

# The 4th Support Our Kids Homestay program in Canada Report



August 2014

Support Our Kids committee

# 1. Outline

## ■Program details

Date : 2014 August 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 22<sup>nd</sup>

※6<sup>th</sup> : Orientation (Tokyo)

※22<sup>nd</sup> : Closing ceremony (Narita)

Destination : Canada (Toronto)

Participants : 10 students (9<sup>th</sup> grade ~11<sup>th</sup> grade)

Contents : ① Homestay program

- Homestay (Japanese ancestry family)
- Exchange with Japanese ancestry and supporter  
(Great East Japan Earthquake presentation)
- Variety Village visit(experience of Wheelchair Basket ball)
- Japanese Heritage Centre visit
- Niagara tour
- Experience of Cottage life

② Summer camp program

- Exchanges with local students and camper
- English lessons
- 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 The ROTARY CLUB OF Toronto-FOREST HILL,  
Japanese Canadian Cultural Center, Japanese Gospel Church of Toronto,  
Labo International Exchange Foundation, Mitsubishi Shokuhin Co.,Ltd,  
Maruto corporation, UJIE SUPER, MAIYA, SHOWFLEX INTERNATIONAL INC.,  
Variety Village, Sheraton Hotel, Japan Beauty, e-nikka, Bits Box Inc.

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

# 2. Orientation

Date : 6th August 2014 13:00~21:10

Venue : Canada Embassy(7-3-38 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

National Olympics Memorial Youth Center(3-1, Yoyogi Kamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)

6<sup>th</sup> August (Thu)

13:00	~	13:10	Organizer greeting
13:10	~	13:15	Canada Embassy greeting
13:15	~	13:40	Self introduction (Japanese & English) *NZ group & Canada group
13:40	~	14:00	Schedule of Canada & NZ
14:00	~	14:10	(Break)
14:10	~	15:00	Overseas knowledge/ Case study Overseas Insurance
15:00	~	15:10	(Break)
15:10	~	16:00	About NZ & Canada(students presentation)  (Pizza Break)
16:15	~	16:30	About Canada(Canada Embassy)
16:30	~	17:30	Presentations on 3.11 (practice & comment)  (move to Olympic center & dinner)
19:30	~	20:00	NZ Embassy greeting
20:00	~	20:40	Share the experience of Tohoku earthquake
20:40	~	21:00	Setting group goals
21:00	~	21:10	Informative matter
			Free time · Bedtime



### 3. Schedule

Date	Program	Stay
8/6 (Wed)	PM : Orientation at Canada Embassy	Olympic center
8/7 (Thu)	10:40 Arrive in Washington D.C 14:00 Arrive in Toronto Welcome party at JCCC ※Attendee : Students, Host family, JCCC members, Rotary Club members, Volunteers, Media ※Great East Japan Earthquake presentation	Homestay
8/8 (Fri)	AM : Variety Village visit PM : Japanese Heritage Centre visit	Homestay
8/9 (Sat) ~15(Fri)	JGCT Summer Camp 2014 • hiking • soccer • music • craft • fancy dress dinner • camp fire etc. ※Great East Japan Earthquake presentation	Camp
8/16 (Sat)	Spend with host family	Homestay
8/17 (Sun)	Niagara tour	Homestay
8/18 (Mon) ~19 (Tus)	Cottage life experience (organized by Verduyn family, former president of Rotary Club Forest Hill )	Mr.Verduyn' s. house
8/20 (Wed)	Farewell party ※Attendee : Rotary Club members, JCCC members, Host family, Camper, Students, Volunteers, Supporters, etc.	Mr.Mstsumoto' s house
8/21 (Thu)	Canada (Toronto) →U.S (Washington D.C)	
8/22 (Fri)	→Japan (Narita) Closing ceremony	



# 4.Photos in Canada

## ■Arrive & Welcome party(JCCC)



## ■Variety Village • Heritage center



## ■Summer Camp



## ■Niagara tour



## ■Experience of Cottage life (Mr.Verduyn' s. house)



## ■Farewell party (Mr.Matsumoto' s house)





## 5. Closing Ceremony

Date : 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 16:30~18:30  
Venue: Narita airport conference room  
Content : looking back at the program



