

The 29<sup>th</sup>  
Japan - America Grassroots Summit in

# Hyogo - Himeji Japan

2019 June 25 – July 1





# What is the Japan - America Grassroots Summit?

The Japan-America Grassroots Summit is an annual large-scale meeting of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and America. It celebrates the historic friendship between Nakahama Manjiro and Captain William Whitfield.

Whitfield rescued the marooned Manjiro in 1841 and shared his own home. Later, Manjiro's rare command of English and salutary experience in America became pivotal to the Japan/US relationship after Perry's arrival in 1853. Each year, Japanese prefectures and American states alternate as hosts for about a week, sharing their homes and the unique features of their communities. More than 100 people usually participate as guests, enjoying sight-seeing, cultural activities, welcome and closing ceremonies, and staying with a host family.

## Friendship



John Manjiro  
Nakahama



W.H. Whitfield

## The Grassroots Summit Consists of the Three Exchange Events

People of all ages and backgrounds participate in the Summit, but they all have on thing in common: a desire to create stronger ties and greater understanding between the people of Japan and America.

### Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

The Grassroots Summit starts with Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. Welcome speeches and local cuisines is offered at the ceremony and the reception. This convivial party is the first opportunity for participants to meet the people of their host region, including volunteers and dignitaries.



### Local Sessions (Homestay Program)

During this program, participants will experience the unique culture of the local area through the four days and three nights homestay. The local town leaders and host families work together to share the best features of their town. This person-to-person exchange is the essence of the Japan-America Grassroots Summit.



### Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception

The Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception are the final events, allowing everyone to reflect on, and celebrate their experiences. There are attended not only by the participants but also by host families, volunteers and others connected in the Summit. True grassroots exchange builds on this departure point.



Grassroots Summits have been held for the past 28 years. Each year an average of 100 - 200 people travel across the Pacific to take part. The Summits consists of participants, hosts, volunteers and event attendees and more.

Participants total over  
**46,200 people!**





# An intercultural event to make new friends

See and learn the historical sights and events in Hyogo. Come and Join to communicate with the people, and Experience Japanese culture through visiting families in Hyogo as a guest. Regardless of age, occupation, and language level, many people participate to make new encounters through this program every year.

# Hyogo-Himeji Japan



## Toshizo Ido

Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

The 29th Japan-America Grassroots Summit will be held in Hyogo Prefecture, following the 28th in Washington, the state Hyogo has fostered 55 years of friendship with. I would like to extend my heartfelt welcome to all those coming to the Summit.

Hyogo Prefecture faces the Sea of Japan in the north, and the Seto Inland Sea and the Pacific Ocean in the south. It is composed of various types of places, such as urban cities, agricultural regions, mountainous areas, and remote islands. Due to its diverse climate and culture, Hyogo Prefecture is often called "a Japan in Miniature." As such, diversity is the greatest charm of Hyogo. With many foreign residents playing active roles in local communities, proactive attitudes toward creating a multicultural society have taken root within the citizens of Hyogo.

The Summit in Hyogo-Himeji will start at the World Heritage site Himeji Castle, followed by local sessions elsewhere that feature diverse regional characteristics and resources. The final venue is Awaji Island, the stage of Japan's creation myth. I hope many will come and directly experience the many charms of Hyogo Prefecture. I am sincerely looking forward to welcoming you in Hyogo.



## Toshikatsu Iwami

Mayor of Himeji City

On behalf of the City of Himeji, it is with pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings and welcome to our incoming guests for the 29th Japan-America Grassroots Summit.

Himeji boasts a proud heritage not only of nationally treasured sites such as the Himeji Castle—Japan's very first UNESCO World Heritage Site—and Engyō-ji Temple, but also the rich culture and history of a castle town. Blessed additionally with a moderate climate and an abundance of natural beauty and resources, our city's wealth of charisma draws visitors in from all parts of the world.

It is our honor to provide the opening stage for this summit, from which deeper understanding, along with new friendships between individual Japanese and American citizens will surely take root.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the Opening Ceremony and Reception.



