



Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association



About Us

The Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association (LBYSKA) Program began in 1963 in the spirit of President Eisenhower's 1956 "People to People" program. Former Mayor Edwin Wade, The Port of Long Beach, Friends of Yokkaichi and numerous citizens in both countries, established the first and one of the most successful sister city associations.

LBYSKA is a 501(c)3 organization and currently has 24 board members.

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Trio Exchange Program

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— MEMBERSHIP —

This is a public citizens' committee and open to members of the public interested in the goals and ideas of the Association.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Port of Long Beach
City of Long Beach
Cal State University at Long Beach
Long Beach Unified School District



Yokkaichi-Long Beach Sister City

<http://www.longbeach-yokkaichi.org/>

Our Student Programs

TRIO CULTURAL EXCHANGE*

Each alternating year since 1965, one teacher and two students from Long Beach have gone to Yokkaichi as Ambassadors of the City to visit and study the culture of the other Sister City.

In 2018 LBYSKA will seek six host families for the visiting Yokkaichi teacher and students. In 2019 LBYSKA will select one teacher and two high school students for a three-week cultural visit in Yokkaichi, Japan. Each member of the Trio will stay with a family for 9 days and move to the next host family for the remaining 9 days.

Trio applicants must be Long Beach residents and/or Long Beach Unified School District students, citizens of the United States, possess a record of good citizenship in school and community, and have no visible tattoos.

Expenses, including partial airfare, are supported by the Association and the city of Yokkaichi. All applicants must have a current passport and have no visible tattoos.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT EXCHANGE*

Every summer four high school students and a chaperone from Long Beach take part in a one-week environmental study program with students from Yokkaichi and Tianjin, China.

Expenses, including round-trip airfare, are the responsibility of the students and chaperone. All applicants must have a current passport and have no visible tattoos.

