



YOUNG BUDDHIST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE (YBICSE)

JULY 15 – 27, 2019

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 Shinkai Murakami

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.
- Application deadline is April 30, 2019.

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 more information, please
contact: Rev. Kazunori Takahashi
of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of
Hawaii Headquarters.

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**ONLINE APPLICATION IS
AVAILABLE!**

YBICSE Application and Selection Process

1. Submit the following documents by **April 30, 2019**:

Documents	How to submit?
Application Form	Go to https://forms.gle/Z2xXp3bfAzsjJwBq9 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, 2019**.
*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 15, 2019**. (**Registration fee is non-refundable after May 15, 2019*)



4. **Pack your luggage & YBICSE trip to JAPAN!**

**2019 YBICSE
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DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	MEAL	ACCOMMODATION
7/15 (Mon) *Hawaii Time	8:00am 11:10am	Assemble at Honolulu International Airport Introduction, Flight Check-in Departure, Flight to Narita International Airport (JAL 785)	L: in flight	in flight
7/16 (Tue) *Japan Time	2:30pm 4:55pm 6:10pm	Arrive at Narita International Airport Leave for Osaka International Airport (JAL 3005) Arrive at Osaka International Airport Transfer to hotel in Kyoto (by public transportation) Hotel Check-in and YBICSE Registration Dinner	D: included	Monbou Kaikan
7/17 (Tue) --- --- 7/24 (Wed)		HONZAN YBICSE PROGRAM		
7/24 (Wed)	12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Meet with English Speaking Guide and depart for Kyoto City half day sightseeing (including Ryukoku University) Dinner at local restaurant Return to Hotel	L: included D: included	TBD
7/25 (Thu)	8:00am 9:48am 12:03pm 1:30pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 6:00pm 8:00pm	Breakfast at Hotel, Send out your luggage Transfer to Kyoto Station Take a Nozomi bullet train from Kyoto Station for Tokyo Shinagawa Station Arrive at Shinagawa Station Lunch around Shinagawa Station Transfer to Hotel Hotel check-in & rest Depart for Odaiba (by public transportation) Dinner at local restaurant Depart for Hotel (by public transportation)	B: included L: own D: included	TBD
7/26 (Fri)	8:00am 9:00am 9:30am 5:00pm 6:00pm	Breakfast at Hotel Depart for Tokyo Disneyland (by public transportation) Arrive at Tokyo Disneyland Free Time Depart for Hotel (by public transportation) Dinner at local restaurant	B: included L: own D: included	
7/27 (Sat)	7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 6:10pm 9:10pm	Hotel Check-out Transfer from Hotel to Tsukiji Tsukiji Hongwanji Morning Service Breakfast at Tsukiji Outside Market Depart for a full day of sightseeing with English speaking guide by chartered bus Arrive at Narita Airport, Flight check-in Dinner at Narita Airport Departure, Flight to Honolulu (JAL 784)	B: included L: included D: own	in Flight
7/27 *Hawaii Time	9:50am	Arrive at Honolulu International Airport Disband		

***Updated on April 1, 2019. This schedule is subject to change.*