

**Outline of
The FY 2019 Community Core Leaders Development Program**

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1. Objectives

In order to build a ‘cohesive society’ community where each diverse individual puts one’s own abilities to good use, actively participates in society and supports each other, enrichment of endeavor by various actors such as resident, non-profit organization and administrative body is essential.

Community Core Leaders Development Program aims at development of practical operation and management capability necessary for non-profit organization management, coordination with related organizations and constructing human networks, by conducting sending and inviting programs for young professionals in those fields of older people, persons with disabilities and youth, encouraging to interact among those who try to solve similar issues in respective areas.

2. Outline

(1) Structure

The program consists of the Sending of Japanese Youth Program and the Invitation of Foreign Youth Program in which participants of both programs partake in activities of the fields below in the countries to be visited and Japan, respectively, under the common themes:

Field of Older People: “Necessary cooperation for supporting independence of older people in local community”

Field of Persons with Disabilities: “Further enhancement of social participation of persons with disabilities in local community”

Field of Youth: “Development of human resource to support growth of children and young people”

(2) Sending of Japanese Youth Program

A. Countries to be visited and number of Japanese Youths: three countries, 27 participants in total

Kingdom of the Netherlands (hereafter referred to as ‘Netherlands’):

1 delegation leader and 8 participants who are engaged in activities for Older People

Italian Republic (hereafter referred to as ‘Italy’):

1 delegation leader and 8 participants who are engaged in activities for Persons with Disabilities

Republic of Finland (hereafter referred to as ‘Finland’):

1 delegation leader and 8 participants who are engaged in activities for Youth

B. Duration of Program

10 days from Friday, 15th to Sunday, 24th November, 2019 (inclusive of the days of departure from, and return to, Japan)

C. Activities in Countries to be visited

The missions shall visit facility/organization relevant to the fields of delegates’ specializations, have discussions, and homestay (or home visit).

(3) Invitation of Foreign Youth Program

A. Countries and number of invitees: 27 participants from 3 countries in total

Netherlands: 3 participants for each field (delegation leader chosen in the field of Older People), total 9 invitees

Italy: 3 participants for each field (delegation leader chosen in the field of Persons with Disabilities), total 9 invitees

Finland: 3 participants for each field (delegation leader chosen in the field of Youth), total 9 invitees

B. Duration of the Program (length of stay in Japan)

15 days from Tuesday, 26th November to Tuesday, 10th December, 2019 (inclusive of the days of arrival to, and departure from, Japan)

C. Activities in Japan

a. Tokyo Program

NPO Management Forum (Wednesday 27th November to Sunday 30th December, 3-night 4-day discussion session with Japanese participants of Sending of Japanese Youth Program)

b. Regional Program (by field, Older People: Shimane Prefecture, Persons with Disabilities: Ishikawa Prefecture, Youth: Kagoshima Prefecture, from Tuesday, 3rd to Sunday, 8th December, 2019):

Facility/organization visit to observe social activities in communities

Local Seminar to discuss with local professional youths of the respective specialized fields

Homestay

(4) Criteria for the Selection of Participant (including Delegation Leader)

Age between 23 and 40 years old principally (Delegation Leader can be 40+) with more than 3-years of experience in social activities in the fields of Older People, Persons with Disabilities or Youth.

Currently manages / has managed a non-profit organization (s) or has a strong desire to do so in the future.

Fluent in English

Capable of working in groups under discipline, following the planned program, participating in all activities throughout the program and utilizing the experience of the program for the future enhancement of his/her activities

Delegation Leader holds capability to lead other participants according to the Program plan.

(5) Expense

The Cabinet Office, Government of Japan shall bear the cost of economy class round trip airfare (excluding excess baggage charges) for the participants between Japan and the countries to be visited/invited, as well as the accommodation and local transportation fee according to the prescribed itinerary for the duration of the program.

Participants shall bear the expenses for travel from his/her residence to the designated international airport, medical, surgical treatments, hospital fees, and personal expenses or other expenses incurred for personal need. Participants shall bear any expense paid for him/her under this program if he/she is disqualified due to his/her misbehavior as a participant of this program.

Expenses for a person accompanying a participant in need of assistance shall be borne by the invitee him/herself or his/her respective government.

(6) Others

Participants are to submit reports (in English or Japanese) on the challenges of social activities in Japan, as well as proposals to improve these challenges, to the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.