



Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association



"Building Leaders for the 21st Century"

Environmental Summit in Yokkaichi, Japan Depart July 30, 2017 and Return August 7, 2017* (*return date subject to change)

Environmental Summit Program Overview

Concept: Four students from Long Beach will join with students from Yokkaichi, Japan and Tianjin, China (if they are available) in Yokkaichi, Japan to exchange environmental ideas. It is thought that by working together and sharing ideas, the outcome will create possible pragmatic solutions to environmental issues facing their home port cities in relationship to the world.

Program:

1. Tour of environmental facilities in Yokkaichi including the Port of Yokkaichi and the Petrochemical complex.
2. Forum/Panel discussions regarding environmental issues and an exchange of ideas.
3. Presentation by each delegation in the Hall of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry about the environment in each home country and what each delegation can learn from the other.

Dates: Departing Sunday, July 30, 2017, and tentatively returning August 7, 2017.

Long Beach Delegation:

1. Four high school students and one adult chaperone.
2. No language requirement. Sessions in Japanese; Chinese and English will be used by simultaneous translation.

Accommodations:

1. Housing will be provided at the ICETT (International Center for Environmental Technology & Transfer). This is on the Web for those to view.
 2. Students may have a home visit with Japanese families in Yokkaichi.
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STUDENT DELEGATE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Ages 15-17
2. Currently enrolled as a full-time student or qualified "home study" student in private or public school. Have a "B" average or better in all studies.
3. Possess or have applied for a valid U.S. Passport (applicants will be eliminated without this process due to strict travel policies initiated after 911).

4. Have NO VISIBLE tattoos.
5. Meet **one** of the following:
 - a. Be a resident of Long Beach;
 - b. Have a parent, grandparent or guardian who works in the City of Long Beach;
 - c. Attend any Long Beach public, parochial or private accredited institution.
6. Demonstrate involvement with the City of Long Beach
7. Demonstrate an interest in the environment.
8. Be a team player and be open to other cultures and ideas.
9. Submit recommendations from two unrelated adults, one of whom must be a current or former teacher of the student.
10. Write and submit a one-page (typed and double spaced) original essay on the following topics:
 - a. "How Long Beach and I/my family/my school are improving our Environment."
 - b. "How the Port of Long Beach affects the environment and how the Port has changed that impact in the last 5 to 10 years."
11. Submit the attached Permission Authorization and Release signed by the student's parent or guardian. Also, students who are selected must submit a health clearance certificate.
12. **ALL documents and essays must be received by the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association by Friday, February 24, 2017.** Candidates will be interviewed on **Saturday, March 4, 2017** and notified of the results soon thereafter.
13. If selected, the applicant will be required to attend and participate in approximately four days of preparation for the summit. If the student cannot make this commitment, an alternative student may be chosen.
14. Upon return, the participants are required to make a presentation and written report to the Association, Port of Long Beach and present their experiences to their school/community. All materials, such as photos and presentations, must be made available to Yokkaichi Sister City so they can use those reports and presentations for future events.

CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be more than 25 years old and possess a valid U.S. passport.
2. Be a citizen of the United States, have no criminal convictions and possess evidence of good moral character.
3. Have NO VISIBLE tattoos.
4. Submit a current Long Beach Police Department background certificate.
5. Have demonstrated experience in working with children between 15 and 17 years old.
6. Submit two recommendations from unrelated adults concerning the applicant's background and ability to serve in this capacity.
7. Submit to a personal interview by the association or its representatives.
8. **Submit ALL forms by Friday, February 24, 2017.** Candidates will be interviewed on **Saturday, March 4, 2017** and notified of the results soon thereafter. Every effort will be made to expedite this process so you will be able to determine whether you are going to Japan or not.
9. Submit a health clearance and a resume.
10. Attend the student delegates' training sessions.
11. Email daily reports to the Environmental Chairperson, Bonnie Stoeppelman, on the status of the student delegates.
12. File a report within two weeks upon return.
13. Travel expenses to and from Japan will be partially paid by the Association (pending funding availability and other related discussions).
14. Chaperones are there for the well-being of the students but not there to participate with the students in the environmental discussions. These are for the students and therefore, it will be necessary for the chaperones to observe from a distance.
15. Chaperones will need to supply gifts for their hosts.

FINANCIAL COSTS AND EXPENSES:

1. Selected participants will pay for their own travel to Japan which is estimated to be between \$1,500.00 and \$2,100.00. They will also need to arrange for travel to and from LAX. Participants can use frequent flyer miles IF they can go on the same flight and make all arrangements.
 2. Selected participants will need to provide their own spending money. This amount is roughly \$100-\$200 since all travel within Yokkaichi, lodging and meals will be provided by the City of Yokkaichi.
 3. Selected participants will need to obtain gifts for their host families and other participants. These can be donated, handmade, etc. and we will assist in helping participants select those gifts which need not be expensive.
 4. Selected participants will also be required to obtain travel medical insurance that will cost approximately \$40 unless covered by existing medical insurance.
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GENERAL APPLICANT PROFILE

1. Applicants should be mature individuals who have an interest in the environment, the history and culture of Japan, and an open and inquisitive mind. Also, they should be willing and eager to work in group situations and follow the directions and expectations of the adult supervisors. Applicants will be expected to accept differences in customs, food, values and traditions.
2. Applicants are expected to keep an open mind about the environment and challenge themselves with pragmatic ideas and solutions that may reach beyond basic recycling, etc. They should be able to think outside the box.
3. Applicants should also be self-reliant and able to be away from home and parents.
4. The participants will be supervised by chaperones from Long Beach and Yokkaichi at all times.
5. Students will be responsible for their attitude and conduct at all times. Representing the City of Long Beach, participants must be aware of their responsibilities and conduct themselves in such a manner so as to present the best of American culture and education. This includes honoring the host countries customs and their fellow participants.
6. Participants are expected to be exemplary in their attitude working with the team from Long Beach and acknowledge that they may have different life experiences and ideas which may be different, but to honor those differences. Judgment of each other is to be left at home.
7. Those selected must attend a series of classes prior to departure to prepare their presentation and learn about Japanese customs and culture. The classes will be held in April, May, June and/or July and we will attempt to coordinate mutually acceptable dates. We are sorry, but failure to attend the training classes will result in the applicant not being allowed to attend the summit. An alternate may be chosen who will obtain the benefit of the training but most likely will not go to Japan.

NOMINATION & SELECTION OF SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

The Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association will be the governing authority in the selection of all participants. All decisions made by the Association shall be final.

One Chaperone will be selected and will accompany the group at all times. All of the Chaperone's expenses in Yokkaichi, lodging and meals will be provided by the City of Yokkaichi. During the travel, the chaperone will be responsible for the conduct, attitude, appearance and safety of the student delegates. He or she will be expected to be available to the program the entire time during the trip and will be in constant contact and communication with the students and the city officials in Yokkaichi and Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association. In Japan the Chaperone will be hosted by ICETT and therefore, there will be few expenses in Japan.