

Helping future generations develop a global outlook
Aeon Hosts Japan-China Teenage Ambassador Program
from July 6 in Japan

The Aeon 1% Club Foundation invites 60 high school students from the People's Republic of China to visit Japan for eight days from July 6 to 13 to take part in the Japan-China Teenage Ambassador Program for international exchange activities with their Japanese counterparts.

The Foundation has been hosting the Teenage Ambassador Program since 1990 to provide opportunities for high school students from Japan and other countries to visit each other's nations and engage in international exchange. Thus far, a total of 1,852 high school students from 18 countries, including Japan, have taken part in the Program. The Japan-China Teenage Ambassador Program has continued annually since 2009. In 2012, the 40th anniversary of the normalization of Japan-China relations, 100 students from each country took part. Among all countries participating in the Program, the Japan-China exchange has been the largest, with a total of 721 students participating.

For this year's Program, Chinese high school students will participate in various activities to experience Japanese culture and better understand its history. As "Teenage Ambassadors," they will pay courtesy visits to the prime minister's official residence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and take part in a question and answer session with Japanese students at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Japan. On July 7-8, the students will be joined by Chinese residents who will share their living experiences in Japan.

Through the Program, we strive to deepen the bonds of friendship between high school students of Japan and China, while extending the circle of bilateral goodwill.

Meanwhile Japanese high school students will travel to China in October to reciprocate the visit.

The Foundation will continue to implement a variety of initiatives to deepen Japan-China bilateral understanding and build bonds of friendship.

Japan-China Teenage Ambassador Program

1. Period: July 6-13
2. Participants: 60 high school students from China (Beijing City, Wuhan City, Suzhou City)
60 high school students from Japan (Tokyo Metropolis, Chiba City)
3. Venue: Tokyo Metropolis, Chiba Prefecture, Ibaraki Prefecture
4. Exchange areas:
 - Beijing City (30 students) → Tokyo Metropolis (30 students),
Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba
 - Wuhan City (15 students) → Tokyo Metropolis (15 students),
Tokyo Gakugei University Senior High School
 - Suzhou City (15 students) → Chiba City (15 students),
Chiba Municipal Chiba High School

*Students in the above areas will engage in exchanges.
5. Main activities:
 - July 6: Orientation
 - July 7: Visit to Itoham Foods Tokyo plant; tea ceremony, origami, package wrapping in cloth
 - July 8: Dragnet fishing; fan making; Gozabune (pleasure boat) ride
 - July 9: Courtesy visit to prime minister's official residence; Q&A session at Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Q&A session at Embassy of China; reception
 - July 10: Attending a class in the local school
 - July 11: Home stay
 - July 12: Home stay
 - July 13: Return to China