

KAKEHASHI Project -Building Bridge between High School Students in Japan and Asia-

Speech by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the banquet of the 23rd International Conference on 'The Future of Asia' on Monday, June 5, 2017 stated that Japan will provide opportunities for Asian high school students studying Japanese to live in Japan for ten months at a scale of 1,000 students over the next five years.

http://japan.kantei.go.jp/97_abe/statement/201706/1222768_11579.html



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AFS Intercultural Programs, Japan was recently appointed to implement the KAKEHASHI Project in collaboration with AFS Partner organizations and NGOs in Asia from 2018 to 2022.

■ Content:

- ✓ Invite high school students in Asia to study in Japan for 6-10 months
- ✓ Study in Japanese high school while staying with host family or in the dormitory
- ✓ Exposure to Japanese culture, local communities and industries
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■ Annual Participants' Numbers:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prospective Number	100	200	200	250	250

KAKEHASHI Project 2018

- **Duration:** Aug. 22, 2018 – Feb.16, 2019 *program end date is subject to change
- **Content:** Local high school experiences with dormitory-stay or homestay
- **Fees:** Sponsored by the Japanese Government.
- **Support:** AFS Intercultural Programs, Japan is responsible for the support of participants during their experience and the AFS Partner organizations/NGOs in charge of each sending country are responsible for the pre-experience support of participants under the AFS policies and guidelines.
- **Application:** Application deadline for 2018 program is decided by each sending organization.
- **Criteria:** High school students from 15.5 to 17.4 in age with date of birth between April 22, 2001 and March 22, 2003 to be accepted in Japanese high school. Financially needed, academically highly motivate, top-quartile student who studies to be a future leader in sending country. Japanese learner or eager learner who is motivated to build bridge between the sending country and Japan.