

Organised by the Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA)

Application Guidelines for JENESYS 2018

1. Overview

JENESYS 2018 is a people-to-people exchange programme between Japan and the Asia-Pacific region, and will succeed JENESYS 2017. Under this programme, approximately 5,300 people from the Asia-Pacific region will be invited to Japan, while Japanese people also will be sent to the region. In 2018, 224 participants from Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific nations will be invited to Japan.

The JENESYS 2018 programme is organised by the Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA). JOCA is an official agent which has undertaken all the necessary arrangements for this short-term invitation programme under the guidance of the Japanese Government.

2. Objectives

The objectives of JENESYS 2018 are:

- (1) To promote mutual trust and understanding among the peoples of Japan and the Asia-Pacific region, and to build a basis for future friendship and cooperation.
- (2) To encourage an understanding of Japan's economy, society, history, diverse culture, politics, and diplomatic relations.

3. Outline of Programme

(1) Course Theme A : Disaster prevention, reconstruction from the disaster

This course focuses on introducing disaster prevention and post-disaster reconstruction by visiting cultural and tourist sites in Tokyo and Fukushima. Participants will deepen their understanding of disaster prevention and post-disaster reconstruction through interacting with local people, exchanging ideas with Japanese students, and experiencing homestay.

Course Theme B: Building peaceful societies, history and culture

This course focuses on introducing building peaceful societies, Japanese culture and history by visiting historical and peace memorial sites in Tokyo and Hiroshima. Participants will deepen their understanding of Japan's policies for building peaceful societies, Japanese culture and history through interacting with local people, exchanging ideas with Japanese students, and experiencing homestay.

(2) Course Details

Course Theme A

- i. Duration: 9 nights 10 days
*Date of arrival in Japan: Sunday 2 December 2018
**Date of departure from Japan: Tuesday 11 December 2018
- ii. Participating countries: Australia and other Pacific Island countries (Students of the University of South Pacific (USP) will participate.)
- iii. Number of participants: 10 (+19 from USP)
- iv. Language spoken during the programme: English
- v. Programme locations: Tokyo and Fukushima

Course Theme B

- i. Duration: 9 nights 10 days
*Date of arrival in Japan: Sunday 9 December 2018
**Date of departure from Japan: Tuesday 18 December 2018
- ii. Participating countries: Australia
- iii. Number of participants: 20
- iv. Language spoken during the programme: English
- v. Programme locations: Tokyo and Hiroshima

4. Qualifications and Eligibilities of Applicants

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- (1) Understand and agree with the aims of JENESYS 2018
- (2) Hold Australian citizenship
- (3) Aged between 18 and 35
- (4) Currently enrolled as a student at university
- (5) Have not participated in any programme initiated by the Japanese Government, including all kinds of JENESYS and KIZUNA programmes
- (6) Be in good health

(i). Chronic Diseases

In principle, applicants who suffer from chronic diseases are not allowed to participate in the programme. Chronic diseases include: Chronic lung disease (asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease etc.), immunodeficiency state (T cell immunodeficiency etc.), chronic heart disease (congenital heart disease, coronary artery disease etc.), metabolic disease (diabetes), renal dysfunction, obesity, myasthenia gravis, etc.

(ii). Pregnancy

Pregnant applicants will not be accepted to participate in this programme in the interests of the applicant's health.

(iii). Body Temperature

If a participant's body temperature is 38.0°C or higher on the day of departure, he/she will not be able to depart for Japan and will not be eligible to participate.

*Additional consideration will be given to applicants who are:

- (i). Engaged in activities which are related to Japan or Japanese culture, etc.
- (ii). Learning Japanese
- (iii). Majoring in Japan-related studies
- (iv). Majoring in subject areas related to Course Theme A (Disaster prevention, reconstruction from the disaster) or Course Theme B (Building peaceful societies, history and culture)

5. Selection Procedures for NSW and NT Applicants Only

All of the following application documents should be submitted to the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney via email by AEDT 13:00 on Thursday 11 October 2018 to cginfo@sy.mofa.go.jp.

(1) JENESYS 2018 Application Form

The form must be completed electronically.

Physically sign the form after reading the *Declaration, Agreement of the Application Guidelines for JENESYS 2018*, and *Agreement of the Use of Personal Information* sections.

(2) Passport Size Photo

Place a passport size photo, taken within the last 3 months in the space provided on the Application Form. A digital photo is accepted but it must be a passport style photo.

Please note that selfies or photos without a white background will not be accepted.

(3) Scanned Copy of Passport

A scanned copy of the photo page of your passport.

*If an applicant does not have a valid passport, he/she must immediately obtain a passport and submit a scanned copy of the photo page as soon as he/she is selected to participate in this programme.

Notes:

*Applicants from universities located in NSW and the NT must submit their applications to the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney.

*Please note that all NSW and NT applicants will travel to and from Japan using Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport (SYD). Requests to change departure/return points will not be accepted.

*Please forward all enquiries to: cginfo@sy.mofa.go.jp or phone: 9250 1000. (NSW and NT applicants only.)

*Please note that only successful applicants will be notified of their results by Monday 22 October 2018 (TBC).

