

Cultural  
Exchange  
Initiative

**2019 Mino-Boston Exchange Program**

**Handbook**

Dear participants:

Welcome and thank you for joining the 2019 Mino-Boston Exchange Program organized by the Cultural Exchange Initiative.

The 2019 Mino-Boston Exchange Program will feature two different learning experiences: intense Japanese offered by our partner, the YAMASA institution, from August 22nd to August 31st; and cultural immersion in the city of Mino from August 31st to September 4th.

In this handbook, you will find our itinerary in detail. Please feel free to review it. Your cooperation and understanding will be much appreciated.

One of the goals of this program is to help you discover your potential by providing you with unique cultural exchange opportunities. For example, sharing your life experiences with Japanese students, improving your Japanese language skills, and joining a local Japanese community.


Therefore, we have also listed some areas at the end of the handbook where the program can assist in your goals. We encourage you to fill in your personal goals and do a self-evaluation at the end of this program. You are also more than welcome to share your summer experience on social media and tagging us.

This year, we received a large number of applications from various channels. Due to limited resources, we faced many difficult choices. We are confident your unique talents and perspective will deeply enrich both the Mino and the American community you will join on this exchange.

Again, thank you for joining this program and we are looking forward to spending a wonderful summer with you this year.

Best regards,  
Mikiyo Hattori  
Founder and President  
Cultural Exchange Initiative

## Schedule

Day	Date	Location	Time Schedule
0	Aug 21	Tokyo	Arrive in Tokyo
1	22	Tokyo Okazaki	9:30 Tokyo Station   Meeting point Tokyo Station JR Yaesu South Exit 東京駅JR八重洲南口  10:33 - 12:25 Travel to Okazaki by Shinkansen Transportation is included  12:25 Arrive  14:00 - 14:30 Welcome meeting  14:40 - 15:30 Opening ceremony
2	23	Okazaki	9:00 Toyota Factory Trip Transportation is included  Miso Taste Trip Transportation is included Lunch will be provided
3	24 Sat	Okazaki	Free day
4	25 Sun	Okazaki	Free day

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5	26	Okazaki	9:00-9:50 Course 10:00-10:50 Course 11:00-11:50 Course 11:50-12:30 Break Time, Lunch is not included 12:40-13:30 Course 13:40-14:30 Course 14:40-15:30 Course
6	27	Okazaki	<b>Kyoto Trip Day</b>  8:00-11:00 Travel to Kyoto by Bus Transportation is included  11:00-11:50 Yasaka Shrine 八坂神社 Nineizaka 二寧坂 Sanneizaka 産寧坂 Ticket is included  11:50-12:30 Kiyomizu-dera 清水寺 Ticket is included  12:30-13:30 Lunch Time Lunch is not included  13:30-14:00 Travel by Bus Transportation is included  14:00-15:30 京都銘菓おたべ Experience Ticket is included  15:30-15:50 Travel by Bus Transportation is included

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			15:50-16:50 Fushimi Inari Taisha 伏見稲荷大社 Ticket is included  16:50-17:00 Travel by Bus Transportation is included  17:10-19:00 Free Time & Dinner Shijo Ohashi 四条大橋 Nishiki Market 錦市場 Dinner is not included  19:00-22:00 Return to Okazaki by Bus Transportation is included
7	28	Okazaki	9:00-9:50 Course 10:00-10:50 Course 11:00-11:50 Course 11:50-12:30 Break Time, Lunch is not included 12:40-13:30 Course 13:40-14:30 Course 14:40-15:30 Optional cultural experience (not included)
8	29	Okazaki	9:00-9:50 Course 10:00-10:50 Course 11:00-11:50 Course 11:50-12:30 Break Time, Lunch is not included 12:40-13:30 Course 13:40-14:30 Course 14:40-15:30 Closing Ceremony
9	30	Okazaki	Free day

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10	31 Sat	Okazaki - Mino City	<p>8:30 Check-out from YAMASA</p> <p>9:42 JR Okazaki Station, Go to Mino City via Gifu Transportation is included</p> <p>11:00 JR Gifu Station, Bus pick up Transportation is included</p> <p>12:00 Arrive at Mino City Lunch at Michi no Eki in the Mino (included)</p> <p>14:00 Washi no Sato - Japanese Paper Making Experience</p> <p>17:00 Guesthouse Check-in</p> <p>18:30 Mino City Welcome Party at Japanese Style Inn Dinner will be provided</p>
11	Sept 1 Sun	Mino City	<p>Morning Paper Workshop with Polish Artists</p> <p>Afternoon Walking tour in Udatsu no Machinami Akari Art Museum and Sake Brewing Visit</p> <p>19:00-20:30 English Cafe (community conversation class)</p>
12	2	Mino City	<p>6:30 Zazen - Zen Meditation Vegetarian breakfast is included</p> <p>9:30 - 15:00 Cultural Festival Bazaar Help at Mugi High School Lunch will be provided</p> <p>19:00-20:30 English Cafe (community conversation class)</p>

Day	Date	Location	Time Schedule
13	3	Mino City	Daytime Elementary and middle schools visit  19:00-20:30 English Cafe (community conversation class)
14	4	Mino City - Tokyo	8:30 Leave from Mino City Transportation is included  13:00 Arrive at Tokyo or Osaka station Transportation is included

### Goals

CEI can help you in	My Goals (things that I want to do)	Evaluation
Improving language skills		
Contribution to the local community		
Self-discovery (career goal/life goal)		
Contribution to the program		
Understanding Japanese culture		

### **About Cultural Exchange Initiative (CEI)**

The mission of Cultural Exchange Experience (CEI) is to advance intercultural understanding between people in Japan and the U.S. At CEI, we connect with various talented individuals ranging from middle school students to industry professionals to provide them with unique cultural exchange opportunities, such as sharing your life experiences with Japanese students, improving your Japanese language skills, and joining a local Japanese community.

For more information, please visit <https://www.ceinitiative.org/>.

### **About YAMASA**

The Yamasa Institute is dedicated to excellence in teaching and scholarship. As one of the very few truly international Japanese language program providers, we have a special emphasis on cross-cultural learning and informed respect for diversity.

For more information, please visit <https://www.yamasa.org/>.

### **About Mino City**

The city of Mino has earned a place in history as a center of Japanese paper (washi) production for 1,300 years. Blessed with superior materials for producing washi and the pristine water and water transportation provided by the Nagara River, even today “Mino washi” is known as a representative example of washi within Japan.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mino-city.jp/>.

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