

2010 Japan Study Abroad Trip



It's not too early to start planning for the next biannual NBI Japan Study Program from June 12-26. Travel to Aichi Toho University, EvCC's sister college Nagoya, Japan with NBI Director Mayumi N. Smith to experience the wonders that are Japan. Students stay with host families, take part in a variety of cultural activities, visit Japanese companies, and have the opportunity to see many of the sights in and around the Nagoya area.

Participation in this program is competitive and limited to fifteen participants. Participants need to be at least 18 years old, successfully completed a minimum of 45 credits at EvCC including two quarters of Japanese language and achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Prospective trip participants should submit a copy of their EvCC college transcript and a letter of application to Mayumi N. Smith. The letter of application should describe personal academic goals and how this study abroad trip will help in achieving those goals.

Students must attend mandatory pre-program planning sessions. Students not meeting program criteria will be considered on an individual basis.

The program fee is \$1,750 (subject to change) plus the cost of airfare at the time of the program.

Application & Payment Schedule:

3/29/10: Submission of application form

4/9/10: Letter of Application and unofficial copy of student transcript along with \$100 non-refundable deposit are due. The Letter of Application should include a brief personal introduction, personal academic goals, and how this study abroad trip will help in achieving those goals.

4/30/10: Balance of fee and proof of purchase of the round-trip airline ticket to Japan. (Program fee is non-refundable after April 30, 2010)

Program Contact:

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NBI Celebrates 2010 With Culture & Tradition

On Saturday, January 16, over 140 people attended Everett Community College Nippon Business Institute's Community Network 2010 New Year's celebration featuring a *Seijin-shiki*, a performance by **Sound Singers** chorus, potluck luncheon, and **Hatsudate-shiki** tea ceremonies presented by the **Urasenke Foundation Seattle Branch**.

The *Seijin-shiki* is a Japanese ceremony for 20-year olds to celebrate the age at which they become adults and assume the rights and responsibilities that go along with adulthood.

Typically young women wearing kimono and young men in business attire have a photograph taken to commemorate the occasion. International students and others living outside of Japan usually must travel back to Japan to participate in *Seijin-shiki*. If travel is not possible, they typically forego the ceremony.

This year's *Seijin-shiki* welcomed EvCC international students **Yui Takahashi and Mayu Inose**, as members of adult society. Both students shared their thoughts on becoming adults and warmly thanked those present for giving them the opportunity to celebrate the occasion while in the USA.

Many, many thanks to all who attended and especially to the members of Urasenke Foundation Seattle Branch and Sound Singers chorus for their generous gifts of time and talent for this memorable event.



*Yui Takahashi and Mayu Inose pose in the EvCC Nishiyama Japanese Garden on January 16 while celebrating the New Year and their *Seijin-shiki*.*

SPRING QUARTER 2010

EvCC's Spring Quarter 2010 begins March 29!! For enrollment and admission information please call 425-388-9208 or go to: www.everettcc.edu

College Credit Courses

Japanese 122 S	Mon/Wed	7:00 - 9:05 PM
Japanese 123 A	Daily	10:00 - 10:50 AM
Japanese 123 B	Daily	11:00 - 11:50 AM
Japanese 223 CE	Daily	Noon - 12:50 PM
Humanities 160-D A	Daily	9:00 - 9:50 AM

(Japanese Culture/History)

Host Families Needed

The NBI will conduct our annual homestay and educational program for Japanese students from July 24 - August 7, 2010.

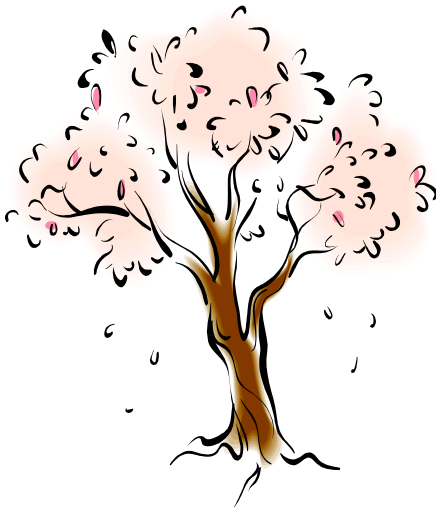
The high-school age students come to Everett to study English, take part in activities, and stay with host families.

Hosting a student from Japan is a wonderful way to enhance inter-cultural understanding. It is not necessary that host families speak Japanese.

Students come to learn and practice English and are encouraged to use English at all times.

Host families provide room and board, transportation to and from the college, and are paid a stipend to help defray the costs associated with hosting.

For more information about the NBI exchange programs, exchange students, or to receive a host family application, please call 425-388-9195 or send email to: kkoss@everettcc.edu



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Chado Urasenke Tankokai Program Spring 2010

During April and May the NBI is very fortunate to welcome **Ms. Kumiko Akiyama** as our eighth Japanese Culture & Traditional Arts Internship participant.

This unique internship and home-stay program for **Chado Urasenke Tankokai** members promotes the study of Chanoyu (the tea ceremony) and traditional Japanese culture in the USA.

Members of the Chado Urasenke Tankokai share their expertise in traditional Japanese arts with special emphasis on the tea

ceremony with EvCC students, faculty and staff as guest speakers/presenters. They also conduct events for members of the community to share the tea ceremony experience with as many people as possible during their time in the USA.

During Ms. Akiyama's stay the NBI will conduct three free, public tea ceremony events, one each on May 5 at 3:00 -5:00 PM, May 6 at 2:00 -4:00 PM and May 7 at 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required by Friday April 30. These events are not suitable for children under 15 years of age. Please email to kkoss@everettcc.edu or call 425-388-9195 to register.



Chado Urasenke Tankokai member Sachiko Kobayashi teaches tea ceremony basics to EvCC Japanese language students during her tenure as NBI Traditional Arts Intern.



Visit EvCC's

Nishiyama Japanese Garden
905 Wetmore Avenue in Everett
Monday - Friday — 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

