

JAPAN'S FRIENDSHIP TIES PROGRAM “MIRAI ”

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MIRAI: Mutual-understanding, Intellectual Relations and Academic Exchange Initiative

- Launched in 2015.
- Invites theme-oriented groups of **promising young leaders** who are expected to play an active role in Europe.
- Provides opportunities to have **intellectual exchanges** with Japanese experts, scholars, and students from the same generation.
- All participants are expected to **share Japan's diplomacy and the charm of Japan** proactively through social media and other media during and after the program.

Opportunity for exchange with Japanese scholars and students



1. Objectives

- To promote **better understanding of Japan** and obtain **strong support** among young generation.
- To develop **a deep mutual understanding** and **friendly relations** **between Japan and Europe** into the future.

2. Overview

- MIRAI is intended for graduate, undergraduate students, and young professionals from Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus region.
- Period : Approximately 7 days
- Number of Participants : 69 (TBD)



3. Sample Itinerary

■ Pre-exchange Program (Online)

- Orientation for participants
- Lecture on the theme-related contents
- Virtual exchange and discussion with Japanese students/ experts

■ Program in Japan

- 4 days in Tokyo and 2 days in other cities
- Lectures on Japan and its major policies
- Visiting Japanese companies/ research institutes/ historical sites
- Discussions with Japanese young students / experts at universities / think-tanks
- Homestay

■ Debriefing session

- Identifying what participants learned
- Analyzing outcomes
- Farewell party

	AM	PM	Place of stay
Day 0	Pre-exchange Program (Online)		
Day 1	Departure from each country / Arrival		In-flight
Day 2	Orientation	Site visit	Tokyo
Day 3	Travelling to another city	Lecture at a research institute	
Day 4	Activities in another city (e.g. Hiroshima, Kyoto)		
Day 5			
Day 6	Travelling to Tokyo	Activities in Tokyo	Tokyo
Day 7	Debriefing session		
Day 8	Departure from Japan		In-flight