

Support Our Kids Homestay Program in Ireland Report



ceremonial photograph with Enda Kenny, the Taoiseach
@the prime minister's office

August 2013

Support Our Kids Committee

1. Outline

■ Program details

Date : 2013 July 24th ~ August 9th (for 17 days)

※ 24th : Orientation in Chiba / 9th : Closing ceremony in Tokyo

Destination : Ireland (Dublin)

Participants : 9 people (8th grade ~ 12th grade)

Contents : Program

Homestay (2 students / an host family)

English lessons (Emerald Cultural Institute @ St. Raphaela's Secondary School)

Visit to the prime minister's office

- Meet with Enda Kenny, the Taoiseach and taking a ceremonial photograph
- Visit to the Ireland Assembly with Pat Breen, the Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman and Mr. Atsumi, the ambassador to Ireland

Visit to the Japanese Embassy

- Make a courtesy visit to Chihiro Atsumi, the ambassador to Ireland, Exchange of opinions by speech about the earthquake-disaster
- Introduction about the works of the Embassy and diplomats

Visit to the Mayor of Dublin's Mansion House

- Guide about the Mansion House and speech about the earthquake-disaster by the Mayor Oshin Quinn

Dublin city sightseeing

- Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College, The Book of Kells, Dublinia, Christ Church Cathedral

One day trip

- Powerscourt Estate, Glendalough, Belfast, Titanic museum

Watch the Gaelic football

- It's the Irish original traditional sport, like the middle of the football and rugby
- They watched the quarterfinals

Visit to the central office of Google Europe

- look around the office (Googleplex) and CoderDojo

Hold the Farewell Party

- Participated 40 person who supported this program
- Exchange of opinions and speech about earthquake-disaster, and exchange of opinions Homestay in Ireland

■ Cooperation

Japanese Embassy in Ireland, Irish Embassy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ireland prime minister's office, Mayor of Dublin's Mansion House, Labo International Exchange Foundation, Asia Matters, Maruto corporation, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (Air France), Google central office in Europe (Dublin), Emerald cultural institute, Gaelic Athletic Association, Raddison Hotel, Viking Splash Tours, Makuhari International Training Center

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

2. Orientation

Date : 24th July 2013 13:30~18:00

Venue : Makuhari International Training Center (1-1, Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba-city)

Time	Description
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12:10 ~	Meet at Tokyo st. ※move to training center
13:30 ~ 13:40	Organizer's greeting
13:40 ~ 13:50	Guest's greeting Yukiatsu Akizawa (Chairman, Support Our Kids committee) Mr. John Gerard Neary (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ireland to Japan) Mr. Elliot Milton (Embassy of Ireland, Second Secretary)
13:50 ~ 14:10	Self introduction (in Japanese and English)
14:10 ~ 14:40	About Ireland (Homework presentation)
14:40 ~ 14:50	(Break)
14:50 ~ 15:00	About Homestay program
15:00 ~ 15:40	acquaintanceship of homestay, Case study instructor: Mr. Masahiro Torimura (Labo International Exchange Foundation)
15:40 ~ 15:50	About insurance instructor: Mr. Kan Shida (AIU Insurance Co., Ltd. Risk Consultant)
15:50 ~ 16:00	(Break)
16:00 ~ 16:30	About Great East Japan Earthquake
16:30 ~ 17:00	training of speech (Homework presentation)
17:00 ~ 17:30	Setting group goals
17:30 ~ 17:50	Setting personal goal
17:50 ~ 18:00	Informative matter
18:30 ~ 20:00	Check in • Dinner
20:00 ~	Free time • Bedtime
05:30 ~	Wakeup
06:30 ~	Check out
07:07 ~ 07:53	Move to Narita airport by bus *breakfast in the bus
10:35 ~	KL862 10:35 departure Narita → Amsterdam → Dublin



