



# Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association



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## LB to Send Trio to Yokkaichi in July 2017

In alternate years beginning in 1965, one teacher and two students from Long Beach or Yokkaichi, Japan have been selected to visit the other's city as goodwill ambassadors for a three-week cultural exchange. This year, Long Beach will be sending two students and a teacher to our sister city. Each member of the Trio will stay with a Yokkaichi family for nine days and move to the next host family for the remaining nine days.

The teacher and student applicants must be:

- Long Beach residents and/or Long Beach Unified School District students and citizens of the United States
- Possess a record of good citizenship in school and community
- Have participated in school and community activities
- Have an interest in being an official ambassador of goodwill from Long Beach
- Have NO VISIBLE tattoos
- Students should be a member of the 10th or 11th grade in the spring semester of their application and have a 3.0 grade point average or higher from the ninth grade through the first semester of the current school year.

Trio Depart LAX: Thu, July 20, 2017  
Trio Return LAX: Sun, August 8, 2017

Application forms may be downloaded from our website at:  
<http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>

Application Deadline: Fri, February 24, 2017  
Interview Date: Sat, March 4, 2017

Please contact the Trio Program Chair with any questions:  
Yoko Pusavat at [yoko.pusavat@csulb.edu](mailto:yoko.pusavat@csulb.edu)



2015 Trio Members visiting Yokkaichi Mayor Tanaka.

## Seeking 2017 Team Members for Summit

The formation of the Environmental Summit Program was the idea of former Yokkaichi Mayor Tetsuo Inoue in 2007 to bring together students from China, Japan, and Long Beach to study the negative effects of pollution on the environment and discuss solutions.

With the support of the Port of Long Beach, the Environmental Summit Program has been a success because it goes beyond the environmental study by implementing the sister city principle to create friendships and global relationships.

Four high school students and a chaperone from Long Beach are being sought to take part in this annual environmental summit to take place in Yokkaichi, Japan.

Delegates Depart LAX: Sun, July 30, 2017  
Delegates Return LAX: Mon, August 7, 2017\*

\*return date subject to change

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2016 LB Environmental Summit Team visiting a tea plantation in Yokkaichi.

## 2017 Doctors Program

Beginning in 2002 under the direction of the late Dr. John Kashiwabara, the Association has taken part each year in an educational program in which the Yokkaichi General Hospital selects three to five practicing physicians to come to Long Beach and study medical techniques at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and other local centers.

Three Yokkaichi doctors will be arriving in Los Angeles in February 2017: **Dr. Kei Fujii**, Cardiovascular Surgeon; **Dr. Wataru Suzuki**, Cardiologist; and **Dr. Kousuke Mizuta**, Neurosurgeon.

## Eunice Sato Honored



The Hill Classical Middle School was renamed the Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science in honor of former Long Beach Mayor **Eunice Sato**. It is the first school in its district to be named for an Asian American and is modeled after the Long Beach Unified School District's nationally recognized California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS).

Mrs. Sato was elected to the Long Beach City Council in 1975 until 1986 and served as Mayor from 1980-82. She served on the Board of numerous organizations, including the LBYSCA Board from 2004– 2008, and received many awards and honors.

The dedication ceremony was held at the Sato Academy on September 6, 2016 with over 500 in attendance. Entertainment was provided by traditional Japanese dancers and Taiko drummers. The 95-year-old Mrs. Sato was unable to attend the ceremony, but was represented by her son, Douglas Sato.



## In Memoriam

It is with great sorrow that we inform our Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association friends of the tragic passing of **Emilio Carreon**. Emilio was a talented young man and an outstanding student at Poly High who represented Long Beach as an Environmental Summit delegate to Yokkaichi, Japan in 2015. The following year, Emilio's parents, **Hector** and **Leticia**, and his sister, **Clarissa**, graciously served as the host family to **Hiroki Yoshikawa**, the Trio cultural exchange student from Yokkaichi.



The LBYSCA members extend its heartfelt condolences to the Carreon family and to Emilio's many friends. His passing is a tremendous loss to the community and to all who knew him.

## Seeking Assistant Teachers in Japan

### Are You Interested in Assistant Teaching in Yokkaichi, Japan?

One of the highlights of the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association is the **Yokkaichi English Fellows (YEF)**. This very successful program provides a job opportunity for Long Beach teachers or Cal State Long Beach graduates to serve for **two years as assistant language teachers** at the elementary and middle school levels in Yokkaichi, Japan.

This is an English immersion program for the students. Speaking Japanese is not required.

Selected teachers or new graduates will work at a paid position in the Yokkaichi School System. A total of seven YEFs are at the school system each year and are replaced on a rotating basis so that the 2nd-year YEFs may assist the new arrivals.

Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree in any subject by May 2017 and must be a U.S. citizen. Applicants should enjoy working with students and be able to adjust to Japanese culture. The position will be for a two-year contract, with review after one year.

Watch for Application Forms on our Website at:  
<http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>

Or contact the  
CSULB Education Abroad Office  
Center for International Education (CIE) BH-201  
Phone: 562-985-8429



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