



Organised by the Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA)

Application Guidelines for JENESYS 2017

1. Overview

JENESYS 2017 is a people-to-people exchange programme between Japan and the Asia-Pacific region, and will succeed JENESYS 2016. Under this programme, approximately 3,700 people from the Asia-Pacific region will be invited to Japan, while Japanese people also will be sent to the region.

In 2017, 236 participants from Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific nations will be invited to Japan.

The JENESYS 2017 programme is organised by the 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 2017 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 promote a global understanding of Japan's society, history, diverse culture, politics, and diplomatic relations.

3. Outlines of Programme

(1) Course Theme : Building of Peaceful Society, History and Culture

This programme will introduce the theme of building a peaceful society, culture and history, which is an integral part of Japanese society. To achieve this, participants will visit historical and peace memorial sites in Tokyo and Hiroshima. Furthermore, participants are

expected to deepen their understanding of Japanese society, history and culture by interacting with Japanese people, exchanging ideas with Japanese students, and staying in a homestay environment.

(2) Course Details

- i. Duration: 29 November, 2017 ~ 7 December, 2017
*Dates of departure for Japan: 29 November, 2017 (Applicants in Victoria),
28 November, 2017 (Applicants in South Australia and Tasmania).
**Dates of arrival from Japan: 7 December, 2017 (Applicants in Victoria),
8 December, 2017 (Applicants in South Australia and Tasmania)
- ii. Number of participants: 35
- iii. Participating country: Australia
- iv. Language spoken during the programme: English
- v. Programme destinations: Tokyo and Hiroshima

4. Qualifications and Eligibilities of Applicants

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- (1) Understand and agree with the aims of JENESYS 2017
- (2) Hold Australian citizenship (Australian Permanent Residency holders are not eligible to apply)
- (3) Aged between 18 and 35
- (4) Currently enrolled as a student at university
- (5) Have not participated in any programme initiated by the Japanese Government, including all kinds of JENESYS and KIZUNA programmes
- (6) Be in good health both physically and mentally

(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.

*Additional consideration will be given to applicants who are:

- (i). Engaged in activities which are related to Japan, Japanese culture and etc.
- (ii). Learning Japanese
- (iii). Majoring in Japan-related studies

5. Selection Procedure for applicants in Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania

All of the following application documents should be submitted to the Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne **electronically by AEST 9:00am on Monday 16 October 2017 to kumiko.toyama@mb.mofa.go.jp**

(1) JENESYS 2017 Application Form

This form must be completed electronically.

Physically sign the form after reading the "Declaration", "Agreement of the Application Guidelines for JENESYS 2017", and "Agreement of the Use of Personal Information" sections and send the signed copy together with the form via email.

(2) Passport Size Photo

Place a passport size photo, taken within the last 3 months in the space provided on the Application Form. A digital photo is accepted but it must be a passport style photo.

Please note that selfies or photos without a plain background will not be accepted.

(3) Scanned copy of the Applicant's Passport

A scanned copy of the photo page of the applicant's passport.

*If an applicant does not have a valid passport, he/she must immediately obtain a passport and submit a scanned copy of the photo page as soon as he/she is selected to participate in this programme.

Notes:

*Applicants from universities located in the Victoria, South Australia, or Tasmania must submit their applications to the Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne.

*Please note that all applicants will travel to and from Japan via their designated airport (see p7). Requests to change departure/return points will not be accepted.

*Please forward all enquiries to kumiko.toyama@mb.mofa.go.jp or phone Mrs Kumiko Toyama on (03) 9677-7824.

*Please note that successful applicants only will be notified of their results by Wednesday 18 October 2017.

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 2017. 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. Post-Arrival Orientation 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 2017
- (2) A programme schedule and
- (3) An introduction to Japanese culture and customs

8. Post-Return Activities and Questionnaires

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 social media, in order to disseminate that knowledge of Japan and its culture. Participants are required to proactively publicise the experiences and knowledge they acquired in Japan during the programme and report such activities to the Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne. In addition, after returning from Japan, each participant must complete and submit several questionnaires relating to their experiences on the programme and may be requested to attend related events and/or information sessions by the Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne.

9. Terms and Conditions

(1) Arrangements and Expenses Covered by the Programme.

- Return economy class airfare from the designated airport (see p7) to Tokyo
 - * Excess baggage charge will be borne by the participants.
 - * The airports for departure and arrival will be arranged and cannot be changed.
 - * Participants are required to cover transport expenses when travelling to and from their designated airport in Australia.
- Overseas travel accident insurance
 - * 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 in Japan
- Transportation in Japan
- Meals in Japan
 - * No cash allowance will be provided to participants or supervisors.
 - * Participants are expected to cover expenses relating to matters such as passports and vaccination, as well as transport, accommodation and dining costs associated with traveling to their designated airport in Australia. Participants are advised to bring spending money for the purchase of items for personal use.

(2) Prohibited Actions

Participants will not be allowed to do the following:

- Remain in Japan after the programme's conclusion
- Change the flight designated by the programme
- Change accommodation designated by the programme
- Be accompanied by someone not participating on the programme
- Leave the programme before its conclusion
- 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 special dietary requirements, however, please be advised that this

may not always be possible.

(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 JOCA

All participants 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.

10. Personal Information Protection Law

Personal information collected under the JENESYS 2017 programme, including photographs and videos taken by JOCA staff during the programme, shall be managed in compliance with Japan's Personal Information Protection Law.

JOCA may provide personal information to travel agencies, publishers, 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 2017 programme. JOCA asks for your understanding and requests your consent for the provision of personal information.

11. Enquiries (only by participants)

Questions relating to the JENESYS 2017 Programme from participants should be emailed to JOCA at (bunka3@joca.or.jp). Please include “Query: JENESYS 2017” as the subject heading.

(* Designated airports in Australia

Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport (SYD)

Brisbane International Airport (BNE)

Melbourne International Airport (MEL)

Canberra International Airport (CBR) (via Sydney)

Adelaide International Airport (ADL) (via Sydney)

Hobart International Airport (HBA) (via Sydney)

Perth International Airport (PER) (via Jakarta/Denpasar/Bangkok/Hong Kong)