

# Support Our Kids Homestay Program in Canada Report



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August 2013

Support Our Kids Committee

# 1. Outline

## ■ Program details

Date : 2013 August 4th ~ 20th

※4th・5th(AM) : Orientation in Chiba

※20th : Closing ceremony and Prime Minister's office visit in Tokyo

Destination : Canada (Toronto)

Participants : 10 people (8<sup>th</sup> grade~12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Contents : ① Homestay program

- Home-stay (Japanese ancestry family)
- English lessons (School : CONNECT、CORNERSTONE、ESC、KGI、Sol)
- Exchanges with foreign students, Japanese ancestry and supporters  
(Japanese culture/Great East Japan Earthquake presentation/recreation)
- Toronto Tour(CN Tower, market tours, etc.)
- Variety Village visit
- Blue Jays Spectator Sports
- Niagara tour

② Summer camp program

- Exchanges with local students and camper
- Great East Japan Earthquake presentation
- Activities (hiking, soccer, music, craft, Costume dinner, campfire, etc.)

## ■ Cooperation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto ,  
Embassy of Canada, Labo International Exchange Foundation, NPO JAPA,  
SHINKI-KAI, The ROTARY CLUB OF Toronto-FOREST HILL,  
Japanese Canadian Cultural Center, Restaurant 「Mai」 , TOYOTA CANADA INC.  
SHOWFLEX INTERNATIONAL INC., Sheraton Hotel, Japanese Gospel Church  
of Toronto, Variety Village, Japan Beauty, e-Nikka, TORJA, English School of  
Canada, KING GEORGE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, CONNECT, Sol Schools  
International, CORNERSTONE, Makuhari International Training Center

※ In addition, we have lots of support and cooperation.  
Thank you for all of your support.



# 2.Orientation

Date : 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013 13:30~18:00  
 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013 10:00~12:00

Venue : Makuhari International Training Center

時間	内容
12:10 ~	Meet at tokyo st
13:30 ~ 13:35	Opening introduction
13:35 ~ 13:50	Organizer & Video Message Yukiatsu Akizawa (Chairman, Support Our Kids committee) Ms. Laurie Paters (Counsellor Embassy of Canada)
13:50 ~ 14:10	Self introduction
14:10 ~ 14:20	About program
14:20 ~ 14:30	(Break)
14:30 ~ 15:05	About Canada (Homework presentation)
15:05 ~ 15:45	Overseas knowledge/ Case study teacher : Yukihiro Torimura (Labo International Exchange Foundation )
15:45 ~ 15:55	About Overseas insurance teacher : AIG,Inc.
15:55 ~ 16:05	(Break)
16:05 ~ 16:35	Share of the earthquake experience
16:35 ~ 17:05	Presentation practice of the Great East Japan Earthquake
17:05 ~ 17:50	group・personal goals
17:50 ~ 18:00	Checking tomorrows schedule
19:00 ~	Dinner Checkin・bedtime
5 <sup>th</sup>	
10:00 ~ 12:00	Presentation practice of the Great East Japan Earthquake
12:00 ~	go to Narita airport by bus



### 3. Schedule

Date	Program	Stay
8/4 (Sun)	PM : Orientation	M.I.T.C
8/5 (Mon)	15:15 Arrive in Toronto AC2 17:15 Arrive at JCCC 17:30~Welcome party ※Attendee : Students, Host family, JCCC members, Rotary Club members, Volunteers, Media ※Great East Japan Earthquake presentation	Homestay
8/6 (Tue)	AM : language school PM : Toronto tour	Homestay
8/7 (Wed)	AM : language school PM : Canadian BBQ party (organized by Ms. Barall)	Homestay
8/8 (Thu)	AM : language school PM : Poolside lunch & swimming (organized by Rotary Club Forest Hill ) ※Great East Japan Earthquake presentation	Homestay
8/9 (Fri)	AM : language school PM : Variety Village visit Blue Jays Spectator (organized by TOYOTA)	Homestay
8/10 (Sat) ~15 (Thu)	JGCT Summer Camp 2013 • hiking • soccer • music • craft • fancy dress dinner • camp fire etc.	Camp
8/16 (Fri)	17:00 Arrive at Mr. Matsumoto' s house	Mr.Mstsumoto' s house
8/17 (Sat)	7:30 Niagara tour 17:30 Farewell party ※Attendee : Member of Parliament,, Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto, Students, Volunteers, Committee members Shinki-kai members, Rotary Club members, Supporters, Restaurant Association, Language school etc.	Mr.Mstsumoto' s house
8/18 (Sun)	Canada (Toronto)→	
8/19 (Mon)	→Japan (Narita)	Olympic Center
8/20 (Tue)	Closing ceremony Prime Minister's visit	



## 4. Photos in Canada

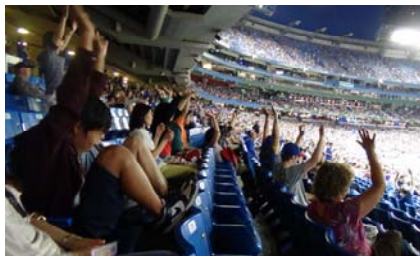
### ■ Arrive & Welcome party



### ■ Language School



### ■ Tour (City tour • Blue Jays • Variety Village • Niagara tour)



### ■ Exchanges with supporters (Rotary Club lunch • Canadian BBQ party • Farewell party)



### ■ Summer Camp





## 5. Closing Ceremony

Date : 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 8:30~9:30

Venue: Yoyogi Olympic center

Content : looking back at the trip

I did not imagine that there are such many supporters before going to Canada. I am very thankful for the supporters we met. I want to be a supporter to support the next generation in the future.

