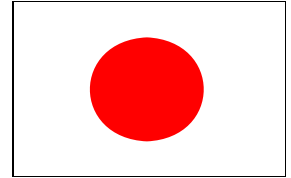


NZ – Japan Exchange Home hosts required



10 and 11 November 2007

Core Leaders in Civil Society Exchange Programme

The Japanese Government operates an international exchange programme aimed at sharing methods and best practice between social services practitioners and those in other developed countries around the world. This years exchange with New Zealand is to focus on ‘Care for People with Physical Disabilities’

We need your help!

A group of 9 (including a leader) Japanese people aged between 23 and 40, who are actively involved in working with people who have physical disabilities, are to visit Christchurch for 4 days from 8 – 12 November. We are looking for volunteers who (preferably) work with people with physical disabilities who would be willing to home host one or two of these people for 2 of the 4 nights they are to be in Christchurch. The plan is to have home hosts collect their visitor/s from their hotel on the morning of Saturday 10 November and for them to spend the rest of the day and evening with their guest/s. The guest/s will stay the night. Next day (Sunday 11) the whole group will be taken on a day excursion in the Canterbury region by a tour guide and that evening both the guests and their hosts will be invited to attend a Sayonara and ‘thank you to hosts’ party. Each visitor will return to their home hosts for the 2nd night and next morning are to be dropped off at an agreed location. This will be the end of the home host’s responsibility.

What’s in it for you?

- The opportunity for you to find out how Japanese organisations operate with respect to people with physical disabilities and to share ‘best practice’ ideas.
- The opportunity for you to share your home, your city and culture with your guest/s and to learn a little about cultural differences.

and

- Provided you work with people with physical disabilities in a suitable capacity, and meet the age and other criteria, encouragement will be given to apply for a reciprocal exchange in Japan. This exchange will be **fully funded** by the Japanese Government and take place from 5th to 19th February 2008. **Home hosting is not a guarantee that you will be accepted for the exchange, which will be advertised nationally, but will give you an increased chance!**

More about the programme

The visit is funded by the Japanese Government, supported by the New Zealand Government, and managed by Sister Cities New Zealand Inc in conjunction with Christchurch City Council. The visitors are to visit various organisations/places in both Wellington and Christchurch to gain an understanding of the way New Zealand rehabilitates and integrates people with physical disabilities into the community. During their stay in New Zealand the visitors are also very keen to experience life in a Kiwi home.

If you are willing to host

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