

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.

2020 Program Schedule

- February 1 **Application Packet and \$500 deposit** due to Ellen Bonde. Cheque should be made payable to **Ellen Bonde – In Trust** (*At lower left of cheque write: Canadian/4-H Japanese Exchange*)
Air tickets will be purchased after the application has been approved by the Coordinator.
Late applications are accepted only on a ‘space available’ basis, and may result in higher airfare or delayed host family assignment.
- May 1 **Balance of Payment Due**
- 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 11 **Fly to Tokyo**
- June 12 Arrive Narita airport. Bus to Tokyo. Overnight stay in Tokyo
- June 13 Orientation. Meet host families
- June 15 First day of classes**
- July 8 Last day of classes**
- July 10 Move to hotel in Tokyo. Spend the night with the Summer Homestay exchangees arriving from Canada and the U.S.
- July 11 **Students taking ONLY the NIHONGO course depart Japan**
 or
Students staying for the Summer Homestay program travel to host families
- August 5 Return to Tokyo from homestays. Overnight stay in Tokyo.
- August 6 Depart Japan and arrive in Canada**

COST

NIHONGO Program Fee	\$1400 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; and Labo supervision throughout the program.
Exchange T-shirts	\$30
Airfare TBA	Airfares will be announced in March, including airport taxes
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. <i>Families are responsible for all medical bills incurred by their child.</i>
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.
Lunch on school days	is the responsibility of participants.

SUMMER HOMESTAY ADD-ON

The 4-week Labo Summer Homestay program begins the day after the NIHONGO program ends. Please contact your Exchange Coordinator for more information about the Summer Homestay program.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Exchange Coordinator, or Labo

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