

MIRAI Program

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

In consideration of my acceptance and participation in the Japan's Friendship Ties Programs "MIRAI Program", hereafter referred to as the Program, I,

agree and consent to the following:

- I have read and fully understand and accept the Application Guideline, paying special attention to the sections 3. Qualifications for Participants, 7. Terms and Conditions and 8. Handling of Personal Information.
- I certify that I filled out the Entry Form myself, and that my entries and declaration are true and correct without any omissions.
- I will provide a copy of my valid passport to the organizing staff.
- If my citizenship requires visa to enter Japan, I am responsible for physically retrieving the visa from the closest Japanese consulate or embassy to my residence.
- I am fully responsible for the arrangement, expenses, methods, and safety of transportation to/from my residence to/from the designated International Airport to be used for the Program, and it is not considered the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), or associated subcontractors whatsoever.
- I am fully responsible for costs associated with last-minute cancellations or changes, initiated by me, due to any reason other than a medical or other unavoidable circumstances.
- MOFA, JICE, and its subcontractors reserve the right to change or alter travel, lodging, or other arrangements without notice or reason.
- MOFA, JICE, its subcontractors, and the host organizations are not and will not be held liable for any injury, accident, illness, loss or personal property or other contingencies, which may ensue during, or in connection with my participation in this program except that such injury, accident, illness, loss of personal property or other contingencies are related to or arising from JICE's gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct.
- MOFA, JICE, and associated Subcontractors will not be held liable for any of the actions or negligence of any third parties including, but not limited to: commercial airlines, hotels, and restaurants.
- All costs that are not explicitly included in the program are my own responsibility. Any and all debts incurred by me during this program including, but not limited to: medical, dental, hospital bills (over and above the provided traveler insurance coverage), replacing a lost passport, and personal expenses (e.g. long distance calls) are my own responsibility and will not be paid by the MOFA, JICE, or its subcontractors.

- MOFA and JICE may remove me from the program at any time for reasons staff deems sufficient including, but not limited to, my attitude, or behavior. Expenses incurred for such removal are my responsibility and must be paid by me immediately upon demand.
- I understand I must participate in all scheduled activities in the official Program, and that skipping lectures, meetings, visits, homestay programs, meals or any fixed programs is not permitted for any reason, including professional or academic opportunities or obligations, or a personal preference for other activities. I am fully responsible for any costs associated with missing the official program. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, admission fees, prepaid meal costs, domestic transportation or accommodations, or international flights. I understand I must immediately reimburse the organizer for these costs upon demand in accordance with the instructions provided by JICE.
- I understand nobody, including family or friends, is allowed to accompany me or my group in the Program even if he/she pays the travel cost by himself/herself.
- I will abide by and adhere to Japanese laws and regulations and follow the instructions and rules given by JICE staff or coordinators throughout the Program.
- I fully understand the Mandatory Assignments for all Participants. I will share and spread my experience in the Program after returning to Europe, fill out questionnaires, and report implementation of my action plan. I understand that my name, pictures and videos of me taken during the Program may be used in reports, websites, promotional materials, or meetings, and that I may be contacted for follow-up on the Program by MOFA, JICE, or related parties.

By signing this letter of understanding, and agreeing to participate in the MIRAI Program, I, the participant, have read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents.

Signature of Participant

Date