

2009 UF-KAKE BRIDGE (KAKE-Hashi) PROGRAM

A 4-Week Educational Study Tour of Japan



Meeting the Nature of Japan



Visiting World Cultural Heritage



Trying Meditation at a Zen Temple



Praying for Peace in Hiroshima



Meeting Japanese Children



Meeting New Friends



Making Friends with Brazilian Students

**Application
deadline is Friday,
December 12, 2008.**

**Contact Cathy Donovan at
donovan@findlay.edu or
419-434-4711
for an application form.**

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History and Background:

KAKE Group, including KAKE and TAKAHASHI Educational Institutions, was founded by the late Dr. Tsutomu KAKE in 1961 and currently manages more than thirty educational organizations of various levels ranging from nursery schools to universities with graduate programs. When Dr. Tsutomu KAKE retired from the position of the general president, he left KAKE to his son, Dr. Kotaro KAKE and TAKAHASHI to his daughter, Ms. Miyako KAKE.

Both Dr. Tsutomu KAKE and Dr. Kotaro KAKE are recipients of an Honorary Doctorate from The University of Findlay. Dr. Kotaro KAKE is also a member of our Board of Trustees. In order to further develop the friendly relationship with our university, Dr. Kotaro KAKE proposed to establish a summer exchange program with The University of Findlay, and The University of Findlay agreed to participate. The UF-KAKE Bridge program started in 2003, and over 50 faculty, staff and students have been to Japan through this program.

What kind of activities will you participate in through this program?

You will receive survival-level Japanese language training, attend lectures on Japanese culture/society, participate in discussion groups, visit companies and schools (universities, high schools, vocational schools), take sightseeing trips (e.g., Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo, Hiroshima), and participate in local community events (e.g., summer festivals) and weekend-long home-stay programs.

The Findlay group will be joined by a group of students and faculty from two sister-universities of KAKE Group from Brazil and Wright State University.

When will the tour take place? How long will it be?

Approximately three - four weeks. June 27 (F) to July 22 (Wed), 2009. (tentative)

What will be an estimated expense?

\$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00. (Amount will be finalized in February, 2008). This will cover: (1) airfare to and from Japan (\$1,200-\$1,600), (2) miscellaneous transportation, luggage deliveries, and other expenses (\$500.00), and (3) program fees (\$100.00). Deposit will not be refunded under any circumstances once a plane ticket has been purchased.

All other expenses (room and board, most transportation expenses) will be covered by KAKE Group.

Who can apply for this program?

Full-time students (both undergraduate and graduate, domestic and international), full-time faculty, and full-time staff of The University of Findlay.

Formal study of Japanese language and culture is NOT a part of the selection criteria.

Are there requirements for participating in the program?

There will be three requirements:

1. All selected members are required to register for JAPN499 (Study Abroad/Internship in Japan) for at least 1 credit hour (up to 3 credit hours, audit is acceptable) and meet once every week during the Spring Semester 2009, with some additional preparatory meetings until the departure. The schedule of these meetings will be determined once the selection of participating members is complete.
2. All selected members will be expected to be involved in the KAKE Ambassador program. The Ambassador program is the counterpart of the Bridge program. In the beginning of the fall semester, The University of Findlay will host a group of about 10 students from KAKE and TAKAHASHI Educational Institutions for three weeks. The Bridge program members will be expected to participate in the activities of the Ambassador program.
3. All selected members will be expected to share their experiences with the entire campus community.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Dr. Hiroaki "Hiro" Kawamura at (kawamura@findlay.edu) or 419-434-4619.

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We will be joined by students from Brazil!