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## 2010 Lesson Study Immersion Program in Japan

June 24 (Thursday) to July 6 (Tuesday), 2010

Organized and Led by  
Global Education Resources



Dear fellow Lesson Study educators and practitioners,

**Global Education Resources, L.L.C. (GER)** is offering a two-week **Lesson Study Immersion Program (LSIP)** in Japan in the summer of 2010. Dates of the program are from June 24 (Thursday) to July 6 (Tuesday), 2010.

GER's Lesson Study Immersion Program (LSIP) offers participants a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in authentic mathematics Lesson Study in Japan. Participants will observe several mathematics research lessons, developed through Lesson Study in elementary and secondary schools, and participate in live post-lesson discussions. All research lessons and post-lesson discussions will be simultaneously translated into English by the experts at GER. In addition, participants will have numerous opportunities to interact with teachers, students, and education professors from various regions in Japan. Similar LSIP programs were offered in 2003 and 2007 by GER; and a majority of the participants from these programs have been very active in promoting and conducting lesson study in the US.

[See reports and pictures from 2007 LSIP](#)

One feature we added for this 2010 LSIP is that we will visit schools in not only the Tokyo area, but also the Nara and Osaka areas of Japan. Participants will be given many opportunities to sightsee in Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, and Osaka. Kyoto and Nara are the ancient capitals of Japan where many temples, shrines, and gardens are located and traditional Japanese culture can be observed.

[Download Tentative Itinerary](#)

Participants from the two previous LSIP programs report that their experience was "irreplaceable," "worth the money," and "changed the way I look at education." Many participants became active advocates, educators, and practitioners of lesson study in the U.S. after their experience in Japan.

Study Group Leaders include Dr. Akihiko Takahashi (DePaul University), Dr. Tad Watanabe (Kennesaw State University), and Dr. Makoto Yoshida (William Paterson University & Global Education Resources). These educators are leading experts in Lesson Study, mathematics education, classroom teaching and learning, and the educational systems of Japan and the United States.

[See a short description of the trip leaders' background](#)

### **Purpose of This Trip:**

1. To provide an opportunity for participants to learn, understand and experience first-hand how Lesson Study is conducted in Japan.
2. To foster future Lesson Study practitioners and leaders in the United States by helping participants not only to understand the organization and process of Lesson Study, but also to gain insight into how to conduct Lesson Study in more powerful and effective ways.
3. To reflect on our own professional development, teaching, and learning in the classroom in the United States by learning about the Japanese approach to professional development (Lesson Study), teaching and learning.

### **Description of Activities:**

#### *A. Study Activities:*

- Observe and participate in Lesson Study (Tokyo, Nara, and Osaka area) (English simultaneous translation and English translated lesson plans will be provided.)
  - Observe Research Lessons (at public schools and national schools)
  - Discuss with Japanese teachers the Research Lesson observed
  - Observe Research Lesson planning meetings
  - Observe different types of Lesson Study activities (school-based, pre-service, and at a national school attached to university)
- Participate in lectures by leading mathematics educators in Japan
- Visit schools and observe regular school activities

- Learn about pre-service programs at a university
- Engage in informal exchanges and conversations with Japanese educators and researchers
- Participate in regular reflection and discussions with GER leaders

*B. Cultural Learning Activities:*

- Participate in sightseeing tours of Tokyo, Nara, Kyoto, Osaka
- Participate in dinner parties featuring authentic Japanese cuisine

**Number of participants:** Limited to 40 people

**Program fee:** \$4300 (not including international roundtrip airfare)

- Travel expenses:
  - \$2800 includes the following: transportation in Japan (charter bus and train); lodging; food (11 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 1 dinners); and sightseeing in Tokyo, Nara, Osaka, Kyoto. Free internet access will be arranged for hotels in Tokyo and Osaka.

*Please note that monetary exchange rate may affect the final travel cost.*

- Tuition:
  - \$1500: Including instruction, observations, discussions, and simultaneous English translation by GER leaders; English translated materials (e.g., lesson plans); invited guest lectures; Research Lesson observations; etc.

**Notes:**

- Each participant is responsible for making their own round trip arrangement to Japan. The Program fee does not include the round trip airfare to Japan. If you wish, our travel agency will work with you to make your travel plans to Japan.

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- Special arrangements can be made for people who want to stay longer in Japan. Please consult with our travel agency for help with travel arrangements before or after the program.
- If you plan to attend the program with a companion, please let the travel agency and GER know as soon as possible, so travel arrangements can be made to accommodate your preferences.

**Application Process:**

- A. Submit an **Application Contact Information Sheet** (1page document)

[Download Application Contact Information Sheet](#)

- B. Submit a short description of your past and present experiences or involvement in Lesson Study, and what you hope to gain from this program that will help you cultivate Lesson Study in the U.S. (Typed description limited to no more than 500 words.)
- C. At the following registration site, provide the personal information necessary for making your travel arrangements.

[Go to the LSIP 2010 Registration Page](#)

<https://www.seeuthere.com/register/m1312d57-UKKNU6EEAC5P>

- D. **Payment of a \$250 deposit** (non-refundable unless the trip is canceled by GER-- see below) Payment can be made by sending a check to the GER address below or by using the *PayPal* payment service, linked to the GER website.

[Make deposit payment with credit card \(PayPal payment\)](#)

- E. **The application deadline is December 15, 2009.** Submission of 3 documents (indicated in A, B, and C) and the deposit need to be received by GER no later than this deadline.
- F. If the number of applications does not meet a minimum of 20 by December 15, 2009, GER reserves the option to cancel the 2010 LSIP trip. If the trip is canceled, \$200 of the deposit of \$250 will be refunded.

- G. When the number of reservations reaches forty (40) people, GER will close the application process and announce the closing on the GER website.
- H. Upon completion of the LSIP Application process, an official contract describing the payment schedule and cancellation policy will be sent to each applicant for his or her signature and timely return.

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