

2011 UF-KAKE BRIDGE (KAKE-Hashi) PROGRAM

A 3.5 Week Educational 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



Celebrating Experiences in Japan Together

**Application deadline is
Friday, December 3, 2010.**

**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 JUNSEI Educational Institutions, was founded by 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. Dr. Tsutomu KAKE, upon his retirement, left KAKE to his son, Dr. Kotaro KAKE and JUNSEI 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 approximately 60 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 3.5 weeks. June 24 (Fri) to July 19 (Sun), 2011.

What will be an estimated expense?

\$1,900.00 - \$2,200.00. (Amount will be finalized in February, 2011). This will cover: (1) airfare to and from Japan (\$1,600), (2) miscellaneous transportation, luggage deliveries, travel and health insurance, and other expenses (\$500), and (3) program fees (\$100). 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 the 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.



We will be joined by students from Brazil!

Are there requirements for participating in the program?

There will be three requirements:

1. All selected members are required to meet regularly during the Spring Semester 2011 in preparation for the experience, 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 to 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 JUNSEI 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 Chris Sippel at sippel@findlay.edu or 419-434-5467.

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