

32 U.S. High School Students Visit Japan for Language Training **In Memory of Two Young JET Participants Who Lost Their Lives on March 11**

Two American JET participants – Ms. Taylor Anderson (Ishinomaki City, From Virginia) and Mr. Montgomery Dickson (Rikuzen Takada City, From Alaska) – lost their lives during the Tohoku Earthquake in Japan, a country which they loved. To commemorate their work, 32 U.S. high school students will experience various cultural exchange opportunities and receive intensive Japanese language training during a 10 day trip to Japan this summer.

In order to nurture future generation of Americans in Japan-U.S. relations, the Japan Foundation with the cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will continue to implement this program for the next five years.

- **Period:** Tuesday, July 19th, 2011 – Thursday, July 28th, 2011 (10 Day Period)

During their stay, participants will spend the majority of their time training at the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (Osaka). They will also have the opportunity to participate in exchange sessions with students at a high school in Osaka and JET participants as well as a planned day trip to a high School in Iwate. The participating high school students will come from all over the country to meet in San Francisco for a one day orientation before departing for Kansai International Airport. In addition to training workshops and one day trip to Kyoto to facilitate the understanding of Japanese language, culture, and society, students will also have the option of participating in a day visit to Iwata High School in the Tohoku area for exchange opportunities.

- **About Students:** 32 Individuals

Applicants were required to be U.S. Citizen in 11th or 12th grade, who have studied Japanese for at least two years with a GPA of at least 3.5 in Japanese and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 with no prior experience staying in Japan. From 276 applicants from all over the United States, including Guam, Hawaii, and Alaska, 12 male and 20 female finalists were selected.

***Regarding Pre-Departure Press Coverage**

Date | Sunday Evening, July 17th, 2011

Location | In San Francisco (exact place to be announced)

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