Participant’s Handbook contains an outline of the programme, travel information, and travel tips. The participants are strongly encouraged to read the handbook carefully.

7. Questionnaire before Coming to Japan

Before coming to Japan, participants will be required to answer to a questionnaire. It is going to be online format, and the link will be sent to participants by JOCA.

8. Orientation after Arrival in Japan

After the participants' arrival in Japan, JOCA will hold an orientation session. Topics covered by the orientation session will include:

- (1) An outline of JENESYS 2019;
- (2) A programme schedule; and
- (3) An introduction to Japanese culture and customs;

9. Assignments and Questionnaires after Returning to Your Home Country

One aim of the programme for participants is to share their experiences and knowledge acquired in Japan with friends, family, and people in their local community in various ways including SNS, in order to disseminate the knowledge of Japan and its culture. In addition, participants will be assigned to write a report and to submit it to not only Embassy of Japan in New Zealand but also to the University of the South Pacific, which is a funding organization for JENESYS programme. In addition, after returning from Japan, participants must take part in a debriefing session at the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand, and complete and submit follow-up questionnaires relating to their experiences on the programme.

10. Terms and Conditions

(1) Arrangements and Expenses Covered by the Programme.

- Round-trip airfare (economy class) from the designated airport* to Tokyo.
 - * Excess baggage charge will be paid at the participant's expense.
 - * The airports for departure and arrival will be arranged and are not subject to change.
 - * Participants are required to cover transport expenses when travelling to and from their designated airport in New Zealand.

*Designated Airports in New Zealand

- Auckland International Airport (AKL)
- Christchurch International Airport (CHC) (via Auckland)
- Wellington International Airport (WLG) (via Auckland)

➤ Overseas travel accident insurance fee

- * Please note that the insurance does not cover various conditions including chronic diseases, dental procedures and pregnancy. Participants will be liable for such costs.

➤ Accommodation fee in Japan.

➤ Transportation fee in Japan.

➤ Meal fee in Japan.

- * No cash allowance will be provided to participants.

- * Participants are expected to cover expenses relating to matters such as passports and vaccination, as well as transportation, accommodation and dining costs associated with traveling to their departure airport in New Zealand. Participants are advised to bring pocket money for the purchase of items for personal use.

(2) Prohibited Actions

Participants will not be allowed to do the following things:

- To remain in Japan after the programme's conclusion.
- To change the flight designated by the programme.
- To change accommodation designated by the programme.
- To be accompanied by someone.
- To leave the programme before its conclusion.
- To travel to a third country when flying to or from Japan.

(3) The following conditions will apply in Japan:

- The programme schedule is to be followed strictly, therefore participants will not have time to meet friends or relatives in Japan during the programme.
- Participants will be accommodated in twin or triple rooms during their stay in Japan.
- JOCA will try to satisfy religious dietary requirements, however, please be advised that this may not always be possible.
- In case that a participant catches the flu during the stay in Japan, he/she will be quarantined for five days according to the Japanese regulation. If the quarantine period overlaps with the date of departure from Japan, the participant's return flight will be postponed.

❖ **Winter Weather in Japan**

In Japan, it is very cold in November and in January. You must bring a coat or a down jacket on your own. Please refer to the following table that shows the average temperature in each visiting place.

| Average of maximum and minimum temperature in November, 2018 (Celsius) | | |
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| | Maximum | Minimum |
| Tokyo | 16.4 | 8.4 |
| Hiroshima | 17.4 | 8.6 |
| Oita | 17.9 | 9.2 |

| Average of maximum and minimum temperature in January, 2018 (Celsius) | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| | Maximum | Minimum |
| Tokyo | 9.5 | 1.0 |
| Nagasaki | 10.4 | 3.9 |

(4) Compliance with Japanese Laws and Regulations

During the programme, participants must respect Japanese laws and regulations, and offenders will be subject to normal penalties under the Japanese law.

Any legal dispute relating to this programme between a participant and the Japanese Government or JOCA should be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of Japan, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws, and should be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the applicable courts in Japan.

(5) Responsibilities of Participants

All participants should agree to indemnify JOCA and its staff and the Japanese Government from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities for injury or illness incurred as a result of a participant's conduct, where that conduct does not comply with posted rules or warnings, or for loss or damages to property due to accident, theft, crime or any other reason.

11. Personal Information Protection Law

Personal information collected under the JENESYS 2019 programme, including photographs and videos taken by JOCA staff during the programme, shall be managed in compliance with the Personal Information Protection Law.

JOCA may provide personal information to travel agencies, cooperating organisations, schools, and host families, in order to operate and report on the programme. Personal information will not be used for any other purpose.

The disclosure of personal information to JOCA is at the sole discretion of the participants. If a participant does not agree to make their personal information available, please be advised that it may cause difficulties in the operation of the JENESYS 2019 programme. JOCA asks for your understanding and requests your consent for the provision of personal information.

12. Enquiries

Questions relating to the JENESYS 2019 programme should be emailed to JOCA at (bunka3@joca.or.jp). Please include "Query: JENESYS 2019" as the subject heading.