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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE **2018 ASTA Science Teachers** **in JAPAN Delegation**

Absorb the rich culture, improve your intercultural understanding and forge new professional connections with organisations and individuals.

In October 2018 ASTA will be taking a delegation of passionate science teachers to JAPAN. The delegation will depart Sydney on Friday 28 September and return to Sydney on Saturday 6 October 2018.

Our new partnership with G.E.T. Educational Tours has allowed ASTA to review and redevelop the itinerary with some additional exciting experiences, never before offered.

ASTA is offering science teachers (primary or secondary) the opportunity to be a part of this delegation. Delegates will have the opportunity to observe Japanese primary and secondary science classes and lead classes of their own (with an interpreter) as a guest teacher. Delegates will also take part in forums with Japanese teachers to exchange ideas and practices and discuss the differences and similarities between Japanese and Australian science education.

The 2018 tour will include:

- A personalised tour of the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation – MIRAikan
- A visit to Japanese icons – The Sensoji Temple and the Sky Tower
- Visit to Tsukuba Science City
- A visit to the Sony Science Teachers Association (SSTA) member schools
- A visit to Sony Corporation's exclusive showroom (not open to the public)

Flights to and from Japan (ex Sydney International Airport) travel, accommodation and meals in Japan are included in this package. Delegates will be required to meet their costs to travel to and from Sydney airport and make a one-off \$1,400 contribution plus GST towards the overall costs. Teacher contributions of \$1,400 plus GST are tax deductible and must be paid prior to departure.

To apply, fill in the attached application form and submit it to delese@asta.edu.au by Friday 20 July.

ALL enquiries should be directed to Delese Brewster at delese@asta.edu.au or (02) 6282 9377.



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2018 ASTA Science Teachers in JAPAN Delegation APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

School you teach at:

Where did you hear about the Science Teachers Exchange to Japan?

Are you a member of your State or Territory Science Teachers Association?

- ☐ No ☐ SEA*ACT ☐ SASTA ☐ STAQ ☐ STANT
☐ STAV ☐ STAWA ☐ STANT ☐ STAT

Demonstrate how this exchange with Japanese schools will support and enhance your capacity to engage and motivate your students. (200 words max)

Describe your current level of engagement with your school community and broader teacher networks (including online) and outline initiatives that you could put in place to share your Japan experience with these networks during and after the visit. (200 words max)

Please outline your proficiency with social media and detail how you will use this communication media to promote the Japan exchange. (200 words max)

Please provide a sample one-page lesson outline that you would like to present to Japanese students. Your lesson should focus on a simple science concept that includes hands-on activities. While the lessons are 1 hour in duration, your teaching time (with translation and student questions) will be limited to 40 minutes. Aim your lesson at Year 7 science.

Please provide a name, position and a contact email and/or mobile phone number of a person that could act as a referee in support of your application. It is preferable, but not essential, that this person is a member of your local science teachers' association.

Have you previously been to Japan to attend a professional development tour?

Do you intend leading and conducting a STEM tour to Japan in the future and if so in what time frame?

Are you interested in leading and conducting a STEM tour to any other destinations in Australia or internationally?

Applications close at 5pm (AEST) Friday, 20 July 2018.

Before submitting, please confirm the following:

- ☐ I am available to travel to Japan from 28 September-6 October 2018.
- ☐ I understand that I am responsible for my own travel costs to and from Sydney airport.
- ☐ I am able to pay the one-off \$1,400 plus GST contribution towards expenses.