6. Participant's Handbook

After notification of the selection results, applicants will be provided with a tentative schedule for the programme and a Participant's Handbook for JENESYS 2018. The handbook will be developed by JOCA.

The Participant's Handbook will contain an outline of the programme, travel information, and travel tips. Participants are strongly encouraged to read the handbook carefully before departing for Japan.

7. Post-Arrival Orientation in Japan

After the participants' arrival in Japan, JOCA will hold an orientation session. Topics covered by the orientation session will include:

- (1) An outline of JENESYS 2018
- (2) The programme schedule
- (3) An introduction to Japanese culture and customs
- (4) Conveying a questionnaire for participants.

8. Post-Return Activities and Questionnaires

One aim of the programme is for participants to share their experiences and knowledge acquired from visiting in Japan with friends, family, and people in their local community in various ways including social media, in order to disseminate information about Japan and its culture. Participants are required to report their activities to the Embassy of Japan in Australia.

Upon returning to Australia, each participant must complete and submit several questionnaires relating to their experiences on the programme. In addition, upon returning to Australia, each participant must complete and submit several questionnaires relating to their experiences on the programme and may be requested to attend related events and/or information sessions by the Embassy of Japan in Australia.

9. Terms and Conditions

(1) Arrangements and Expenses Covered by the Programme.

- Return economy class airfare from the designated airport (*) to Tokyo.
 - * Excess baggage charges will be borne by the applicant
 - * The airports for departure and arrival will be arranged and are not subject to change
 - * Participants are required to cover transport expenses when travelling to and from their designated airport in Australia.
- Overseas travel accident insurance
 - * Please note that the insurance does not cover various conditions including chronic diseases, dental procedures and pregnancy. Participants will be liable for such costs
- Accommodation in Japan
- Transportation in Japan
- Meals in Japan
 - * No cash allowance will be provided to participants or supervisors
 - * Participants are expected to cover expenses relating to matters such as passports and vaccinations, as well as transport, accommodation and dining costs associated with travelling to the designated departure airport in Australia. Participants are advised to bring spending money for purchasing items for personal use.

(2) Prohibited Actions

Participants will not be allowed to do the following:

- Remain in Japan after the programme's conclusion
- Change the flights designated by the programme.
- Change accommodation designated by the programme.

- Be accompanied by someone not associated with the programme
- Leave the programme before its conclusion
- Travel to a third country when flying to or from Japan

(3) The following conditions will apply in Japan:

- The programme schedule is to be followed strictly, therefore participants will not have time to meet friends or relatives in Japan during the programme
- Participants will be accommodated in twin or triple rooms during their stay in Japan
- JOCA will try to satisfy religious dietary requirements, however, please be advised that this may not always be possible
- In the event a participant catches the flu during their stay in Japan, he/she will be quarantined for five days according to Japanese regulation. If the quarantine period overlaps with the date of departure from Japan, the participant's return flight will be postponed.

❖ **Winter Weather in Japan**

In Japan, it is very cold in December. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring a coat or jacket suitable for winter weather. Please refer to the following table that shows the average temperature in each location that will be visited.

Average of maximum and minimum temperature in December, 2017 (Celsius)		
	Maximum	Minimum
Fukushima	8.1	-0.2
Tokyo	11.1	2.7
Hiroshima	9.9	2.4

(4) Compliance with Japanese Laws and Regulations

During the programme, participants must respect Japanese laws and regulations, and offenders will be subject to normal penalties under Japanese law.

Any legal dispute relating to this programme between a participant and the Japanese Government or JOCA should be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of Japan, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws, and should be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the applicable courts in Japan.

(5) Responsibilities of JOCA

All participants should agree to indemnify JOCA and its staff and the Japanese Government from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities for injury or illness incurred as a result of a participant's conduct, where that conduct does not comply with posted rules or warnings, or for loss or damages to property due to accident, theft, crime or any other reason.

10. Personal Information Protection Law

Personal information collected under the JENESYS 2018 programme, including photographs and videos taken by JOCA staff during the programme, shall be managed in compliance with the Personal Information Protection Law. JOCA may provide personal information to travel agencies, publishers, cooperating organisations, schools, and host families, in order to operate and report on the programme. Personal information will not be used for any other purpose.

The disclosure of personal information to JOCA is at the sole discretion of the participants. If a participant does not agree to make their personal information available, please be advised that it may cause difficulties in the operation of the JENESYS 2018 programme. JOCA asks for your understanding and requests your consent for the provision of personal information.

11. Enquiries

Questions relating to the JENESYS 2018 programme should be emailed to JOCA at (bunka3@joca.or.jp). Please include "Query: JENESYS 2018" as the subject heading.

(*) Designated Airports in Australia

Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport (SYD)

Brisbane International Airport (BNE)

Melbourne International Airport (MEL) (via Sydney)

Canberra International Airport (CBR) (via Sydney)

Adelaide International Airport (ADL) (via Sydney)

Hobart International Airport (HBA) (via Sydney)

Perth International Airport (PER) (via Jakarta/Denpasar/Bangkok/Hong Kong)