## Motoi Oyama

Chairman, Japan-America Society of Kobe  
Chairman and CEO, ASICS Corporation

As chairman of the Japan-America Society of Kobe, I am very pleased that the 29th Japan - America Grassroots Summit 2019 will be held in Hyogo - Himeji. Since the opening of Kobe Port to the world in 1868, Hyogo has enjoyed relationships with a great many countries and seen a wide range of cross-cultural exchange. It has become the nation's leader in terms of its enterprising spirit and its multiculturalism.

This Grassroots Summit in Hyogo - Himeji will be fascinating. You will have the chance to visit the world heritage site of Himeji Castle, experience wonderful culture, cuisine the sights of a selection of different locations. I hope you will to come to know Hyogo, to love Hyogo and that this Summit will promote friendship between Japan and America.

I am truly looking forward to meeting you all when you arrive here.

# Schedule

\* The program schedule may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

**June 24 Mon.** Depart USA

**June 25 Tue.** Arrive Itami Airport via Narita/Haneda  
Travel to Himeji by bus **[Stay at Hotel Monterey Himeji]**

**June 26 Wed.** Optional Local Tour  
Opening Ceremony  
Welcome Reception **[Stay at Hotel Monterey Himeji]**

**June 27 Thu.** To Local Session Area **[Home Stay]**

**June 28 Fri.** Local Session **[Home Stay]**

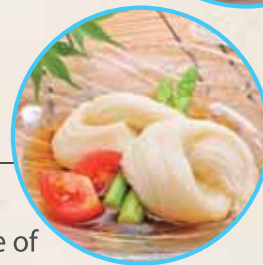
**June 29 Sat.** Local Session or spend whole day with host family **[Home Stay]**

**June 30 Sun.** Depart Local Session area for Awaji  
Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception at  
Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center  
**[Stay at The Westin Awaji Island Resort & Conference Center]**

**July 1 Mon.** Leave for Itami airport by bus  
Fly back to USA via Narita/Haneda OR Extend stay in Japan, joining one of  
the Post Summit Optional Programs or on your own plan

## Climate of Hyogo in June

- Average highest temperature:  
**78.8°F (26°C)**
- Average lowest temperature:  
**66.2°F (19°C)**
- Average rainfall:  
11 days/ **164.6mm**



## Voices from the participants in Nara Summit 2017



**Emily Barret**

This was my first trip to Japan and it was very exciting for me. They planned many and lovely trips - especially walking in the Soni green hills and taking small walks around the village. They also introduced

me to all their family and to a grand son who knew English which was helpful. But my host also knew how to translate Japanese into English on her cell phone and then English in to Japanese. On my last full day with them they planned a huge barbeque with many vegetables and different meats grilled right in front of the house by their beautiful river. They then invited neighbors over to have watermelon with all of us. I really enjoyed my stay with all of them and was sad to leave.



**Joel Rubinstein**

When I heard about the Grassroots Summit, I was intrigued because of the experience it promised of homestays. The family in Asuka was quite modern and open spirited. I stayed with them three nights, used Google Translate

a lot with great results. We all slept on futons on the floor. Fortunately for me the bathrooms were western style. We traveled in town as a family in their camper going to museums of very early Japan, a wonderful mochi factory, visiting a neighbor who gardens, went to a grocery store, a 100 yen shop, and other stops in the area. I day after day felt more part of the family which was very special. I really feel much more engaged with Japan in a very real way and the stereotypes have dropped away.



# Optional Local Tours

June 26 Wed.

From the morning through early afternoon of Wednesday, June 26th, the three "Local Tours" will be offered for sightseeing. Please select your 1st and 2nd preferences. The organizer will offer one of them to you, avoiding duplication with your Local Session which will start on the next day, June 27th. (These are options with the extra tour fee. You do not need to join one of these tours, but could instead spend time on your own.)

**The tour fee includes transportation, lunch, and admissions.**

## A Himeji Castle **\$60.00**



Himeji Castle

Because of its brilliant white exterior and supposed resemblance to a white heron taking flight, this castle is called "Hakuro-jo". Himeji Castle is considered as a masterpiece from the times when Japan's unique castle architectural techniques had reached their peak around the year 1600. Despite its graceful external appearance, Himeji Castle was built with a robust structure taking sufficiently into consideration the defensive and offensive aspects.

