



JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

YOUNG BUDDHIST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE (YBICSE)

JULY 10-22, 2017

Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan

*Visiting Jodo Shinshu historical sites including the Hongwanji (mother temple) in Kyoto
Fellowship with new friends from US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan
Homestay Program*

*Learn & experience Japanese Culture
Share joy of living in the Nembutsu Teachings
Many other life-changing experiences
Minister Chaperone: Reverend Tomo Hojo*

Candidate Qualification

*A person who appreciate the Jodo Shin Buddhism
A Person who is currently in 9th grade through age 25
In good health*

**Fifteen (15) delegates will be selected.*

Registration Fee: \$1,600.00

**Rest of the travel expense will be covered by Hongwanji
*Some meals and other personal expenses are not included
Inter-island airfare within Hawaii is not included



For any questions, please contact;
Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
hqs@honpahi.org / (808) 522-9200

YBICSE Application and Selection Process

1. Submit the following documents by **April 30, 2017**:

Documents	How to submit?
Application Form	Go to https://goo.gl/forms/y1jKL3uND6p1ylrk1 and submit the application online
Bio	Email to hqs@honpahi.org
Essay	
Reference from your resident minister	
Reference from your temple member	

Bio ... Please briefly list the activity, position, length of time involved, responsibilities and other pertinent information for us to know you better. It should include;

- Your experience at school/temple/community
- Your work experience (if any, paid or voluntary)
- Your current involvement in Buddhist movement within/beyond your local temple (temple activities and district/statewide program such as Dharma School and YBA, Buddhist-related school work, personal study on Buddhism, discussion on Buddhism with non-Buddhists, etc.)

Essay ... Please clearly and honestly express your thoughts and feelings on the following questions:

- Briefly describe yourself.
- Why would you like to participate in the YBICSE?
- What do you like about Buddhism?

References ... Ask two adults (one minister and one member in your temple) to submit a letter of recommendation.

**To the references;

Please provide your comments regarding the applicant. Briefly address the length of time and how you have been associated with the applicant. Most importantly, comment on why you feel the applicant should be selected to participate in the YBICSE Program. Please submit your letter directly to hqs@honpahi.org by email.



2. Announcement

*Fifteen (15) delegates will be selected and announced on **May 3, 2017**.

*Announcement will be made through email.



3. Payment and Official Registration

*Selected delegates will be requested to submit necessary documents along with registration fee of \$1,600 by

May 13, 2017. (**Registration fee is non-refundable after May 13, 2017*)



4. Pack your luggage & YBICSE trip to JAPAN!

**2017 YBICSE
ITINERARY**

Date	Time	Schedule	Meal	Accommodation
7/10 (Mon) *Hawaii Time	11:00am 2:05pm	Assemble at Honolulu International Airport Introduction, Flight Check-in Departure, Flight to Kansai, Osaka (Hawaiian #449)	L: own D: in flight	in flight
7/11 (Tue) *Japan Time	6:10pm	Arrive at Kansai International Airport Transfer to Kyoto Arrive at Kyoto, transfer to Hotel Hotel Check-in and YBICSE Registration	D: included	TBA
7/12 – 7/19		HONZAN YBICSE Program (including) Opening Service, Study Session, Tour of Honzan and Hongwanji-related sites, Peace Education, Homestay (2 nights), etc. <i>(*Detailed schedule will be announced later)</i>		TBA
7/19 (Wed)	12:00pm 1:00pm 1:40pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Closing Service - End of HONZAN YBICSE Program Lunch Depart for Gion Kyoto Gion Kimono Tour with English Speaking Guide Dinner at local restaurant Return to Hotel	B: included L: included D: included	TBA
7/20 (Thu)	8:00am 9:00am 9:45am 12:03pm 1:30pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 6:00pm 8:00pm	Breakfast at Hotel Transfer to Kyoto Station Take a Nozomi bullet train from Kyoto Station for Tokyo Station Arrive at Tokyo Station Lunch at Tokyo Station Transfer to Hotel Hotel check-in & rest Depart for Odaiba Dinner at local restaurant Depart for Hotel	B: included L: own D: included	Shinagawa Prince Hotel
7/21 (Fri)	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	Tsukiji Hongwanji Morning Service Breakfast at Tsukiji Outside Market Depart for Tokyo Disneyland Arrive at Tokyo Disneyland Free Time Depart for Hotel Dinner at local restaurant	B: included L: own D: included	Shinagawa Prince Hotel
7/22 (Sat)	8:00am 9:00am 6:30pm 9:30pm	Breakfast at hotel Depart for a full day of sightseeing with English speaking guide by chartered bus Possible sites to visit: Tokyo Sky Tree, Imperial Palace Plaza & Nijubashi Bridge, Hinode pier Sumida River Cruise Azumabashi Bridge, Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Shopping Street & Ginza (drive-by), Japanese-style lunch Arrive at Haneda Airport, Flight check-in Dinner at Haneda Airport Departure, Flight to Honolulu, HI (Hawaiian #458)	B: included L: included D: own	in Flight
7/22 *Hawaii Time	10:25am	Arrive at Honolulu International Airport Disband		

***This itinerary was created on March 30, 2017 and this is subject to change.*