



Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association



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Newsletter

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LBYSKA to Send Trio to Yokkaichi

2015 Applications Now On Line!
<http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>

In alternate years, one teacher and two students from Long Beach are selected to visit Yokkaichi, Japan as goodwill ambassadors for a three-week cultural exchange. In alternate years, Long Beach hosts a trio from Yokkaichi.

This year Long Beach will be sending a Trio to Yokkaichi. The applicants must be Long Beach residents and/or Long Beach Unified School District students and citizens of the United States, possess a record of good citizenship in school and community, have participated in school and community activities and have an interest in being an official ambassador of goodwill from Long Beach. In addition, students should be a member of the 10th or 11th grade in the spring semester of their application and have a 3.0 grade point average or higher from the ninth grade through the first semester of the current school year.

Trio Depart LAX: Wed, July 22, 2015
Trio Return LAX: Mon, August 10, 2015

Application forms may be downloaded from our website at: <http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>.

Application Deadline: Mon, February 23, 2015
Interview Date: Sat, March 21, 2015

Please contact the Trio Program Chair with any questions:

Yoko Pusavat, Trio Committee Chair
yoko.pusavat@csulb.edu
714-968-8432



2013 Trio in Yokkaichi, Japan.

2015 Environmental Summit Program

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In 2007 former **Yokkaichi Mayor Tetsuo Inoue** established a program that sends a delegation of Long Beach students to participate in a solution-finding study and discussion regarding environmental problems with other students from Japan and China.

Four high school students and a chaperone from Long Beach are being sought to take part in this annual environmental summit to take place in Yokkaichi, Japan. The dates are:

Delegates Depart LAX: Sun, July 26, 2015
Delegates Return LAX: Wed, August 5, 2015*
*return date subject to change

Application forms may be downloaded from our website at: <http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>.

Application Deadline: Sun, March 1, 2015
Interview Date: Sat, March 21, 2015

Please contact the Environmental Summit Chair with any questions:

Bonnie Sharp Stoeppelman, Chair
Student Environmental Summit Program
Yokkaichi@SharpHOA.com / Bonnie@SharpHOA.com
310-514-1377



2014 Environmental Summit Delegates from China, Japan and Long Beach.

2015 YEF Program

Are You Interested in Assistant Teaching in Yokkaichi, Japan?

Go on line for more information:
<http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>

One of the highlights of the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association is the Yokkaichi English Fellows (YEF). This very successful program provides a job opportunity for Long Beach teachers or Cal State Long Beach graduates to serve for **two years as assistant language teachers** at the elementary and middle school levels in Yokkaichi, Japan.

This is an English immersion program for the students. Speaking Japanese is not required.

Selected teachers or new graduates will work at a paid position in the Yokkaichi School System. A total of seven YEFs are at the school system each year and are replaced on a rotating basis so that the 2nd-year YEFs may assist the new arrivals.

Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree in any subject by May 2015 and must be a U.S. citizen. Applicants should enjoy working with students and be able to adjust to Japanese culture. The position will be for a two-year contract, with review after one year.

FOR APPLICATION FORMS PLEASE CONTACT:

California State University, Long Beach
 Education Abroad Office
 Center for International Education (CIE) BH-201
 Contact: Cecilia Fidora
 Phone: 562-985-8429

— ACT NOW! —

Application Deadline is in March, 2015

2015 New Board President Named



Mike Vaughn has been elected president of the 2015 Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association (LBYSCA). Mike joined LBYSCA in 2004 and previously served as president from 2007–2011.

An attorney practicing in Huntington Beach, Mike represented former Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster at the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association 50th Anniversary celebration in Yokkaichi, Japan.

If you have any questions regarding the LBYSCA, please contact Mike at 562-592-9350 or at mike@vaughnlawoffice.com.

Planting Trees to Honor “Dr. John”



The Long Beach Neighborhood Services has organized an event to plant 70 street trees on February 7, 2015 in memory of **Dr. John Kashiwabara**, an active Long Beach community leader.

Dr. John, as he is fondly remembered, was a family physician involved in many civic organizations such as, The Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach, the 49ers Athletic Association, Long Beach City College Foundation, Long Beach Century Club, the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club, The California Conference for Equality and Justice, and the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. He was the first Japanese American to serve on the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners and the California State University Board of Trustees. Dr. John was one of the founding members of the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association and in 1998 was made an honorary citizen of Yokkaichi, Japan.

The tree planting event will take place:

Saturday, February 7, 2015

9:00am–12:00pm

Pacific Avenue & 33rd Street

Snacks & beverages will be served
 Come dressed to help plant!



We hope you can attend!



2015 Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association Board Members

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