In 1993, the whole complex of the castle was registered as UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site. It was designated as a National Treasure as well in 1951.

Please enjoy to the fullest its powerful and magnificent appearance in every detail.

\*The tour will take you to the top floor of the Main Keep. You may be careful to the steep stairs to 6th floor from B1 floor. There are no elevators.



## B Koko-en Japanese Garden & Himeji Castle Sannomaru Square **\$55.00**



Koko-en garden

Koko-en Japanese Garden was constructed in 1992 at the exact site of the Lord West Residence of Himeji Castle as a background. The garden is composed of nine different gardens, built on the archaeologically excavated site of samurai houses and walking paths. Visitors will enjoy the historical atmosphere by the gardening techniques of the Edo period (1600 - 1860) and the magnificent view of Himeji Castle.

Himeji Castle Sannomaru Square is located inside the main gate and is only 5 minutes away by walk from Koko-en. It is a place where you can feel the majestic presence of Himeji Castle and the best spot to take pictures of the scenery.



## C Shoshazan Engyo-ji Temple **\$85.00**



Jogyodo

Founded about one thousand years ago, Shoshazan Engyoji Temple is a pilgrimage site and one of the three training centers of the Tendai sect. There are several temple buildings on Mt. Shosha, and each building has different studies. This temple is famous as the Hollywood movie "Last Samurai", many other movies and TV dramas were also shot here.

Please enjoy Zen-meditation and vegetarian meal for monks.

\*The tour will walk on hilly paths and narrow stairs. Please wear comfortable shoes. If you do not feel confident walking, please refrain from joining this tour.





# Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

June 26 Wed.

## I-Messae Hall

The multi-purpose "I-Messae Hall" is located inside of "Egret Himeji" which is in front of the Cultural World Heritage site of Himeji Castle which is also designated a National Treasure. With its sound and interpretation systems and a 350-person capacity, the hall provides a venue for international conventions as well ... not to mention Egret Himeji's breathtaking view of the Castle.



## Seiko Club

A 7-minute walk to the east of Himeji Castle, designated as a world cultural heritage and a national treasure, will bring you to the Seiko Club. It has served as a venue for wedding receptions, as a site to host award ceremonies, anniversaries, and other occasions with heartfelt hospitality.



## Hotel information

Stay on June 25 Tue.~26 Wed.



### Hotel Monterey Himeji

Hotel Monterey Himeji offers chic and elegant guest rooms that blend Art Deco designs with accented Japanese elements, making for a pleasant and relaxing stay for both business and leisure travelers.



Address: 670-0927 60 Ekimae-cho, Himeji, Hyogo, Japan  
Tel: +81-79-224-7111  
<https://www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/en/himeji/>

Stay on June 30 Sun.



### The Westin Awaji

Overlooking tranquil Awaji Garden City, a short drive from Kobe, The Westin Awaji's rooms elevating comforts promise wellness and rejuvenation. The cozy room offer superb the view of both the lush greenery of the surrounding park and of the Inland Sea.



