

KAKEHASHI Project: Bridge for Tomorrow
LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING (For Students)

In consideration of my acceptance and participation in the KAKEHASHI Project: Bridge for Tomorrow (hereafter referred to as the KAKEHASHI Project), I, _____ agree and consent to the following:

- **I have read and fully understand the document entitled “Important Notice for Participants”, paying special attention to the sections on expenses that are not covered by the KAKEHASHI Project: (Section 2) and Rules for Participant Behavior (Section 6).**
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission, the Japan Foundation, The Laurasian Institution, the Japan International Cooperation Center and associated subcontractors (hereinafter referred to as the administrators) will not be held liable for any of the actions or negligence of any third parties including, but not limited to: commercial airlines, hotels, and restaurants.
- The administrators, the host school and host families (for high school and junior high school participants only) are not and will not be held liable for any injuries to me or my possessions.
- Any and all debts incurred by me during this program including, but not limited to: medical, dental, hospital bills (over and above the provided traveler insurance coverage), replacing a lost passport, and personal expenses (e.g. long distance calls) incurred during the homestay are my own responsibility and will not be paid by the administrators.
- The administrators reserve the right to change or alter travel, lodging, or other arrangements without notice or reason.
- **The administrators may remove me from the program at any time for reasons staff deems sufficient including, but not limited to, my health, attitude, or behavior. Expenses incurred for such removal are my responsibility and must be paid by me immediately upon demand.**
- I am fully responsible for costs associated with last-minute cancellations or changes, initiated by me, due to any reason other than a medical or personal emergency approved by the Japan Foundation.
- I am of sound physical and mental condition and have no medical problems or disabilities that have not been set forth in writing attached hereto or which would make participation in this program inadvisable. I will submit a doctor’s note giving official permission to travel to Japan if I have any medical concerns or disabilities. Furthermore, I understand that extensive walking and stair climbing are part of everyday Japanese life and culture, and **I am physically and mentally prepared for EXTENSIVE WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING during the KAKEHASHI Project.**
- All costs that are not explicitly included in the program are my own responsibility.
- Photos taken of me during the course of the tour may be uploaded to the KAKEHASHI Project website, TOMODACHI and Daniel K. Inouye Institute websites and their associated social media platforms. Photos and videos may also be used in promotional materials.
- I understand that family members who are not participants in the KAKEHASHI Project are not allowed to accompany me or my group.
- I will abide by and adhere to Japanese laws.

- I will abide by and adhere to the Japanese host school's rules.
- I will follow the instruction of the KAKEHASHI Project staff and chaperones.
- I will serve as cultural ambassadors for the United States of America. I, therefore, will behave with courtesy in all public locations, including places of lodging, and wear clothing that is modest and neat. I will always respect Japanese culture while in Japan.
- The administrators may disclose participant and group/school information to the KAKEHASHI Project evaluators. In addition, participant and group/school information may be included in final program reports and for possible use in public relations materials.
- As a condition of participation in this program, I will share my experiences on the program after returning the U.S. by filling out a questionnaire. The administrators will contact me for periodic follow-up surveys including 2 months and 1 year after the end of the program. These entities may also contact me to share announcements about nearby programs on Japan or invite me to Japan-related events.
- I will provide a copy of my valid passport or a copy of my expedited passport application to the organizing chaperone by the deadline set for my specific program.

I, the participant, have read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents.

Signature of Participant

Date

Participants under 21 years of age must have the following statement signed in addition to the above.

I, the parent or legal guardian of the above named participant, have read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents. I certify that by signing this agreement I have granted permission to the above named individual to participate in this program. I understand and agree to pay immediately on demand any and all debts incurred by the above named individual while participating in this program.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date