## 6. Media

## 「復興世代」 海外へ派遣

17<sup>th</sup> May  
Iwate Nippou  
News paper

地元から担い手育成  
本県企業初、今夏3人

マイヤ、大船渡、中高生支援に参加

7:43  
石巻  
29℃  
10/10

地元企業支  
高校生 海防

ホームステイ

“被災地の子どもたちの成長後押し”  
東京のNPO 企業から支援募る

22<sup>nd</sup> July  
NHK  
TV news

[illegible]

23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Kahoku Shinpou  
News paper

15<sup>th</sup> August  
bits  
Web news

## 被災児童らがトロントに到着

(2014年8月15日)

6月7日、東日本大震災被災児童の自立支援プロジェクト「Support Our Kids ~ひとりじゃないよ~」に参加した中学3年生から高校2年生までの学生10名がトロントに到着した。同日、一行は日系文化会館で行なわれた歓迎会に参加し、一人ひとり自己紹介と自身の被災体験を英語で語った。



21<sup>st</sup> August  
e-nikka  
Web news

 e-nikka.ca

コミュニティニュース

「トロント歌声喫茶の会」夏の集いに  
東日本大震災の被災生徒3人が参加、親睦はかる

8月16日(土)トロント日系文化会館(JCOC)で開かれた「トロント歌声喫茶の会」夏の集いに、東北から来訪中の被災生徒3人が参加して、歌声の会員たちと親睦のひとときを持った。

本紙新聞の通り、東日本大震災で被災した子供たちを支援するボランティアの組織「Support Our Kids in Toronto」(SOK)が実施している第2回カナダ体験プロジェクトに参加した中高生10名(男子3名、女子7名)が2週間の日程でホームステイ、交流イベント、トロント郊外でのサマーキャンプなどカナダ生活を体験している。



## 7. Students Report

A.K Miyagi second grade at senior high school, girl

What I thought through two weeks is the common sense which I believe may not be common. I want to be a social worker who energize residents and local in the future. It's important to have a wide view and not to deny the idea and provide some light on those who do not see only narrow as consultation.

During stay in Canada, I felt many times that "How wide the world is!!". I think I can have the strong mind when going towards the future because I could touch the wide world a little. About "HABATAKI Project" that we discuss with member under the stars, we thought planning the camp for not weathered the earthquake disaster. One member said "I think it might be difficult for one person, but that it can do it with this member!" If this camp is successful, I think I truly can represent the feelings of gratitude for the supporters and I think it's become the first step toward a future dream of each. In addition, we are able to be active as a reconstruction leader in our town that can be precisely because the victims. I think that this project would take a long time, but I want to succeed absolutely! I flapping toward the future!

S.N Fukushima second grade at senior high school Boy

That is obtained in this overseas homestay program is that "became positively". Until then, I was a shy personality not good at talking with a stranger. However, through this program, I was able to change myself.

There were many opportunities to present in front of a lot of people about my experience of the earthquake. And I was able to speak to people who met for the first time in camp by myself.

Finally I strongly appreciate for many supporters including host family. They care about us even now. I really appreciate.

My future dream was "to live abroad" though did not decided clearly. However, after I joined this program, I considered to work to help people.

We had wonderful two weeks with many support by the a lot of people. Thank you very much!

R.S Iwate third grade at junior high school Girl

There is many beautiful nature in Japan. But there is different and heartwarming one in Canada.

The area where I live can not swim in the sea because of earthquake disaster. So swimming in the huge lake became a good memory for me. I had many memories which I can't express enough.

To be improved English, which was my goal, was not successful without my hard study.

It became new challenge. To tell the gratitude for the people who supported us in earthquake disaster telling the reconstruction situation in the affected areas could be achieved by earthquake disaster presentation we did. Thanks to people who support us until from earthquake disaster, we could these experience. I strongly appreciate. I think I can proud that there are friends in not only Japan but also all over the word. I think that I want to show our gratitude for those who support us by the behavior. Our start is from now on! We consider ideas in cooperation with SOK members and realize it. I want you to look firmly our activities.