I want to be an architect in the future. I want to create a beautiful city there are lots of nature like Canada at the area nothing house is washed away by the tsunami. I'll do my best from now for that dream! I want to go to Canada again and show the people who have supported us myself grown honorably as gratitude.



## 6. Prime Minister's office visit

Date : 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 10:30~13:30

Contents : Homestay program report

The exchange of opinions about the experience and the reconstruction of the Great East Japan Earthquake, Prime Minister's Office tour, Houses of Parliament tour

I met Japanese ancestry in Canada and learned that they overcame lots of hardships and challenged to fulfill their dream. I felt that there is the same thing to recover from the earthquake for us.

I thought that if our city became cosmopolitan like Toronto, the reconstruction might proceed more.

It was frustrating because my English is not understood in Canada. I want to learn speaking more in English education in Japan.



# 7. Media

## ■TBS TV

Program : Asa Zubba !

Date : 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Time : 8:20~8:25



## ■Radio

Program : Love & Hope

Date : 19<sup>th</sup>~23<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Time : 6:30~6:40

LOVE & HOPE  
〜ヒューマン・ケア・プロジェクト〜

TOKYO FMとJFN 38局が、東日本大震災で被災された方々の、心と体のケアを目指して支援活動を展開しています。いま必要な心のケアとは？番組で放送された内容をご紹介します。あなたからのメッセージ、ご意見もお待ちしています。

◆毎週月曜〜金曜 6:30〜6:40 オンエア

パーソナリティ: 中西哲生・高橋万里恵

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New Entry  
最新記事

8月27日 復興グルメ旅②宮城県石巻市 割烹 滝川

8月26日 復興グルメ旅①

8月23日 サポートアワーキッズin

## ■Web news

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Date : 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Date : 22<sup>th</sup> August 2013

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【新企画プロジェクト】

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## 8. Students report

Y.K. Girl, 12th grades, Fukushima prefecture

My host family and people I met taught me that it's important to have a will that try to convey own opinion, it's not true that I can't communicate with others because can't speak English. I learned there is no one can use words perfectly because words come from in our mind, words are just tool explain about it. By heard about it, I found I can't speak not only English but Japanese. I felt little frustrated, so I loved Japanese expression. At the same time, I felt that I want to learn Japanese more and teach a lot of people about it. Whether I've thought I want to be a Japanese teacher in middle or high school, I'm interested in the Japanese teacher in abroad. I would like to thank the all people who supported this program. Chako-san said that not only the people supported but also who support can get good things like the chance to meet other people. I want to be a person who can support someone to increase the number of the children who can get good experience like me.

A.S. Girl, 7th grades, Miyagi prefecture

My individual goal for this program is learning about volunteer that is my purpose of joining, and speaking in English a lot. I couldn't learn about volunteer directly, but I feel I could understand why Canada can be the advanced country in the field of volunteer by communicated with Canadian. Canadian seems to have strong mind that it's normally to work for others. I've seen they help each other during the home stay and camp. This mind related to the real volunteer work.

By talking with Mr. and Mrs. Nishikawa they are my host family, Japanese ancestry, I knew how strong the power when Japanese push themselves to the max and how important not to run away from the difficulty. Until now, when I encounter difficulties, I just think about how to run away and I didn't make efforts. Additionally, I always regretted, so I couldn't do what I want to implement. But I was convinces of that we can attain happiness after trying hard by listening to the story of Japanese ancestry such as Mr. and Mrs. Nishikawa. I want to keep believing that sad thing doesn't continue and effort will be rewarded in someday it I keep working hard.

M.G. Boy, 8th grades, Miyagi prefecture

In the last week to the program, I joined the Summer Camp where many Japanese ancestries get together. In that camp, I felt why I spend a time without thinking, why I did nothing even though there are many interested things around me. Since the day, I've continued thinking. What I want to do and how I want to be? I could get the answer because of the talk with the friend, Aaron, met in Canada. He can speak Japanese fluently because he brought up in Japan. So we could talk in Japanese. When I was dwelling on, he talked about his dream in Japanese. He said "I want to be the missionary to propagandize the Christian faith in Japan. I experienced many things until found the dream." At that time, I knew that I can find my future dream by going through many things, so living for a moment is importance. I want to try living for a moment and go through many kind of things. Studying in abroad is one of the things that I want to try such as. The class I can communicate with people from all over the world, and the life in the country like Canada. I want to know many different kind of the concept of values, cultures, and histories not just Japanese ones.