

Dear all,

We were wondering if you are interested in participating in a study tour to a city of Matsuyama and Ehime University in January 2017.

Tour title: Exploring Japanese culture, history and education through Japanese literature

Tentative Date: Jan. 3 – 16, 2017 (Approximately 12 days)

Place: Matsuyama & Ehime University, Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku Island.

This is the third time for Ehime University to host Sac State students. The purpose of this study tour is first to learn about Natsume Soseki's literature "Botchan (1906)" and work of the famous poem writer, Masaoka Shiki in Matsuyama city – a town of literature (文学の町). We will meet Soseki and Shiki experts at Ehime University. We will also visit Dogo Hot Spring, one of the oldest Japanese hot spring, Matsuyama castle, and more. If it can be arranged, we will also have a day trip to Hiroshima and Miyajima. Secondly, we will get to know students in Ehime University and communicate actively in both Japanese and English. You will stay at a guesthouse as a group, but you may have an opportunity to participate in a weekend homestay (still under negotiation). This year Prof. Masuyama is unable to lead the trip, so the trip will be lead by Prof. Dym. For more information, please see last year's program: <http://www.csus.edu/indiv/m/masuyama/botchan-matsuyama.html>.

< Cost >

All participants will be responsible for airfare from Sacramento to Japan; travel insurance; and personal expenses. Program fee (including living cost): approximately \$600.00.

< Selection for participants >

Please fill out an application form (see the attached form) and submit a one-page essay on—"Why I want to participate in this trip to Matsuyama"— by **Tuesday, October 11 at 11:59PM**. We begin the selection process right away and complete the selection of students by October 17, 2016.

<Tentative program – subject to change>

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Jan 3, 2017	Leave for Japan
Jan 4	Arrive Matsuyama, transfer to Share house
Jan 5	Program orientation, campus tour, get bicycles, Matsuyama castle (Afternoon), Welcome dinner/nabe party with ESS students
Jan 6 – 8	Homestay and participate in a local Coming-of-Age ceremony
Jan 9	Tea ceremony
Jan 10	Visit a town of Uchiko, Paper making, Kabuki theatre
Jan 11	Article 9 discussion, Meet with people in the community
Jan 12	Dogo Oshiki Museum, Dogo Onsen, Ishite Temple
Jan 13	still planning
Jan 14	Hiroshima/Miyajima tour
Jan 15	Free time
Jan 16	Leave for Tokyo/Sacramento

< Applicants >

For the 2017 program, anyone who is interested in Japanese language, history, and culture can apply for this program this year. However, we strongly recommend that applicants should have basic Japanese language skills (at least JAPN1A).

The following set of criteria will be used for the selection for scholarship if it is available.

- Those who minor in Japanese
- Those who demonstrate the leadership in promoting Japanese language and culture learning
- Those willing to promote Japanese language and culture learning at Sac State upon their return
- Academic excellence (e.g., GPA)

If you are interested in this study tour, please send your application form and the one-page essay to Prof. Jeffrey Dym (dym@csus.edu) by **Tuesday, October 11 at 11:59PM**. Prof. Dym and all of the Japanese instructors will participate in the selection process.

Lastly, those who participate in Matsuyama Program must agree to present their experience at a Japan Club meeting, in JAPN120, or on Japan Day.

Yours,

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Application Form for Matsuyama, January 2017

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Personal Information

Country of Citizenship: _____ Visa Status (if not a U.S. citizen): _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Academic Status

_ Freshman _ Sophomore _ Junior _ Senior GPA (cumulative): _____

Major: _____ Specialty within major/field: _____

Minor: _____

Japanese (if taken, check ___ and indicate your grade)

_ JAPN1A (Grade ___) _ JAPN1B (Grade ___) _ JAPN2A (Grade ___) _ JAPN2B (Grade ___)
_ JAPN116A (Grade ___) _ JAPN116B (Grade ___) _ JAPN110 (Grade ___) _ JAPN150 (Grade ___)
_ JAPN120 (Grade ___)

Have you taken Japanese history classes or any other relevant courses to learn about Japan?

Please explain briefly what you have done to promote Japanese language and culture learning.

Name: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

The information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I agree to present their experience at Japan Club meeting, JAPN120, or Japan Day.

Signature _____ Date _____