

# MIRAI VISITING JAPAN PROGRAM

## Letter of Understanding

In agreeing to participate in Japan's Friendship Ties Programs, MIRAI (hereafter referred to as "the Program"), I agree and consent to the following terms and conditions as determined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA), and the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Program Organizers").

### 1. Infectious disease related points for the Program

To prevent the spread of infectious disease infection, I fully understand and accept the following regulations and measures:

#### <Prior to departure for Japan>

- I understand that I am responsible for any costs associated with disease testing, vaccination or certification before entering or departing Japan, if such measures are required.
- In the case of an infectious disease outbreak, I will take appropriate infection control measures for fourteen (14) days before departure for Japan, such as reducing close contact with others or wearing a mask when attending large-scale assemblies.

#### <During the Program period in Japan in general>

- I will take the following actions to prevent the spread of infection:  
**(1) Wear a mask when requested, (2) Wash my hands thoroughly, (3) Avoid closed spaces, crowded spaces, and close-contact settings (the "three Cs").**
- I will follow the instructions of the Program Organizers who will accompany me during my stay in Japan.
- The Program Organizers will give me detailed instructions on when to wear a mask and when I can take it off, and I will abide by these instructions.

#### <During the Program period in Japan if I develop symptoms>

- In the case that I develop symptoms, or come into close contact with any positive cases during the Program, I will immediately report this to the Program Organizers and I will follow directions provided by the Organizers or relevant bodies.
- I understand that if I contract an infectious disease or come into close contact with an unwell person during the Program, I may be required to stop participating in the Program as soon as possible and be placed in self-isolation in accordance with the instructions given by the Program Organizers or relevant bodies. I also understand that my date of return may be delayed depending on my symptoms.

### 2. General points for the Program

- I have read and fully understand and accept the Application Guidelines.
- I fully understand the "Mandatory Assignments for All Participants". I will share and spread my experience in the Program after returning to my home country, fill out questionnaires, and report on my post-program activities (submission of After-Action Report).
- I understand that my name, pictures, and recordings of me taken during the Program and associated events may be used for reporting purposes, on the Program Organizers' websites and social media feeds, in promotional materials related to the Program, or in meetings.
- I understand that I may be contacted by the Program Organizers following my participation in the Program with relation to activities associated with the Program including, but not limited to, MIRAI alumni events.
- I certify that I filled out the Entry Form myself and that my entries and declaration are true and correct without any omissions.
- I will provide a copy of my valid passport to the organizing staff.
- If my citizenship requires a visa to enter Japan, I am responsible for physically retrieving the visa from the closest Japanese consulate or embassy to my residence.
- I am fully responsible for the arrangement, expenses, methods, and safety of transportation to/from my

residence to/from the designated international airport to be used for the Program, and I do not question the responsibility of MOFA, the Program Organizers, or associated subcontractors.

- I am fully responsible for any and all costs associated with cancellations or changes in travel arrangements that I initiate. Such costs may include but are not limited to, international flights, domestic transportation, and accommodation. I understand I must pay the costs immediately upon demand, in accordance with the instructions provided by the Program Organizers. Exceptions may be made in case of a medical or other emergency upon presentation of a medical certificate and/or other documentation, and at the discretion of the Program Organizers.
- The Program Organizers reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary, transportation, accommodation, or any other arrangements without notice or reason.
- The Program Organizers, associated subcontractors, and cooperative organizations, including their staff and employees, are not and will not be held liable for any injury, accident, illness, loss or damage to personal property, or other contingencies, which may occur during or in connection with my participation in the Program, and are released from any and all claims, liabilities, actions, and causes of action against them, except in the case of gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- The Program Organizers, associated subcontractors, and cooperative organizations, including their staff and employees, will not be held liable for any actions or negligence by any third parties including, but not limited to, commercial airlines, railroads, chartered bus providers, hotels, and restaurants.
- Costs that are not explicitly included in the Program are my own responsibility. Any and all costs I incur during or in connection with the Program are my own responsibility including, but not limited to, expenses for medical/dental treatment, replacement of a lost passport or personal articles, or other personal expenditures (e.g., personal purchases, telephone or internet charges), except for those covered by the travel insurance provided by the Program Organizers. I understand I must immediately pay these expenses myself when necessary.
- The Program Organizers may remove me from the Program at any time for reasons they deem appropriate and necessary, including, but not limited to, my violation of the Terms and Conditions or this Letter of Understanding, or my attitude or behavior. I am fully responsible for the expenses incurred for such removal and I will pay the expenses immediately upon demand in accordance with the instructions provided by the Program Organizers.
- I understand I must participate in all scheduled activities in the official program, and that missing lectures, meetings, visits, meals, or any fixed programming are not permitted for any reason, including professional or academic opportunities or obligations, or a personal preference for other activities. I am fully responsible for any costs associated with missing elements of the official program. Such costs may include but are not limited to, admission fees, prepaid meal costs, domestic transportation or accommodations, or international flights. I understand I must immediately reimburse the Program Organizers for these costs upon demand in accordance with the instructions they provide.
- I understand that no one, including family or friends, is allowed to accompany me or my group in the Program even if they pay the travel costs by themselves.
- I must abide by and adhere to Japanese laws and regulations, and follow the instructions and rules given by the Program Organizers and their agents throughout the Program. I agree to comply with instructions provided by the Program Organizers which may not be required by law, but which the Program Organizers determine to be necessary for the safety and well-being of myself and others.

**By signing this Letter of Understanding, I agree to participate in MIRAI and certify that I have read and understand and consent to all of the foregoing.**

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Print Name of Participant

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Signature of Participant

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Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

\* Kindly scan **all pages** of the letter of understanding after signing and upload them to the designated Application Form for MIRAI.