

# Keizai Koho Center

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*Established in 1978, the Keizai Koho Center (KKC) is the information and outreach arm of Nippon Keidanren. KKC is an independent, nonprofit organization supported by individuals, industrial organizations and foreign-affiliated firms. The Center's mission is to promote dialogue and understanding of Japanese business and society by sponsoring informational programs and events and through study trips which bring foreign scholars, businesspeople, educators, and journalists to Japan to help them learn more about the nation and its economy. Since 1980, through the Teacher Fellowship Program, Keizai Koho Center has invited social studies teachers from the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Canada to Japan on ten-day programs designed to introduce Japanese culture and society to Western educators.*

*The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) is a private, non-profit organization that works in cooperation with Nippon Keidanren (Japan Federation of Economic Organizations) to foster better understanding of the goals and the role of business in a free society.*

## Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowships

The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) will sponsor a ten day Fellowship to Japan in Summer 2010 for educators in the U.S. and Canada. The Fellowship allows teachers to learn first hand about **contemporary** Japanese society and enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.

### Fellowship Agenda

Fellowship Date (Tentative): First Week of July, 2010

The ten day itinerary in Japan will include time in Tokyo; tours of major industrial and corporate facilities; meetings with key business leaders; meetings with government officials, educators, and business people; school visits; discussions with teachers and students; and a home stay with a Japanese family. Typically, there is at least one scheduled visit to a destination outside of Tokyo.

### Highlights

The Fellowship covers air transportation from the Fellow's home city to Japan and return, as well as accommodations, transportation as called for by the itinerary, and some meals. Fellows have the opportunity to learn about the Japanese economy and businesses, in addition to contemporary Japanese society. Roundtable discussions between Japanese teachers and the participants, as well as business leaders, will also be arranged.

While in Japan, Fellows will be required to give a short PowerPoint presentation regarding their Japan program experience or on educational issues in their home school. This presentation will occur at the end of the fellowship trip.

### Eligibility

Applicants must have skills and experience in developing curriculum. This Fellowship is open to: Applicants who have never lived in Japan and have not visited Japan on a similar study tour. Middle and High school classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies and History (grades 6-12). Supervisors, specialists, and school administrators at the district and state levels; and Faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly concerned with the training of K-12 teachers.

The demands of the itinerary are such that only individuals physically able to travel without special assistance should consider this Fellowship. Special diets cannot be provided and a smoke-free environment cannot be assured. Due to the nature of the program and logistical requirements, there will be no provisions for spouses to accompany Fellows.

### How to Apply

The Japan America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP) serves as the state-side representative of the Keizai Koho Center Fellowship by coordinating the program's public relations, selection, orientation, alumni communication and activities. All applications must be submitted to the JASP in digital form either through email to [kccfellowship@us-japan.org](mailto:kccfellowship@us-japan.org) or saved as one document on a CD and mailed to the address below. Please follow the Application Procedures outlined in this brochure. For further information about eligibility or any questions please contact:

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**Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2703**  
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A special committee will select and notify each Fellow in writing by March 31, 2010. Submitted applications become the property of the Keizai Koho Center Fellowship Program and cannot be returned.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must include the following information. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be **received** no later than **February 28, 2010**.

**Cover Sheet:** Please include your full name, present work title, name and title of supervisor, home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

**Resume:** Please list your current academic position, educational achievements, and professional activities. Provide details regarding previous curriculum and/or staff development experiences. In addition, note all foreign travel.

**Project Proposal:** Applicants must submit a 1-2 page narrative for the development of specific curriculum materials and/or educational activities related to the Japanese Economy, Industry, Business, Society or Education. Please provide a timeline of project-related activities to be scheduled from Sept. 2010 - June 2011. You are encouraged to disseminate information to audiences beyond individual schools such as district-wide teacher resource centers, and community or professional organizations. Local Japan-America Societies may be of assistance for community wide dissemination efforts. ([www.us-japan.org](http://www.us-japan.org))

**Employment:** Include a letter from your employer which supports the above mentioned Project, and attests to your full time professional status for the 2010-2011 school year, or indicate that a sabbatical leave has been granted.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants are invited to include two letters of support for the proposed individual project from administrators and/or key individuals.

**Required Follow up and Deadlines:** Fellows must provide a lesson plan related to the above mentioned Project by *Oct. 31, 2010*. Lesson plans become the property of KKC and will be posted to the NAJAS website for use by other educators. Fellows must submit a final report of their Japan-related activities by *Jan. 16, 2011*. This report will describe the Japan-related activities that you have completed as well as those proposed for the future as outlined in your fellowship application Project Proposal.

**Public Relations** Fellows are asked to provide copies of any school/newspaper/magazine articles related to their Fellowship to the Keizai Koho Center. Reports and feedback on workshops, lesson plans and activities are very welcome.