

# **International Youth Development Exchange Program (INDEX) 2019 (Invitation Program)**

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## 1 Outline

On occasion of Imperial Succession in 2019, the INDEX Program 2019 was developed from the International Youth Development Exchange (INDEX) Program, the commemorative program of the Imperial Marriages of the then Crown Prince in 1959 and in 1993 at those times. ((INDEX) Program was launched as “Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission” in 1959 and had implemented as the “International Youth Development Program” since 1994, integrating “Invitation of Foreign Youth Program” that started in 1962)

## 2 Purpose

The INDEX Program 2019 includes “Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission” and “ Invitation Program of Foreign Youth to Japan.”

The new 2019 “Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission” sets themes for three regions based on the internationally recognized issues: I. Europe and Africa, II. North, Central, and South America, and III. Asia and Oceania. The purpose of the program is to send Japanese youths to two countries in above-mentioned regions and engage them with multi-case study, thereby nurturing young people who have global perspectives to meet the needs of a complicated global society of today.

The purpose of the “Invitation Program of Foreign Youth to Japan” is not only to deepen understanding of the above-mentioned regional themes through discussions between Japanese youths and overseas youths, but also to promote mutual friendship and understanding between them, to broaden the international perspectives of youth in each region of Japan, and to foster the spirit of international cooperation and develop the ability to put it into practice. As such, the objective of the program is to nurture and develop youths who can demonstrate leadership skills in various fields in a global society, and to facilitate social contribution activities by the youths.

## 3 Program 2019

### (1) Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission

#### i Countries and the number of youths

Countries	Number of Youth (Incl. National Leader (NL) and Assistant National Leader (ANL))
I .Europe & Africa Republic of Austria & Republic of Lithuania	13
II .North, Central, and South America United Mexican States & Republic of Peru	14
III .Asia & Oceania Republic of the Philippines & Socialist Republic of Viet Nam	14
Total: 6 countries	Total: 41

#### ii Program

Date	Program
July 2 (Tue.) -6 (Sat.)	Preparatory Training Session
September 16 (Mon.) - 17 (Tue.)	Pre-departure Training Session
September 18 (Wed.) - October 5 (Sat.)	Activities in the visited countries
October 6 (Sun.) - 11 (Fri.)	Post-departure Training Session*

\* October 6 (Sun.) - 9 (Wed.) International Youth Conference

### iii Activities in the visited countries

The program includes 2-nights and 3 days intensive discussion program with regional youths, institutional visit performance of Japanese culture, experience of the international cooperation activities, and homestay.

## (2) Invitation Program

### i Countries and the number of youths

Country	Number of youth (Incl. NL)
Republic of Austria, Republic of Peru, Republic of Lithuania, United Mexican States, Republic of the Philippines, and Socialist Republic of Viet Nam	Republic of Austria 7, other 5 countries 8 from each
Total: 6 countries	Total: 47

### ii Program

16 days from October 5 (Sat.) to October 20 (Sun.), 2019

### iii Activities in Japan

The invited youths would take part in many exchange activities with Japanese youths such as the “International Youth Conference,” visit various institutions, as well as discussion programs with Japanese youths, traditional culture experiences and homestay in the regional program. The International Youth Conference provides an opportunity for the Japanese youths, who were sent overseas, and the foreign youths invited from overseas to Japan, to gather and discuss topics such as Labor society in Japan and the Each Country, Disaster Management, National Identity & Multicultural Society. They also join in the institutional visits according to the three topics.

Date	Program	
October 5 (Sat.)	Arrival	PM Dinner Party Program Orientation
October 6 (Sun.)	International Youth Conference	AM Presentation of Outcome PM Course Discussion
October 7 (Mon.)		AM Institutional Visit by Course PM Course Discussion Reception
October 8 (Tue.)		AM Course Discussion PM Presentation of Course Discussion Cultural Exchange Dinner
October 9 (Wed.)		AM Course Discussion PM Summary Session Orientation of Regional Program
October 10 (Thu.)   October 14 (Mon.)		Regional Program
October 14 (Mon.)   October 18 (Fri.)	Discussion program with regional youths [Lithuania, Viet Nam] Ibaraki Prefecture [Austria, Peru] Aichi Prefecture [Mexico, Philippine] Okayama Prefecture	
October 19 (Sat.)		Evaluation, Completion Ceremony Farewell Party
October 20 (Sun.)		Departure