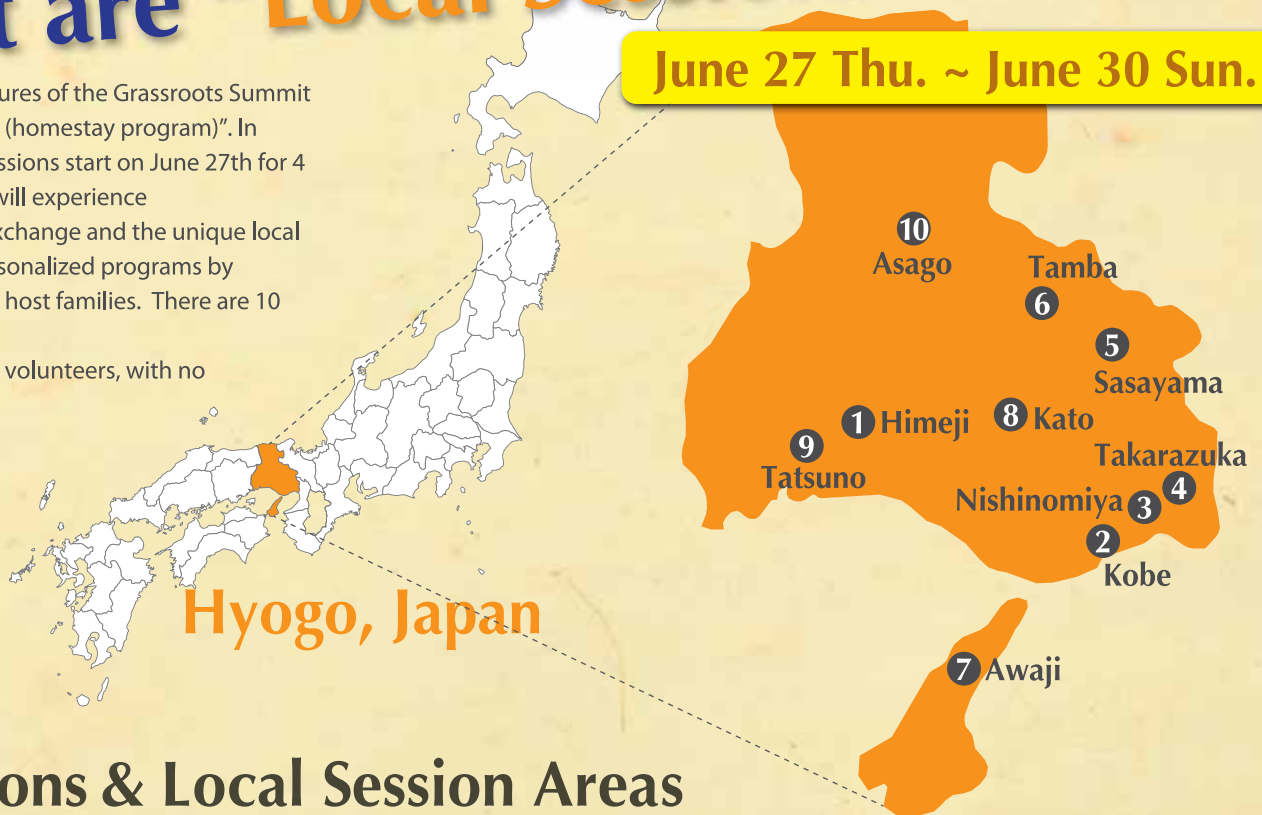
Address: 656-2301 Hyogo, Awaji, Yumebutai 2, Japan  
Tel: +81-799-74-1111  
URL: <http://www.westin-awaji.com/en/>



# What are “Local Sessions”?

One of the best features of the Grassroots Summit is the “Local Session (homestay program)”. In Hyogo, the Local Sessions start on June 27th for 4 days 3 nights. You will experience person-to-person exchange and the unique local culture through personalized programs by volunteers and with host families. There are 10 sessions in Hyogo.  
(Host families are all volunteers, with no compensation.)

June 27 Thu. ~ June 30 Sun.



## Key Persons & Local Session Areas

(Key Persons are volunteers who coordinate the Local Sessions.)

### 1 Himeji City

Himeji City is located in the southwest of Hyogo prefecture, bordered by mountains to the north and the Seto Inland Sea to the south. In the heart of the city is Himeji castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nearby on Mt. Shosha stands Engyoji, a temple with a thousand-year history and one of the filming sites for the movie *The Last Samurai*. Himeji is also well known for its continuing tradition of local artisans as well as its production of specialty goods such as sake and leather. Please enjoy the many charms of our city.



#### Key Person



#### Naoki Kobayashi

I am the Administrative Director for the Himeji Cultural and International Exchange Foundation, an organization devoted to promoting meaningful intercultural relations. Himeji boasts a long history and rich culture, epitomized by our beautiful castle. I look forward to welcoming you to Himeji and hope you have a wonderful experience.

