

Exchange Program in Shakotan Town (2-day program)

HIECC, Hokkaido International Exchange & Cooperation Center, proudly announces that we are now looking out for international students to join an exchange program, which will be held in Shakotan-town (near Otaru city) from November 21st to 22nd. This is a 2-day program, and free of charge to join.

There are (1) **6 seats opening for international students who are fluent in Japanese,** and
(2) **3 seats opening for international students who are fluent in English.**

*3 students shown in (2) go to a Junior high school during a school visit, and the program will proceed mainly in English.

The main purpose of this program is to promote international understandings for both local children in



Shakotan Town and for you. You will be asked to introduce yourselves and your country during a school visit. The reason we need 6 students who can speak Japanese language is that you will be alone without interpreters during a school visit program, so at least daily conversation skills are necessary for you to communicate with children while the program. (If you go to a junior high school, you will communicate with students in English and English teachers will be assisting you when necessary.)

We will have **a program orientation** for the selected participants at HIECC office (near Hokkaido Prefectural Govt. bldg.) on Wednesday of the **November 11th starting at 18:00**. (*The result will be announced to applicants in the middle of October by E-mail.)

Shakotan Town is famous for beautiful ocean and delicious sea foods. Please don't hesitate to apply for this program, since it is designed to have fun. Furthermore, it might be a unique experience to take a look at one of the rural areas in Hokkaido. We do look forward to having you in this program!!!

[Programs (tentative)]

Saturday, November 21		Sunday, November 22	
12:00	Leaving Sapporo Sta. area	7:30	Breakfast
14:00	Arriving at Shakotan-town	8:45	Checking-out Guest house
14:30	Town tour (Shimamui Sea shore, Onsen experience etc.)	9:30~14:00	<u>School Visit</u> @elementary or junior high schools *You will be separated to attend the school visit program one by one.
17:30	Checking-in Guest House	15:00	Leaving Shakotan-town
18:00	Dinner	17:00	Arriving at Sapporo Sta. area
19:00	Exchange with staffs of board of education of Shakotan town		

*Schedule is subject to change.

- Please apply for the program **by October 13rd (Tue.)**
 - *This is NOT first-come, first-served basis. The organizer will decide participants upon the requests from school sides.
- When you apply, please give us the following information; 1 your name; 2 country; 3 age; 4 male/female; 5 major; 6 Japanese level; 7 food restrictions or concerns.
- Please avoid making any sudden cancellation after you are chosen, since children will start all the preparation to welcome you.
- Please contact MATSUI for further information.

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