

# Ishikawa Japanese Studies Program

## 1 General Overview

- This program is aimed at groups of working adults or university students from foreign countries who are learning Japanese. It gives participants the opportunity to study about and experience Japanese language and culture while participating on a homestay program.
- Program Features:
  - **The length of the program can be adjusted from 1- 2 weeks to 3 months according to the wishes of the applicants.**
  - **In teaching about Japanese culture, the program makes full use of Ishikawa's abundance of nature, history, and culture.**
  - **Participants have the precious opportunity to experience life in a regular Japanese home through the homestay program which is designed to help them understand Japanese culture through daily life and deepen relations with local residents.**
- From the time of its inception in 1987 to 2011, the program has hosted 3,572 participants from 49 universities and groups representing 21 countries (for example: U.S.A. – Princeton University and the Mansfield Fellows Program; Canada – Université de Montreal; Australia – Monash University; China – City University of Hong Kong and Jiangsu Province Japanese Language Teachers Group; and more).

Our program has received much acclaim overseas for being an excellent Japanese language and cultural studies program.

## 2 Program Details

### (1) Japanese Language Studies

- Language classes are held every Monday through Friday (except holidays) during the duration of the program, for 3 to 4 hours starting at 9 a.m.
- Each group of participants is separated into different class levels (maximum 10 people per class).
- In principle, classes are taught by members of the Ishikawa Prefecture Japanese Language Teachers Association. The cost of the instructors is 3,000 yen for each one hour class.

### (2) Japanese Cultural Studies

- Cultural lessons are held in the afternoons during the duration of the program.
- In addition to various cultural workshops held at the International Lounge and International Salon, there are also field trips to various cultural facilities in the Noto and Kaga regions, as well as lectures on Japanese culture and visits to local industries.

### (3) Homestay Program

- During the program, participants will participate in a homestay in the prefecture to experience the daily life of a regular Japanese family and to gain an understanding of the unique culture and way of thinking of the Japanese people.
- Homestay families are all volunteers registered with the Ishikawa Foundation for International Exchange.
- The cost of one night per person is 3,000 yen (includes breakfast and dinner).

## 3 Financial Cost (Sample estimate of basic costs is attached on a separate sheet)

- (1) Participant Costs
- Travel from home country to Japan and domestic travel expenses within Japan
  - 1/3 of class tuition fees
  - Expenses incurred through cultural workshops
  - Costs associated with field trips: one-night stay trip – 15,000 yen per person (covers lodging, meals, visits to cultural facilities, etc.); one-day trip – 4,000 to 15,000 yen per person (covers food and visits to cultural facilities, etc.)
  - Host Family Compensation (1 person/1 night = 3,000 yen)

### (2) Costs Covered by the Prefecture

- **2/3 of class tuition fees**
- **Instructor fees for cultural lessons, fees for industrial visits**
- **Rental cost of buses for cultural excursions**
- **Costs of program-affiliated exchange parties**
- **Scholarships to students (excludes groups of working adults)**  
**(4+ weeks: 25,000 yen, 8+ weeks: 50,000 yen)**

## 【Sample Estimate of Individual Costs】

- This is sample estimate of costs for a 10-person group that is divided into three class levels.
- Actual costs may differ from what is listed below.
- In addition to this, participants are responsible for roundtrip airfare to Japan, roundtrip fare from the point of entry in Japan to Ishikawa Prefecture, lunch, and other miscellaneous costs.

Item		4-Week Course	8-Week Course
Japanese Studies Tuition Fee	Cost	¥ 62,600—	¥ 118,850—
	Amount Covered by the Prefecture	¥ 38,400—	¥ 75,900—
	Amount Covered by Program Participant	¥ 24,200—	¥ 42,950—
Homestay (Includes breakfast and dinner)	Cost	¥ 81,000—	¥ 165,000—
	Amount Covered by the Prefecture	—	—
	Amount Covered by Program Participant	¥ 81,000—	¥ 165,000—
Field Trip (One Night, Two Days)	Cost	¥ 25,970—	¥ 25,970—
	Amount Covered by the Prefecture	¥ 10,970—	¥ 10,970—
	Amount Covered by Program Participant	¥ 15,000—	¥ 15,000—
Cultural Workshops	Cost	¥ 6,750—	¥ 21,050—
	Amount Covered by the Prefecture	¥ 2,500—	¥ 7,000—
	Amount Covered by Program Participant	¥ 4,250—	¥ 14,050—
Total	Cost	¥ 176,320—	¥ 330,870—
	Amount Covered by the Prefecture	¥ 51,870—	¥ 93,870—
	Amount Covered by Program Participant	¥ 124,450—	¥ 237,000—
<b>Scholarship from Ishikawa Prefecture</b>		<b>¥ 25,000—</b>	<b>¥ 50,000—</b>