■■■ 25th July, Friday Departure at Narita airport■■■



3. Schedule

The Schedule of the Third Support Our Kids Homestay Program in Ireland

Date	内容			Stay
	Morning	afternoon	night	
7/24 Wed	Orientation			Makuhari (Chiba prefecture)
7/25 Thu	Depart Narita(10:35) Arrived Dublin(17:35)			Home stay
7/26 Fri	Orientation in the language school	Visit the Mayor of Dublin's Mansion House		
7/27 Sat	The tour of the Powerscourt Estate and Glendalough			
7/28 Sun	Free all day (Spend a time with host family, Shopping, etc…)			
7/29 Mon	Meet to Prime Minister Kenny, Visit to the Prime Minister's office	Visit to the Japanese Embassy		
7/30 Tue	Language lesson (English)	Guinness Storehouse	African Drumming	
7/31 Wed	Language lesson (English)	Emerald Olympics		
8/01 Thu	Language lesson (English)	Trinity College & The Book of Kells	Disco	
8/02 Fri	Language lesson (English)	Mid-term presentation & Shopping		
8/03 Sat	Belfast Titanic museum(Northern Ireland)			
8/04 Sun	Viking Tour & Watch the Gaelic football			
8/05 Mon	Free all day (Spend a time with host family, Shopping, etc…)			
8/06 Tue	Language lesson (English)	Dublinia & Christ Church Cathedral		
8/07 Wed	Language lesson (English)	CoderDojo @Google office	Farewell Party @ Raddisson Hotel	
8/08 Thu	Dublin departure (13:30)			In-flight
8/09 Fri	Japan arrival(11:55)/Closing ceremony (inside the Narita airport)			Home

4. Photo reports①

■ Language school days



■ Visit the Mayor of Dublin's Mansion House



■ Visit to the Enda Kenny Taoiseach's office



■ Visit to the Japanese Embassy to Ireland



5. Photo reports②

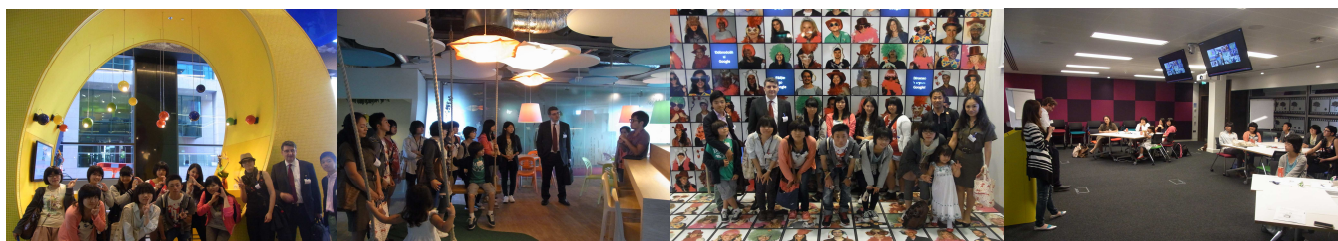
■Sightseeing & Tour of inspection



■Watch the Gaelic football



■Visit to the central office of Google Europe



■Farewell Party

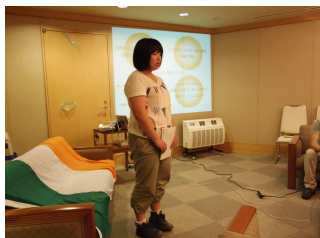


6. Closing Ceremony

Date : 9th August 2013 13:30~15:00

Venue : Narita airport conference room

Content : looking back about Ireland Home stay



I realized pleasure and meaning of life through this program. I will live my entire life without forgetting them. I definitely want to take my role to support the children of next generation who have future, after I graduate an university. Girl, 12th grades, Miyagi prefecture

I will never forget the importance of challenging which we learned from the experience of the home-stay in Ireland, won't forget the fact that I could know the importance by the support. Thus I can move forward to my dreams. Girl, 12th grades, Fukushima prefecture

Before I went to Ireland, I often failed to initiate my own activity nor to tell my opinion perfectly. But now, I think I should try and want to a variety of experience by my own motive. Girl, 8th grades, Miyagi prefecture

I would like to appreciate your supporting for us, and for earthquake-stricken. Thanks to these support, we could meet Irish Taoiseach, and had valuable experiences we will never do. Without forgetting them, I'll try to various things with a positive attitude. Boy, 9th grades, Miyagi prefecture

Before I went to Ireland, I didn't think about my future. However, I got the opportunity to think about my future by meeting friends from many countries and getting interested in a variety of cultures and languages. Girl, 10th grades, Miyagi prefecture

7. Media

■ Web sites

- Ireland Taoiseach's office
- Embassy of Ireland to Japan
- Embassy of Japan to Ireland
- Independent.ie
- The Irish Times
- TNT24.ie
- thejournal.ie etc...



<<Twitter : Ireland Taoiseach's office>>



<<The INDEPENDENT on Web>>

7. Students' reports

We would be able to meet Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Mayor Oisín Quinn and Mr. Chihiro Atsumi Ambassador of Japan in Ireland, whom it is hard to see usually. Such people are ones in which are showing the way to citizens. And they are my dream men as I usually turn in on myself. When I listened to their talks, I thought that I want to be a woman like them who can keep her purpose high and keep going. After the two weeks, I really felt I could come in contact with the things I can only learn at the spot, such as the difficulty of English, hardship of lives in other cultures or atmosphere that is not like Japan. Furthermore, I could think about my future from that experience fortunately. I would like to take office where I can contribute to the others in the future, but I will begin my career by taking good care of my parents and friends, and studying hard which I can do even now. (12th Grade, Girl from Niigata)

