

Part 1

Outline of the Program



Outline of the FY2015 Young Core Leaders of Civil Society Groups Development Program

1 Objective

Aiming to build a ‘cohesive society’ where each diverse individual joins the society and supports each other as well as puts his/her own abilities to good use, social activities by the community and non-profit organizations need to be enhanced. In order to achieve this aim, mutual exchanges are organized that involve Japanese participants engaged in social activities with elderly people, persons

with disabilities and youth being sent to overseas countries, while young leaders of overseas private organizations are invited to Japan, to develop young “core” leaders of civil society groups in Japan and to create a network between those of Japan and other countries. The program has been implemented since fiscal year 2002.

2 Outline

This Program consists of Sending Program of Japanese participants and Invitation Program of foreign participants.

(1) Common items for the Sending and Invitation Programs

① Themes were set in each field:

Activities for Elderly People Course: “Life of elderly people with motivation in life”

Activities for Persons with Disabilities Course: “Support for social participation of persons with disabilities”

Activities for Youth Course: “Nature of development of youth workers”

② Criteria to be participants:

- Aged between 23 and 40 years old (as of April 1, 2015), and with more than 3-year experience in social activities for elderly people, people with disabilities or youth;
- To be involved or have an interest in being involved in the management of non-profit organizations;
- To be able to take an active role in hosting the Invitation Program (for Japanese participants) and to be able to be involved in social activities to have promising potential in future civil society participation after the Program.

(2) Sending Program of Japanese participants

① Visiting countries, courses and number of participants

Country	Course	Number of Participants Total: 26
Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to as Germany)	Activities for Elderly People (herein after referred to as EP)	1 delegation leader and 8 participants
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as UK)	Activities for Persons with Disabilities (herein after referred to as PD)	1 delegation leader and 7 participants
Republic of Austria	Activities for Youth (herein after referred to as Y)	1 delegation leader and 8 participants

② Schedule

Schedule	Program
June 26 - 28, 2015	Preparatory Session
October 9 - 10, 2015	Pre-Departure Session
October 11 - 20, 2015	Activities in each country
October 20 - 22, 2015	Post-Program Session

③ Activities in the visiting countries

The missions shall visit facilities related to activities that participants specialize in so that they can exchange ideas with relevant personnel and experience a homestay.

(3) Invitation Program

① Country and number of participants

Countries invited	Number of participants: Total 38
Germany	EP: 5, PD: 4, Y: 4
UK	EP: 4, PD: 5, Y: 4
Austria	EP: 3, PD: 4, Y: 5

② Duration of Invitation Program

February 23 - March 8, 2016

③ Activities in Japan

Date	Schedule
February 23 Tuesday	Arrival in Tokyo
February 24 Wednesday	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Lecture, Lectures by the government officials, and Welcome Reception
February 25 Thursday	NPO Management Forum - Institutional Visit
February 25 – 28 Thursday – Sunday	NPO Management Forum
February 28 Sunday	Orientation for Local Program
February 29 Monday	Japanese Cultural Experience (Tokyo City Tour)
March 1 - 6 Tuesday – Sunday	Local Program Activities for Elderly People Course: Kagoshima Prefecture Activities for Persons with Disabilities Course: Oita Prefecture Activities for Youth Course: Wakayama Prefecture
March 7 Monday	Course Presentation, Evaluation of Achievement, Completion Ceremony, Farewell Party
March 8 Tuesday	Departure from Japan

(4) Implementation of the Program

By a contract of the Cabinet Office of Japan, both the Sending and Invitation Programs were implemented by the Center for International Youth Exchange.