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Focus on Japan 2007 website invites participants

www.tjf.or.jp/focusonjapan/

TJF opened a new page on its website with information about the "Focus on Japan 2007" program and forms for applying for participation. Eight high school students from overseas will be invited to Japan to participate in a photo-essay project in collaboration with eight Japanese high school students in August 2007. Participants will visit one prefecture in Japan (either Miyagi, Tokyo, Osaka, or Hiroshima), meet and spend time with local high school students, interact with local people, and photographically portray them and their daily lives. They will then work with their Japanese teammates to compile a joint photographic account of the places they visited.

Application Guidelines

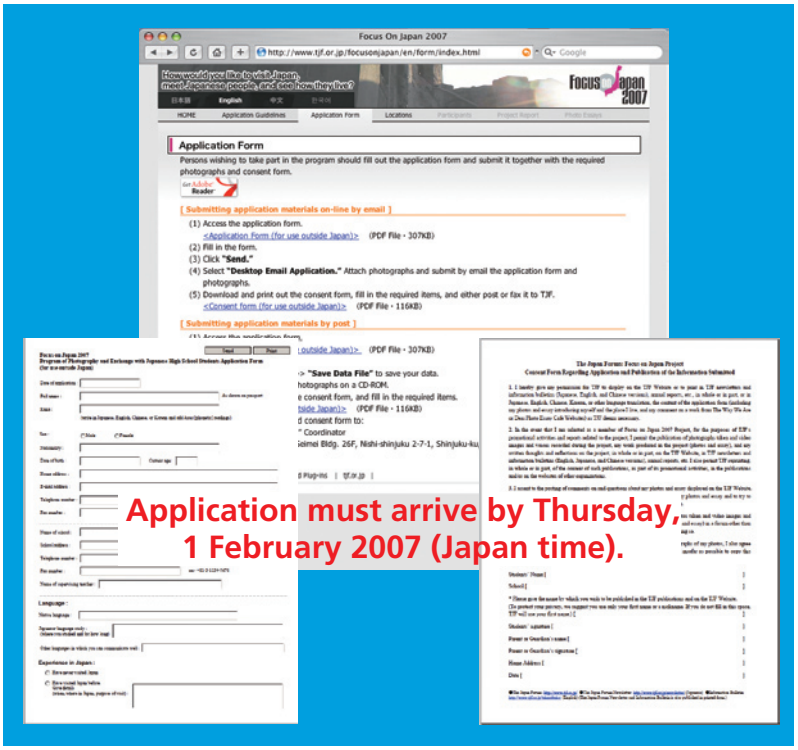
Please check the website for details of the program guidelines, information on eligibility, and schedule. For further information, please contact us at focusonjapan@tjf.or.jp.

Locations

You can get an idea of the areas to be visited by reading the text and captions and looking at the photos posted on the website by the high school photograph club for each of the four locations.

Application Procedure

Persons wishing to take part in the program should fill out the application form and submit it together with the required photographs and consent form. In filling out the application form, applicants may write in either Japanese, English, Chinese, or Korean, and may use a combination of two or more of these languages if they prefer.

The application form is available on the TJF website. Applicants must access, fill in, and submit the form. Successful applicants will be selected on the basis of screening of the following items to be included in and attached to the completed application form:

1. Ideas for a photography project
2. Essay and photographs about yourself and where you live
3. Commentary on a photo essay from either the website The Way We Are (photo essays by Japanese high school students about their peers) or the website Photo Essay Cafe (self-introductory photo essays by high school students from around the world)