### 2 Kobe City

Surrounded by mountains and ocean, Kobe city has both the nature and the metropolitan appeal to attract many visitors. The view from Mt. Rokko is known as the “million-dollar” view of Kobe’s night lights. The nearby Arima Onsen, one of the three oldest hot springs in Japan, has the power to ease and relax the body. Kobe has prospered as a port city and is designated as a “Creative City” by UNESCO. The city has an abundance of delicious food including its world-famous “Kobe Beef”. Thanks to its pure mountain spring water and locally grown rice ideal for sake, Kobe is also home to the biggest sake production area in Japan.



#### Key Person

#### Yumiko Nakayama Yutaka Asai

We work in the International Department of the Kobe City Government and are responsible for sister-city relations. Kobe and Seattle are sister-cities and we recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of our relationship in 2017. We welcome you to Kobe, a beautiful city interlaced with traditional and modern cultures.



### 3 Nishinomiya City



Nishinomiya contains within its area of approximately 100km<sup>2</sup>, from north to south :mountains, rivers and ocean. Water filters through the mountains to emerge from a spring where it is known as "Miyamizu." This water gives Nishinomiya's sake a distinctive, clear-cut finish. The yacht harbor in Nishinomiya has a great view of Osaka Bay. In 1962, Kenichi Horie started his voyage from this harbor in a small yacht and succeeded sailing single-handed across the Pacific Ocean.

#### Key Person



#### Kyoko Tanaka

I am the Chairman of Nishinomiya City International Association. As the Honorary Chairman of Nishinomiya Pharmacists Association, I manage my pharmacy while actively participating in many international exchanges. I have visited our sister city Spokane, Washington. I hope you can feel the our warm welcome here in Nishinomiya where we value friendships.

### 4 Takarazuka City



Takarazuka is a city where new blends with old. There are many ancient shrines and temples, such as the Kiyoshi-kojin Seichoji Temple and the Nakayamadera Temple, both of which are registered as National Treasures. Besides being well known for the all-female dance revue, the "Takarazuka Revue", it was also home to the world-renowned manga artist, Osamu Tezuka. We sincerely hope you have a warm and memorable experience during your visit.

#### Key Person



#### Keiko Kato

The City of Augusta, in Georgia, is the sister city of Takarazuka. I am the president of the Takarazuka International Friendship Association (TIFA). I have been involved with volunteer activities for 30 years, striving to contribute to mutual understanding among our different cultures and I am looking forward to seeing you here in Takarazuka.

### 5 Sasayama City



Tamba Sasayama is the birthplace of "Dekansho". The folk tune known as "Dekansho Bushi " has long been sung among the people of Sasayama and has been designated as a Japanese folk culture heritage. Surrounded by mountains and rich nature, the original landscape remains preserved here. There are many local products including black beans, potatoes and chestnuts which have long been produced in this area.

#### Key Person



#### Masayoshi Matsumoto

Dear friends from the USA. My name is Masayoshi Matsumoto, and I hope to contribute to the friendship and peace of these cross-cultural exchanges. Sasayama and Walla Walla, WA have been sister-cities since 1972, and high school students and citizens have been communicating closely. Sasayama has been designated a "Creative City" by UNESCO. Here you can experience history though two heritage sites: the castle remains and the old town center. I look forward to seeing you.

### 6 Tamba City



Tamba City, located in the mid-east of Hyogo prefecture, has rich nature and farmlands. In the early summer, you can see fireflies along the streams. There are many places to visit such as the Kozenji-Temple, Kaibara Jinya historical site and the exhibition of Titanosaurus that was discovered here after laying in the ground for over a million years. Come and experience the nature and history of Japan in Tamba!

#### Key Person



#### Naoki Yamaguchi

I am the Chairman of Tamba City International Relationship Association. About 44 years ago, I traveled around the whole world for a year, visiting more than 50 countries and meeting many people. As I travelled I received so much kindness in so many places during the trip, I continue even now to repay some of that kindness.



