

ASIA KAKEHASHI Project

- Building Bridge between High School Students in Japan and Asia -

Speech by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the banquet of the 23rd International Conference on 'The Future of Asia' on Monday, June 5, 2017 stated that Japan will provide opportunities for Asian high school students studying Japanese to live in Japan for ten months at a scale of 1,000 students over the next five years. (http://japan.kantei.go.jp/97_abe/statement/201706/1222768_11579.html)



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AFS Intercultural Programs, Japan was recently appointed to implement the ASIA KAKEHASHI Project in collaboration with AFS Partner organizations and NGOs in Asia from 2018 to 2022.

■ **Content:**

- ✓ Invite high school students in Asia to study in Japan for 6–10 months
- ✓ Study in Japanese high school while staying with host family or in the dormitory
- ✓ Exposure to Japanese culture, local communities and industries

■ **Annual Participants' Numbers:**

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prospective Number	100	200	200	250	250

ASIA KAKEHASHI Project 2019

- **Duration:** August 2019 – March 2020
- **Content:** Japanese high school experiences with dormitory-stay or homestay
- **Fees:** Sponsored by the Japanese Government.
- **Support:** AFS Intercultural Programs, Japan is responsible for the support of participants during the program in Japan, and the AFS Partner organizations/NGOs in the sending country/region are responsible for the pre-program support under the AFS policies and guidelines.
- **Application:** Application deadline for 2019 program is decided by each sending organization.
- **Eligibility criteria:** To be eligible for a 2019 ASIA KAKEHASHI scholarship, candidates must:
 - a) be 15–18 years of age, born after April 2, 2001 and before April 1, 2004;
 - b) have the certificate of the country and region of origin at the time of application;
 - c) have good academic records, be in the top quartile in the class;
 - d) be a Japanese language learner and willing to learn the language and the culture of Japan;
 - e) demonstrate strong potential of leadership to act as a bridge between the sending country/region and Japan during and after the program;
 - f) not have participated in the ASIA KAKEHASHI program before. Priority will be given to students of families with low incomes.

■ **Contact Organization:**

Country	Responsible Organization
China	<u>China Volunteer Committee for Intercultural Education (CVCIE)</u> Room 211, Yifu Conference Center, No.160 Fuxingmen Nei Avenue, Beijing, 100031, China +86 (10) 6641-8220 afs_hosting@chn.afs.org http://www.afs.org/afs-china/
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