

# JAPAN'S FRIENDSHIP TIES PROGRAMS “MIRAI”

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## 1. Overview

- Japan's Friendship Ties Programs “MIRAI” (Mutual-understanding, Intellectual Relations and Academic Exchange Initiative) invites groups of promising young leaders who are expected to play an active role in international society and provides opportunity to have intellectual exchanges with Japanese students of the same generations and scholars.
- The program aims to deepen participants' understanding of Japan and its policy, to promote mutual understandings and thus build a basis for future friendship and cooperation between Japan and their regions.
- All participants are expected to share and disseminate their experiences and charms of Japan proactively through SNS and other media during / after the visit.



## 2. Program

- Participants : Graduate / Undergraduate Students, Young Professionals
- Participating Countries : Europe, Central Asia & Caucasus region
- Duration : About 1 week for each group
- Number of Participants (JFY2019) : 156 (TBD)
- Total Participants : 654 (11 invitations since JFY2015)



MIRAI2018 (3rd Group, December 2018)

# 3. Model Itinerary



Itinerary includes 7 nights consisting of 5 nights in Tokyo and 2 nights in other cities.

	AM	PM	Place of Stay
Day 1	Arrival		
Day 2	Programs in Tokyo		Tokyo
Day 3			
Day 4	Programs in local area (e.g. Hiroshima, Kyoto)		other cities
Day 5			
Day 6	Programs in Tokyo		Tokyo
Day 7	Report / Debriefing		
Day 8	Departure		

## ■ Programs in Tokyo (Days 2 and 3)

- Lectures on Japan and its major policies
- Discussions with Japanese young students / researchers at universities / think-tanks

## ■ Programs in local area (Days 4 and 5)

- Visiting local industries
- Hands-on experiences on traditional culture

## ■ Events in Tokyo (Day 6)

- Visiting historical sites
- Learning cutting-edge technologies

## ■ Reports and Debriefing of the visit (Day 7)

- Courtesy call on senior ranking officials of MOFA
- Presentations on outcome by participants
- Follow-up discussions among participants
- Farewell Party etc

