

GraSPP Study Visit and Volunteer Trip to Tohoku 2012

Students of GraSPP are organizing a study visit and volunteer trip to the prefectures of Tohoku (North-eastern Japan) affected by the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disaster. We will be visiting Fukushima Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture and Iwate Prefecture, followed by a Tokyo session the following week.

Objectives:

As students of public policy, this study trip aims to provide the opportunity for GraSPP students to visit Tohoku to witness first-hand and learn about the current situation of the areas affected by the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disaster and Fukushima Nuclear Plant Incident. Through this study trip, we hope to identify on the challenges faced with the on-going restoration efforts, make reflections and if possible, recommend on how the process can be better coordinated. At Tohoku, we will be visiting local authorities, civilian groups, community leaders, business owners, industry representatives, NPOs etc. After our return to Tokyo, we will also exchanging views with central government officials on our learning from the study trip and perspectives on the restoration efforts.

Date:

- I. **Wed 1 August to Sat 4 August 2012** – Study Visit and Volunteer Trip to Tohoku (4Days-3 Nights)
- II. **Tue 7 August 2012 (Optional)** – Tokyo Session

Possible activities:

- I. Study Visit and Volunteer Trip to Tohoku:
 - Visit to tsunami affected sites
 - Visit and dialogue sessions with local community, NPO/NGO groups, business owners, youth groups, labour associations etc
 - Visit and views exchange sessions with local government authorities such as prefecture government, city and town governments etc
 - Volunteer work: Debris removal, cleaning at temporary housing site or local school visit etc
- II. Tokyo Session:
 - Official visit/meeting with government office holder (Tentative)
 - Round Table Discussion for views exchange and reporting session with government officials

Participants: Maximum 30 students*

(*In event where there are more than 30 applications, participants will be decided according to ballot.)

Participation fee: Approx. 10,000yen - 20,000yen per participant*

(*With possibility of partial refund later if we are to receive enough funding or sponsorship.)

Eligibility/Requirements:

1. Only current GraSPP students may apply. Foreign and Japanese students welcomed.
2. A short 2-3 page report on learning after the study trip. (Due end August 2012)
3. You are strongly encouraged to attend the Tokyo Session to contribute meaningful to the study trip.
4. No need for Japanese proficiency. This study trip will be conducted mainly in English with English interpretation assistance.
5. Basic English proficiency preferred for participating in discussions.

Registration:

Complete the appended Application Form below register with **The GraSPP Study Trip Organizing Student Committee** via email grasppst2012@gmail.com by 12 June 2012.

For Enquires:

Please feel free to contact **Evonne Yiu** (MPP/IP, 2nd Year) or **Yuki Shimizu** (3rd Year) at grasppst2012@gmail.com.

Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/grasppstudytrip2012>

Application Form for GraSPP Study Visit and Volunteer Trip to Tohoku

Name (in English)			
Name (in Japanese Characters)			
Course/Year		Student No:	
Contact No.			
Email:			
Date of Birth		Gender	M/F
Dietary Restrictions or Allergies, if any:			
<i>Select where applicable:</i>			
English Proficiency	Native/ Fluent/ Basic Conversational		
Japanese Proficiency	Native/ Fluent/ Basic Conversational		
Can you attend the Tokyo session on Tues 7 Aug?	Yes / No		
Have you visited tsunami/ earthquake affected areas in Tohoku?	Yes / No		
If you answered "Yes" above, when did you visit and on what purpose?			
Do you have a volunteer insurance (which is valid through Aug 2012)?	Yes / No		
<i>Fill in responses if any:</i>			
What are you interested to learn from this study trip?			
Any suggestions, comments or questions for this study trip?			
Would you be interested to help with the organizing work?			

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