It was happy to meet Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Mayor Oisín Quinn and Mr. Chihiro Atsumi Ambassador of Japan in Ireland and have been to many famous places. I could have valuable experiences which I may never do in my future, such as homestay or English lessons with the students from all over the world. I really would like to say "Thank you" to all the supporters. I actually have never had any dreams. However, after this journey, I can now see what I want to do in the future even it is pretty vague and tiny. (9th Grade, Boy from Miyagi)

This homestay programme will be my cornerstone as I grow older. I appreciate to the supporters that they let a teenage girl experience such things who feels and thinks everyday subtly. I want to give a dream to children who a bright future awaits when I become an adult who has the power to support others and the children's dream. Thank you very much! (11th Grade, Girl from Miyagi)

This precious experience might be once in a lifetime. It was the first time that I took a look at myself and reflect on my future. If I hadn't joined this programme, my life would be full of regrets. Now, I am confident that I will challenge even to the hardship. The two weeks passed in the twinkling of an eye, but the each day and each moment brought me up. (11th Grade, Girl from Fukushima)



8、 Polish and Irish evening reception

Students were invited to Prime Minister Abes' Presents "Polish & Irish evening reception".

Date: October 25th, 2013 17:00~19:30

Venue: Prime Minister's Official Residence

Contents:

Exchange meeting for the greater activated interchange between Japan and both Ireland and Poland. (Students had a presentation on the homestay programme.)



9. The 3rd Homestay programme reports

■ Homestay application procedure

Total number of applicants:	97
Primary screening passed:	75
Final decision passed:	40

<Details of applicants >	Boy	Girl
Junior High School Students	13	27
High School Students	9	48

■ Homestay programmes in 2013

Country	Schedule	Num	Programmes (Events)
France	June 15 th -29 th	10	Cultural Exchanges, Watching 24 heures du Mans/90th anniversary 24 heures du Mans
Ireland	July 24 th -August 9 th	9	Cultural Exchanges, Learning English, Homestay, Visiting Taoiseach
Canada	August 4 th -19 th	10	Exchanges with Ethnic Japanese, Learning English, Camping, Visiting Prime Minister Abe's Official Residence
New Zealand	August 8 th -23 rd	10	Cultural Exchanges, Exchanges with the Maori, Learning English, Homestay



France



Canada



Ireland



New Zealand

1 0. Schedule

2012	April	The 3 rd Charity Auction Dinner at Tokyo Dome Hotel (27/04)
2013	March	The Emerald Ball 2013 at Conrad Tokyo Hotel (16/03)
	April	The 4 th Charity Auction Dinner at Tokyo Dome Hotel (02/04)
	May	The 1 st Sir Hiroaki Fushimi Presents Charity Golf Competition(31/05)
	June	Support Our Kids Figure Skating Class with Mao Asada (01/06)
		The 3 rd Support Our Kids Homestay Programme in France (15/06~29/06)
	July	The 3 rd Support Our Kids Homestay Programme in Ireland (24/07~09/08)
	August	The 3 rd Support Our Kids Homestay Programme in Canada (04/08~20/08)
		The 3 rd Support Our Kids Homestay Programme in New Zealand (09/08~23/08)
	October	The 1 st "HABATAKI" Training Session in Tokyo, Fukushima, Miyagi (12/10~14/10)
		The Prime Minister the Shinzo Abes Presents "Irish and Polish Evening" (25/10)
		The 2 nd Sir Hiroaki Fushimi Presents Charity Golf Competition (26/10)
	December	The 2 nd "HABATAKI" Training Session in Miyagi (21/12)
		The 2 nd Reunion "HABATAKI" (22/12)
	March	The 3 rd Support Our Kids Homestay Programme in the US
2014	April	The 5 th Charity Auction Dinner at Hotel New Otani
	June-August	The 4 th Support Our Kids Homestay Programme

■ Training Session "HABATAKI" (Oct 12th-14th 2013)

It is begun the HABATAKI Project aims revival of Tohoku by the participants of the Support Our Kids Homestay Programme who suffers from the Great East Japan Earth.

- ①HABATAKI Village Project
- ②Support Our Book Project
- ③Host Project
- ④Linking Bridge of the World Project
- ⑤World Goods Project
- ⑥HABATAKI Photo Exhibition Project
- ⑦The information sending office of the world Project
- ⑧Linking Bridge Project ~For the next generations~



「HABATAKI」 is named after the students wish that they want to support the others next. Support Our Kids will assist the students take actions on their own initiative with their experience from the homestay.

Support Our Kids will continue to support the children of the stricken area of the earthquake and tsunami as we will go ahead with the homestay programme.

1 1、Special Thanks



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