2007 NIHONGO SUMMIT : Peace – Across Ethnic Boundaries
CALL FOR PANELLISTS!!

The Japan Return Programme (JRP), NPO is selecting panellists from among young foreign people throughout the world who have studied Japanese, and inviting them to Japan. The panellists at the Nihongo Summit represent their countries. They have discussions with Japanese students, homestay, and experience Japanese traditional culture. (In the last 8 Nihongo Summits we have invited 110 panellists from 98 countries.)

■ Duration/Schedule
About 35 days from middle of June to middle of July in Ishikawa and Tokyo (planned)

■ Panellist Qualifications
Junior Category: Those whose ages are 15 to 19 as of 30th June 2007
Senior Category: Those whose ages are 20 to 27 as of 30th June 2007

1) Senior high school/university/college students (as of the date of arrival in Japan), or those who are enrolled at a Japanese language school equivalent to the former (which provides a dedicated instructor and can issue a certificate of enrollment).
2) Those whose parents are not both Japanese (including one with former Japanese nationality).
3) Those who have lived in Japan for a short period of time, and who have no plan to visit Japan prior to Nihongo Summit.
4) Those who have sufficient knowledge of Japanese to write the assigned essay in kanji and kana, and to participate in oral discussion (e.g. the third grade of the Japanese Proficiency Test or equivalent level).
5) Those who are able to participate in the entire schedule of this Programme.
6) Those who are both mentally and physically healthy enough to participate in the full schedule in Japanese and keep a daily log.

■ Assigned Essay (for the 1st Selection)
[Junior Category]
- Assigned essay in Japanese, under the theme of “Peace – Across Ethnic Boundaries”, in your own handwriting in pen in less than 1,600 characters.
- Application documents specified by the JRP.
- Duplicate of a few pages of the Japanese language textbook, which you are currently using.

[Senior Category]
- Assigned proposal with novel and flexible ideas, in Japanese, under the theme of “Peace – Across Ethnic Boundaries”, in a minimum of three and maximum of five A4 pages (@1,600 characters per page). It should be submitted as hard copy plus either a floppy disk or CDR.
- Your self-introduction (about 400 characters in your own handwriting)
- Application documents specified by the JRP.
- Duplicate of a few pages of the Japanese language textbook, which you are currently using.

1) 1st Selection Dead Line: The application form for the 1st selection must be received by the Secretariat no later than: 31st October (Tue), 2006  (Announcement of the 1st selection results: Middle of November)
2) 2nd Selection: Please submit a three-minute summary of your presentation of the essay, which has passed the 1st selection, with sound and images using videotape (VHS), Mini DV or CDR format.
3) 2nd Selection Dead Line: The application form for the 2nd selection must be received by the Secretariat no later than: 8th December (Fri), 2006  (The names of panellists will be announced in late-January 2007)

* Please visit “Call for Panellists” at http://www.bna.co.jp/jrp/ to check expenses and application procedures.

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