

Juntos!! Program Letter of Understanding

In agreeing to participate in *Japan's Friendship Ties Programs, Juntos!! Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Inbound Program* (hereafter referred to as “the Program”) promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I agree and consent to the following terms and conditions as determined by the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Program Organizers”).

1. COVID-19 related points for the Program

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection, I fully understand and accept the following regulations and measures:

<Prior entry into Japan>

- As a general rule, I understand that I must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, with at least three vaccination shots, to participate in the program. (Those who cannot get vaccinated for medical reasons, including allergies must obtain a medical note from a doctor.) If I have a vaccination certificate with vaccination designated by home country, not by Japan, I will be tested within 72 hours of my departure to Japan and have a negative test certificate issued by a medical institution.
- I understand that I am responsible for the costs needed to acquire a COVID-19 test certificate or vaccination certificate before leaving for Japan.
- For 14 days before entry into Japan, I will try to reduce close contact with others as much as possible, and I will refrain from attending gatherings such as parties/dinners.
- There must be no misrepresentations in the contents of the vaccination certificate copy I submit to the airport quarantine officer.
- Before entering Japan, I will create an account on “Visit Japan Web” in order to register the necessary information for the immigration and customs procedures to enter Japan.
- If I do not own a smartphone, I understand that I will have to rent one upon arrival to Japan at my own expense, and that I need to inform the Program Organizers beforehand of this fact.

* Visit Japan Web : [Visit Japan Web | Digital Agency](https://www.visit-japan.go.jp/)

<During the Program period in Japan in general>

- I will take the following actions to prevent the spread of infection:
(1) Wear a mask, (2) Wash my hands thoroughly, (3) Avoid closed spaces, crowded spaces, and close-contact settings (the “three Cs”).
- I will follow the instructions given by the Program Organizers who will accompany me during my stay in Japan.
- I understand that the Program Organizers will accompany me throughout the Program and that I must remain with the group at all times.

- The Program Organizers will give me detailed instructions on when to wear a mask and when I can take it off, and I will abide by these instructions.
- The activity history of all participants will be recorded in a written format throughout the Program, and upon request shall be provided to the health authorities in the event of a positive test case reported during the Program.

<During the Program period in Japan if I develop symptoms>

- In case I develop symptoms, or I become a close contact person of any positive cases during the time period of the Program, I will immediately report to the Program Organizers and I will follow the directions from the local public health office or related institutions.
- If a COVID-19 test is requested by the local public health office or related institutions, I will take the test and if I test positive, I will cooperate with investigations by promptly presenting my passport number and the location information saved on my smartphone using the designated app. Also, for the purpose of investigation, I agree that the local public health office may view my passport number, name, gender, date of birth, etc., kept by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. In addition, if I receive instructions from the local public health office or related institutions, including instructions from a medical facility, I will abide by them.
- When contacted by the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants via the My SOS app, I shall respond by turning on the camera of the smartphone I am carrying.
- I understand that when I test positive for COVID-19, these instructions may include; I may not have direct contact with anyone, I may not use public transportation (trains, buses, cabs/taxis, domestic flights, etc.), I am to stay at the accommodation provided by the Program or local public health office until the designated period of quarantine is completed.
- I understand that if I test positive or become a close contact person of any positive cases during the Program, I will have to stop participating in the Program as soon as possible and will be placed in self-isolation in accordance with the instructions given by the local public health office or related institutions. I also understand that I will be allowed to return to the Program once it is confirmed that I have tested negative, but that I will not be allowed to return home while I continue to test positive.
- I will respond in good faith to communications and investigations by the relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants regarding compliance with the contents of this Letter of Understanding. Failure to respond without justifiable reason, refusal or obstruction of investigations, or making false reports, etc., may constitute a breach of the understanding.

2. General points for the Program

- I am fully responsible for arranging and paying for travel between my residence and the airport of origin designated by the Program.
- I am fully responsible for any and all costs associated with cancellations or changes in travel arrangements that I initiate. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, international flights, domestic transportation, and accommodations. I understand I must pay the costs immediately upon demand, in accordance with the instructions provided by the Program Organizers. Exceptions may be made in the case of a medical or other emergency including testing positive for COVID-19, upon presentation of a medical certificate and/or other documentation, and at the discretion of the Program Organizers.

