

SCHOOL VISITS PROGRAM

JAPAN INFORMATION AND CULTURE CENTER (JICC)
CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN LOS ANGELES

Announcement for practitioners of Japanese cultural arts:

The JICC is seeking your cooperation for in-class demonstrations as part of our program of educational outreach to local schools



“Introduction to Japan and Its Cultural Arts”

In August and September 2015, the JICC plans to offer a special version of its School Visits presentation, “Introduction to Japan,” and we are seeking volunteer guest presenters. If you are a practitioner of a Japanese cultural art and willing to share your art with local school children through our program, kindly contact Julian Ely at j.ely@ls.mofa.go.jp for more information.



How is this special version of our School Visits different?

As a free service to local schools and students, the JICC regularly offers a presentation called “Introduction to Japan.” Last year, in order to add authentic and rich context to our visits, we began enlisting the volunteer cooperation of accomplished practitioners to demonstrate traditional Japanese arts and disciplines.



How would it work?

The JICC handles all communications with schools. When an appointment has been made to visit a school, the JICC then seeks an available cultural arts practitioner from its list of volunteer guest presenters and informs them of the school’s location and necessary details, including how much time is available for the demonstration. The actual class consists of two equal parts: first, a JICC staff member briefly introduces Japan; then the volunteer guest presenter(s) introduces and demonstrates their art.



Basic background information on the regular school visits program:

What are the JICC's school visits?

School visits are part of the JICC's educational outreach, by which we share Japanese culture and society with students of all ages in Southern California's schools. JICC staff visit local schools by invitation and make a presentation on various aspects of Japan using media, realia, and lecture.



What is the "Introduction to Japan" program like?

Our program quickly surveys Japan's sports, delicious food, and pop culture, then covers general knowledge items like geography and population, appropriate to grade level. We touch on Japan's long history, show beautiful landscapes, and note Japanese admiration for old traditions as well as for new trends, for nature as well as for high tech. We try to give students a well-rounded sense of modern Japan and its people in a fun and memorable way.

When are visits scheduled?

Generally, Tuesday – Friday.

Who can participate?

Schools in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas, especially. Single classes, consecutive classes, or assemblies.

The JICC sincerely appreciates your consideration of this project. For information on becoming a volunteer guest presenter, please contact:

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