

Labo/Canadian Exchange

Nihongo Program

Nihongo means “Japanese Language”

The NIHONGO program is a 3-1/2 week intensive Japanese language program. Students live with Labo families in the Tokyo area and attend Japanese language classes five days per week. The innovative curriculum includes “Learning By Doing” field trips and cultural activities, small classes and a dedicated staff to help students learn the maximum amount of Japanese in a short time.

2010 Program Schedule

- March 15 Application Packet and \$500 deposit due to your Provincial Exchange Coordinator. Cheque should be made payable to: **Ellen Bonde - In Trust**
At lower left of cheque write: Canadian 4-H/Japanese Exchange
Mail to: Ellen Bonde, Outbound Coordinator,
 RR #3
 Rocky Mountain House, AB, T4T 2A3
 Phone/Fax 403-845-6894
 email: niels_ellen@telusplanet.net
- Late applications will be accepted on a ‘space-available’ basis, and may result in higher airfare or delayed Host Family assignments.
- May 15 **Receive** Host Family Information Sheet and Orientation materials:
 -Participant Handbook, Brief Guide to Japan, Yookoso! phrasebook, NIHONGO language preparation tape and materials, NIHONGO class placement preliminary survey
- June 1 Full Payment Due**
- June 10 Fly to Tokyo**
- June 11 Arrive Narita airport. Bus to Tokyo. Overnight stay in Tokyo.
- June 12 Orientation. Meet host families.
- June 14 First day of classes.**
- July 7 Last day of classes.**
- July 9 Move to hotel in Tokyo. Spend the night with the Summer Homestay exchangees arriving from Canada and the U.S.
- July 10 **Students taking ONLY the NIHONGO course depart Japan.**
 or
Students staying for the Summer Homestay program travel to host families.
- August 4 Return to Tokyo from homestays. Overnight stay in Tokyo.
- August 5 Depart Japan and arrive in Canada**

COST

\$1,200	NIHONGO fee covers: Tuition, texts, and school supplies; Commuting pass; All travel, food and lodging in Japan (EXCEPT lunch on school days); Field trips and admission fees; Narita airport user fee; \$45 yen packet; Exchange T-shirts; and Labo supervision throughout the program.
Airfare	Airfares will be announced in March.
Medical Insurance	\$70 (est.) Medical insurance plan sold in conjunction with the air ticket. This coverage is optional, but participants must show proof of valid insurance coverage. Families are responsible for all medical bills incurred by their child.
Spending Money	Individual needs will vary. It is recommended that students bring about \$100 for each week they will be in Japan.
Passport	Participants are responsible for obtaining a valid passport.
Airport Taxes	in Canada are the responsibility of participants.
Lunch on school days	is the responsibility of participants.

LABO SCHOLARSHIP

For each Labo member hosted in Canada (up to three), participants may deduct \$150 from the NIHONGO fee. Scholarships may be claimed only once. Additional scholarships may be available for families who have hosted a Labo Year-Long student.

SUMMER HOMESTAY ADD-ON

The 4-week Labo Summer Homestay program begins the day after the NIHONGO program ends. The cost for both programs is \$2,400. Please contact your Exchange Coordinator for more information about the Summer Homestay program.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your Exchange Coordinator, or

EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

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