## 7 Awaji City



Awaji City is the gateway to Awaji Island through the Akashi Strait Bridge, the world's longest suspension bridge. Bright sunshine and warm weather produce rich and plentiful nature and foods. Awaji is also known as the special island giving a myth about the birth of the land of Japan, called "Kuniumi", and the story was recognized as a Japan Heritage. Our beautiful city fascinates many tourists around the world with seasonal flowers, mountains, ocean, rich foods and historical spots.

### Key Person



#### Mami Ueda Masako Mori

We are in charge of the sister city exchange program with St. Marys, Ohio and supporting foreigners living here at Awaji City International Association (ACIA). We both have lived in the U.S.A and hope to energize Awaji through international interactions. Awaji city located in what so called "the beginning island of Japan" is the connecting city with the mainland Japan. Also we are surrounded with mountains and ocean, blessed with various foods and deep history. Awaji city is looking forward to your visit.



## 8 Kato City



Kato City is brimming with traditional culture, blessed with rich nature and tranquil rice fields. Visitors are often thrilled by the Toryu-nada valley on the Kakogawa-River by the dynamic scenery, unique rocks, fast streams, and waterfalls. You can enjoy the experience of planting "Yamada Nishiki" rice, which is a special rice used for brewing sake. You also visit a sake factory, try out Zen meditation, as well as experiencing koto, tea ceremony, origami and so on. Come to Kato and enjoy nature, age-old traditions, and a glass or two of sake.



### Key Person



#### Yonekazu Hirakawa

I am the Chairman of Kato International Relation Association. Kato City is a sister city of Olympia and Chelan, WA, and Hollister, CA. The association provides exchange events for college students, foreign residents, and other citizens.

We also offer Japanese language classes, English camps for elementary students, Japanese oratorical contests, and more. Sake is becoming popular across the world now, and Kato city area produces "Yamada Nishiki" variety of rice, an important ingredient of sake. We believe that in time Kato will be a famous place for sake, equivalent to Bordeaux and its wines. During your stay, you can experience rice planting. In closing I would like to welcome you to Kato, a city rich in nature.

## 9 Tatsuno City



Tatsuno City is a captivating castle town called the "Little Kyoto of Harima". This town has thick forests, gently sloping beaches well-known across Japan, and a science park that encourages innovative technologies. It boasts a range of high quality, locally made products known around the country, such as soy sauce, somen-noodles, and leather goods. We are sure you will enjoy our beautiful scenery, cuisine and more. We look forward to seeing you.



### Key Person



#### Tsuyuko Majima

I am the Chairman of Tatsuno International Association (TIA). TIA is a voluntary organization which aims to inspire multicultural cooperation and mutual understanding by assisting foreign residents with Japanese language study and social support. Tatsuno City, my hometown, has rich nature with mountains, the Ibo-river and its clear water, and the Seto inland sea. I look forward to welcoming you to the city I love: Tatsuno.

## 10 Asago City

Asago City, located near the center of Hyogo Prefecture, has rich nature and many historical heritage sites: ancient tombs, the Takeda Castle-site (also known as Japan's Machu Pichu), and Ikuno Ginzan, where French engineers participated in activities at the Mikobata silver ore processing site. Two years ago, this spot was designated a national heritage site. Known for producing many artists, Asago City and the Asago Art Museum promote the town's revitalization and the development of a close-knit community, through art.



### Key Person



#### Hidetoshi Inoue

I am the Chairman of the Asago City International Relationship Association. Every year we run a range of exchange programs between Oregon in the US, Canada, France and China. Takeda Castle, presented by Google as a "sky castle", is a truly fantastic place. I would like to show you around the town and give you a taste of our hospitality. I look forward to seeing you.



# Closing Ceremony & Farewell Reception

**June 30 Sun.**

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Reception will be held at Awaji Yumebutai, the majestic look of this unique complex which is designed by internationally acclaimed architect Tadao Ando, holds a high quality conference center and the Westin Awaji. The world's longest suspension bridge leads you to "Yumebutai – A stage of Dreams" on beautiful Awaji Island.

## Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center

Address: 1 Yumebutai, Awaji City, Hyogo 656-2306 Japan

Tel: +1-799-74-1020

<http://www.yumebutai.org/english/index.html>

## Post Summit Optional Program **July 1 Mon.**

### PROGRAM WITH HOMESTAY \* Host families are all un-paid volunteers.

#### OP 1 **Kyoto Homestay, and Tokyo \$740.00** (2 night homestay in Kyoto and 1 night hotel stay in Tokyo)

**Maximum number of participants: 15**



Kinkaku-ji



Maikos

Coordinated by



**Yoshie Nakayama**

Kyoto is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations. Come see the city with your host families and volunteers. In Tokyo, enjoy exploring on your own.

**July 1 (Mon.)** Depart Awaji for Kyoto by train with a volunteer  
Meet volunteers at Kyoto station  
Kyoto Gion Corner experience [\[ Homestay in Kyoto \]](#)

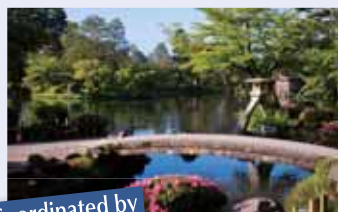
**July 2 (Tue.)** Sightseeing and potluck party at night [\[ Homestay in Kyoto \]](#)

**July 3 (Wed.)** Depart Kyoto for Itami airport by bus  
Fly to Haneda (Tokyo) airport  
Move to Shinagawa Prince Hotel by bus and train  
[\[ Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel \]](#)

**July 4 (Thu.)** Move to Narita with Airport Limousine Bus  
Depart Narita for the U.S.

#### OP 2 **Kanazawa & Noto Homestay, and Tokyo \$890.00** **Maximum number of participants: 10** (2 night homestay in Kanazawa, 2 night homestay in Noto, and 1 night hotel stay in Tokyo)

Participation fee includes all transportation, admission to selected Kanazawa monuments, and hotel room and breakfast in Tokyo. Host family serves you meals when you are at their home. The Tokyo portion does not include a guide. The fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Tokyo. If you prefer a single room, add \$90.



Kanazawa Kenrokuen Garden



Shioyone Rice Fields in Noto

Coordinated by



**Shinobu Uogishi and her friends**

Kanazawa is located in the center of Honshu facing the Sea of Japan, and is the center of the government, economy, and culture of the Ishikawa prefecture. Noto Peninsula is known for its beautiful coastal scenery and was the host location of the 2007 Grassroots Summit.

**July 1 (Mon.)** Depart Awaji for Kanazawa by train with a volunteer  
Arrive in Kanazawa and meet host family  
[\[ Homestay in Kanazawa \]](#)

**July 2 (Tue.)** Sightseeing in Kanazawa [\[ Homestay in Kanazawa \]](#)

**July 3 (Wed.)** Move to Noto by train with a volunteer  
Sightseeing in Noto and meet host family [\[ Homestay in Noto \]](#)

**July 4 (Thu.)** Sightseeing in Noto [\[ Homestay in Noto \]](#)

**July 5 (Fri.)** Fly to Haneda (Tokyo) airport from Noto airport  
Sightseeing in Tokyo  
[\[ Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel \]](#)

**July 6 (Sat.)** Move to Narita with Airport Limousine Bus  
Depart Narita for the U.S.





After the Grassroots Summit in Hyogo-Himeji, you can extend your stay in Japan to discover more and make friends in other regions!  
 \* All participation fees include air ticket price difference, deviating from the original flight back to the U.S. as a group.

## FREE PROGRAM \*The Free Programs do not include a guide. This is your time to explore on your own.

### OP 3 Kyoto Free Time **\$760.00** (3 night hotel stay in Kyoto)

Participation fee includes transportation (described below), hotel and breakfast.

The fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Kyoto. If you prefer a single room, add \$90 for 3 nights.