- The Program Organizers reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary, transportation, accommodation, or any other arrangements without notice due to the reasons such as weather, conditions of infection in the venue of the program, or the safety management.
- The Program Organizers, associated subcontractors and cooperative organizations, including their staff and employees, are not and will not be held liable for any injury, accident, illness, loss or damage to personal property, or other contingencies, which may occur during or in connection with my participation in the Program, and are released from any and all claims, liabilities, actions and causes of action against them, except in the case of gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- The Program Organizers, associated subcontractors and cooperative organizations, including their staff and employees, will not be held liable for any actions or negligence by any third parties including, but not limited to, commercial airlines, railroads, chartered bus providers, hotels, and restaurants.
- Costs that are not explicitly included in the Program are my own responsibility. Any and all costs I incur during or in connection with the Program are my own responsibility including, but not limited to, expenses for medical/dental treatment, replacement of a lost passport or personal articles, or other personal expenditures (e.g., personal purchases, telephone or internet charges), except for those covered by the travel insurance provided by the Program Organizers. I understand I must immediately pay these expenses myself when necessary.
- I understand I must participate in all scheduled activities in the official program, and that missing lectures, meetings, visits, meals or any fixed programming is not permitted for any reason, including professional or academic opportunities or obligations, or a personal preference for other activities. I am fully responsible for any costs associated with missing elements of the official program. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, admission fees, prepaid meal costs, domestic transportation or accommodations, or international flights. I understand I must immediately reimburse the Program Organizers for these costs upon demand in accordance with the instructions they provide.
- I must abide by and adhere to my country and Japanese laws and regulations, and follow the instructions and rules given by the Program Organizers and their agents throughout the Program. I agree to comply with instructions provided by the Program Organizers which may not be required by law, but which the Program Organizers determine to be necessary for the safety and wellbeing of myself and others.
- The Program Organizers may remove me from the Program at any time for reasons they deem appropriate and necessary, including, but not limited to, my violation of the Terms and Conditions or this Letter of Understanding, or my attitude or behavior. I am fully responsible for the expenses incurred for such removal and I will pay the expenses immediately upon demand in accordance with the instructions provided by the Program Organizers.
- I understand that no one, including family or friends, is allowed to accompany me or my group in the Program even if he/she pays the travel costs by himself/herself.
- I understand that my name, pictures and recordings of me taken during the Program and associated events may be used for reporting purposes, on the Program Organizers' websites and social media feeds, in promotional materials related to the Program, or in meetings.
- I understand that I may be contacted by the Program Organizers following my participation in the Program with relation to activities associated with the Program including, but not limited to, Juntos!! alumni events.

<Four points for COVID-19 prevention>

1. You are required to stay at your quarantine location until the designated quarantine period is completed if tested positive during the Program.

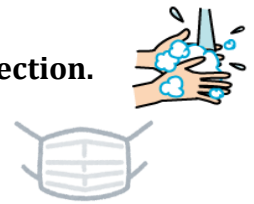
- (a) You are required to stay at the accommodation.
- (b) You are required not to have direct contact with anyone you do not live with, excluding the staff in charge at your accommodation.
- (c) You are required not to use public transportation (trains, buses, cabs/taxis, domestic flights, etc.)



2. When tested positive, if you receive instructions from the public health authorities, you are required to abide by them.

3. You are required to take the following actions to prevent the spread of infection.

- (a) Wear masks (b) Wash hands thoroughly
- (c) Avoid closed spaces, crowded spaces, and close-contact setting (the "three Cs").



- ※ If you violate the prevention measures required on this Letter of Understanding, your name and nationality may be publicly disclosed, and you may be subject to detention. (Foreign nationals may also be subject to revocation of status of residence and deportation procedures.)
- ※ Please respond in good faith to any communication or inquiry from the relevant authorities regarding compliance with the Letter of Understanding.
- ※ Many other matters are covered in the Letter of Understanding. Please read it carefully.

By signing this Letter of Understanding, I agree to participate in Juntos!! and certify that I have read and understand and consent to all of the foregoing.

Print Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date