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# 2012 SAITAMA OHIO COMPANY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

#### Would your company be interested in hosting a Japanese intern this summer?

We are pleased to announce that this summer the State of Ohio has invited two young Japanese citizens from Saitama prefecture (State) to visit Ohio to learn about business practices and operations in the United States and specifically the State of Ohio. On behalf of the State of Ohio and Governor Kasich, the Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University has been asked to recruit host companies or organizations for these visitors. The two trainees are currently being selected by the Saitama Prefectural Government and will have adequate English and professional skills to have a successful experience in Ohio. We are specifically looking for companies or organizations to host the following individuals for any length of time, preferably, but not limited to a week or two. Although the trainees will have specific interests, we are looking to provide them with any experience in any company situation while in Ohio. Please note that the trainees can not drive and will need to use public transportation. If your company is not on a bus line or out of town, we will arrange transportation for them to and from your company. Please note that all positions are unpaid.

## Takahiro Ikenaga

Takahiro recently graduated from Seijo University (March 2012) with a major in West-European Culture and History (focus on Germany). He was able to attend a study abroad program in Germany's University of Bonn. There, Takahiro volunteered as an assistant for other exchange students, and he worked with "Tandem partners" (n which he helped teach Japanese to them). During the internship, Takahiro is interested in learning about the environmental issues in the U.S. (compared to those in Japan) and how the businesses and the government handles these issues. He is also interested in working with a University in their Japanese programs; he wants to be able to communicate, assist, and work with teachers and students in order to learn new ideas and concepts that would help in his understanding of globalization and the United States. He has been studying English for ten years.



### Machi Onodera



Machi is currently attending Gakushuin Women's College where she is majoring in English. Machi has not been to the United States before, but she is truly interested in the English language, specifically, in this case, business English. She wants to not only get a grasp and idea of the different types of words and phrases that American businesses use in day-to-day interactions, but also get an understanding on the business culture, which is different from that of Japan. Through this internship, Machi is interested in learning more about businesses that incorporate or work with tourism and traveling. Through her travels to the U.K., Australia, France, and Canada, she saw how supportive the people who worked at hotels, travel agencies, and airports were for the tourists. She is also interested in translating texts (whether it be a

sightseeing brochure or a city's public relations magazine) and interacting with the diverse populations within the U.S. She has been studying English for nine years.

#### Outline of schedule from Saitama-Ohio Trainees upon arrival in Ohio:

July 6-8: Trainees arrive in Columbus and have orientation about the program
TBD: Trainees will have lunch together with representatives from the host companies
July 9 - August 2, 2012: Continuation of the training program at each company.
August 3 (Friday): Closing ceremony for program and reception for trainees and host companies.

It is important for someone from each host company to attend a welcome luncheon in Columbus (date TBD) and the farewell gathering on Friday, August 3 for the trainees and host companies.

If your company can host any of these individuals for a week (or any length of time), please contact our office for an application. Institute for Japanese Studies, 306 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210 Tel: 614-292-3345, Fax: 614-292-7589 Email: stucky.7@osu.edu Website: http://japan.osu.edu