Kiyomizudera Temple



Fushimi Inari Shrine

- July 1 (Mon.) Depart Awaji for Kyoto by train  
Free in Kyoto  
[\[ Stay at Ibis Styles Kyoto Station Hotel \]](#)
- July 2 (Tue.) Free in Kyoto  
[\[ Stay at Ibis Styles Kyoto Station Hotel \]](#)
- July 3 (Wed.) Free in Kyoto  
[\[ Stay at Ibis Styles Kyoto Station Hotel \]](#)
- July 4 (Thu.) Move to Itami airport from Kyoto station  
Fly to Haneda or Narita airport  
Depart Haneda or Narita for the U.S.

### OP 4 Tokyo Free Time **\$900.00** (3 night hotel stay in Tokyo)

Transportation described below, hotel room and breakfast are included.

The fee is based on double occupancy of the hotel room in Tokyo. If you prefer a single room, add \$270 for 3 nights.



Shibuya Scramble Crossing



Ginza Town

- July 1 (Mon.) Depart Awaji for Itami airport by bus  
Fly to Haneda (Tokyo)  
Free in Tokyo  
[\[ Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel \]](#)
- July 2 (Tue.) Free in Tokyo  
[\[ Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel \]](#)
- July 3 (Wed.) Free in Tokyo  
[\[ Stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel \]](#)
- July 4 (Thu.) Move to Narita with Airport Limousine Bus  
Depart Narita for the U.S.



# Packaged Participation Fee

Cities	Early Bird (by March 31)	Regular Price
Los Angeles Seattle	<b>\$2,490</b>	\$2,640
Dallas Phoenix Colorado Springs	<b>\$2,590</b>	\$2,740
Atlanta Washington DC New York	<b>\$2,690</b>	\$2,840

## The listed prices do **NOT** include

- Airline taxes and fuel surcharge  
(FYI: As of Aug. 2018, fuel surcharge & taxes are \$385 for the round trip between JFK/LAX and Osaka Itami.)
- 4% credit card processing fee
- Hotel single supplement surcharge
- Optional tour during and after the Summit program

## The listed prices **include**

- Round trip transportation between the listed cities (left) and Hyogo, including international & domestic airfares and bus cost  
(Please contact with Nippon Travel Agency about the departure from other cities)
- Hotel accommodation in Hyogo based on the double occupancy
- Bento box dinner on 6/25
- All breakfast in Hyogo
- Most of the meals during Local Session
- All transportation in Japan during the Summit period
- All participation, administration and handling costs for the Summit
- \* Opening and Closing ceremonies & receptions are invitation by Himeji City and Hyogo Prefectural Governments.

# Important Information

## 1. Youth Discount

- Children, 3 - 11 years old  
**\$150 discount (Early Bird discount also applicable)**
- Students, 12 - 25 years old  
**\$100 discount (Early Bird discount also applicable)**
- Infants, 0 - 2 years old **\$300 for all costs**

## 2. Hotel Rooms

- Listed prices are based on double occupancy. Unless otherwise requested, another participant may share a room with you.
  - Please indicate in the application form if single occupancy is required.
- Single Supplement Surcharge: \$100 for 3 nights**

## 3. Any changes to your schedule made after the deadline will incur a substantial penalty

## 4. Application Deadline: May 5, 2019

## 5. How to Register

The online application is available starting mid-October 2018. Visit the following website and click on the Hyogo-Himeji Grassroots Summit page.

Or, send the application form and photocopy of your passport to the NTA office (below). Upon receipt of your application, NTA will send you an acknowledgement letter with cancellation policy and other guidance.

**<http://www.manjiro.or.jp/e>**

## 6. Credit Processing Fee

Payment by credit card will incur a 4% handling charge.

## 7. All participants are required to accept responsibility for travel and medical insurance and for payment and/or reimbursement of any medical/surgical expenses incurred.

# Contact

Regarding Travel

## Nippon Travel Agency America, Inc. (Greater Los Angeles Branch)

Mr. Kevin Cowen/Ms. Yoko Adachi

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Tel: 1-310-630-0898

Email: [grassroots@ntaamerica.com](mailto:grassroots@ntaamerica.com)

Regarding the Summit Program

## CIE-US

(C/O National Association of Japan America Societies)

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