

## SCHOOL VISITS PROGRAM

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



### **Announcement for teachers:**

*In August and September 2015, the JICC is again offering two special versions of its "Introduction to Japan" School Visits program:*

- **"Introduction to Japan and Its Regions"**
- **"Introduction to Japan and Its Cultural Arts"**

*If you are a local teacher would like to introduce your students to Japan with one of these programs, please contact Julian Ely at [j.ely@ls.mofa.go.jp](mailto:j.ely@ls.mofa.go.jp).*

### 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? What are the special programs?



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

*In August and September 2015, we are offering a limited number of special programs highlighting a particular region of Japan or demonstrating a cultural art. For this we enlist the help of volunteer guest presenters. Presenters for the "Regions" programs have experience immersed in community life in Japan through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program; presenters for "Cultural Arts" are accomplished practitioners of traditional Japanese disciplines like flower arrangement, tea, dance, calligraphy, music.*



### When can visits be scheduled?

Tuesday – Friday, per availability. Sessions last about an hour – perhaps longer with a demonstration.

### Anything else?

There is no charge. We need only an appointment time; means to show PowerPoint and DVD; possibly accommodations for a demonstration (tables, microphone, a little open space or stage); and a parking place.

### Who can participate?

Schools in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas, especially. Presentations can be made to single classes, consecutive classes, or assemblies. If demonstrations are included, combined classes or assemblies may be best.



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