



KISEI 起誠 Symposium

Keio Initiative for Scholarly Exchange & Insight

Connecting Minds, Cultivating Sincerity

Keio Summer Program for International Students

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1. KISEI



The KISEI Symposium is a one-week academic gathering that brings together students from around the world to share their research, knowledge, and perspectives with peers in Japan. Rooted in Keio University's founding principles, this program is designed not as a forum for debate, but as a space for sincere dialogue and mutual understanding.

Our goal is to foster sincerity and empathy for the problems of the world. Rather than focusing on determining the best solutions or specific measures, participants explore diverse viewpoints and reflect on how we, as individuals and future scholars, can approach global challenges with integrity and compassion. Through this exchange, KISEI seeks to inspire a mindset of "raising sincerity" KISEI 起誠—a commitment to engage with humanity's most pressing issues in a way that is both thoughtful and humane.

Each day begins with morning seminars, where participants present and discuss their research and insights. Afternoons and evenings are dedicated to cultural exchange activities, offering opportunities to experience Japanese traditions, engage with local students, and build lasting friendships.

Join us in Tokyo and become part of this transformative experience. Bring your ideas, your research, and your curiosity, and connect with students from Japan and across the globe. Together, we will learn, share, and grow—not to compete, but to understand and empathize.



2. Program

Overview

Date	Monday, July 13 through Sunday, July 19, 2026
Location	Keio Senior High School (KHS) *KHS is an all-boys high school. For KISEI, we welcome both male and female students.
Participants	Approximately 5 international and 15 Keio participants
Accommodation	Hotel and homestay
Eligibility	All participants must be between the ages of 15 and 18, and be enrolled full-time as a senior high school student outside of Japan.
Language	For seminars, English will be the medium of instruction. For other affairs, both English and Japanese will be used.

Schedule

Date	Event	Lodging
Monday 7/13 Arrival day	*Arrive at the hotel by 3 PM Orientation *Meet your new friends! Seminars *Participants will receive reading materials in advance to prepare for the seminars. Welcome dinner	Hotel *To foster cultural exchange, participants will share rooms.
Tuesday 7/14	Breakfast Seminars Lunch Activities at Keio HS Yokohama city tour *Keio participants will lead city tours and excursions, providing unique local perspective. Dinner	Hotel

Date	Event	Lodging
Wednesday 7/15	Breakfast Seminars Lunch Keio History Museum at Mita Campus Tokyo city tour Dinner	Hotel
Thursday 7/16	Breakfast All-day excursion to Kamakura (Lunch in Kamakura) Dinner	Hotel
Friday 7/17	Breakfast Seminars Lunch KISEI Symposium at Hiyoshi Campus Farewell dinner *Meet your host family!	Homestay
Saturday 7/18	Free time with your host family	Homestay
Sunday 7/19 Departure day	Host family will see you off at the airport	

*Please note that schedule is tentative and subject to change without advance notice.



3. How to Apply

1. Application Form

- Click [here](#) for the application form
- Required documents: You must attach a statement of purpose and an unofficial copy of your school transcript.

2. Letter of Recommendation

Please have a teacher or counselor submit a letter of recommendation to KISEI@hs.keio.ac.jp by March 20, 2026, Japan Standard Time (JST).

3. Interview

Once all your application documents are submitted, the KISEI staff will contact you to schedule a 10-minute online interview.

4. Results

Applicants will be notified of their results via email by March 26, 2026 (JST).

5. Payment

Successful applicants must pay the program fee via money transfer no later than April 2, 2026 (JST).

Deadlines and Dates

*All dates are according to Japan Standard Time (JST)

March 20	Application form deadline
March 20	Letter of recommendation deadline
March 26	Notification of results
April 2	Payment deadline
July 13–19	KISEI Symposium



4. Fees & Payment

1. Program Fee: US\$4,000

- Deadline: **April 2, 2026** (JST).
- If Keio does not receive full payment by this date, the applicant in question will lose their spot in the program.

2. Cancellation

- The program fee will not be refunded to students who cancel, regardless of the reason.
- However, fees will be refunded to participants in the event that Keio Senior High School postpones or cancels the program.

3. Fees include

- Accommodation and meals
- Program-related transportation and entrance fees
- Program-related classroom materials

4. Fees exclude

- Airfare to and from Haneda / Narita Airport in Japan
- Transportation fee from Haneda / Narita Airport to Shin-Yokohama station
- Travel insurance. All participants are required to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover the entirety of the program.



5. Travel & Visa Information

1. Visa Requirements

- Visa Exemption: participants from countries on the exemption list do not need a visa for short-term stays. Click [here](#) to check your eligibility.
- Visa Application (for non-exempted participants)
 - ❖ Participants from countries without visa waiver agreements are responsible for securing their own visas through a travel agent or their nearest Japanese consulate.
 - ❖ Keio cannot sponsor any visas for this program. However, Keio HS can provide a letter to support your tourist visa application for this program participation. The visa application process often takes much longer than expected. Please apply early.

2. Flights & Transportation

- Participants are responsible for booking their own flights to and from Haneda/Narita Airport.
- Arrival (Monday, July 13, JST)
 - ❖ Participants are recommended to take the airport shuttle bus from Haneda/Narita Airport to **Shin-Yokohama** station.
 - ❖ The hotel is located next to **Shin-Yokohama** station.
- Departure (Sunday, July 19, JST)
 - ❖ Host family members will see participants off at Haneda/Narita Airport.
 - ❖ *Staying longer?*
Participants staying in Japan after the program ends must be picked up by their parent/guardian. Arrangements must be made in advance.

3. Travel Insurance ***Mandatory**

- All participants must purchase their own comprehensive travel insurance that covers the entire program duration.
- Coverage must include general emergency expenses, travel cancellation, personal effects, etc.
Note: Health insurance (both domestic and international) does not cover a range of incidentals while traveling. You are to purchase TRAVEL insurance.
- Deadline for proof of enrollment: A copy of the travel insurance policy must be submitted to Keio prior to arrival.



6. Accommodation

1. **Hotel (4 Nights)**
 - Rooms are shared with other international or Keio participants.
 - KISEI staff will be onsite for all four nights.
2. **Homestay (2 Nights)**
 - Participants may have a single room or share a room with a host sibling of the same gender.
 - Pairing: Host families are assigned by KISEI staff based on participant questionnaires. Specific personal requests cannot be accommodated.

7. Meals & Medical Information

1. Dining

- Meals are provided from the evening of Monday, July 13 until departure.
- Allergies and Dietary Restrictions
 - ❖ Keio HS cannot guarantee an allergy-free environment. All food is provided by third parties. Keio HS assumes no liability for adverse reactions.
 - ❖ Participants with allergies must carry appropriate medication and emergency funds. Some vendors may not be able to cater to specific restrictions, resulting in limited meal choices.

Note: Participants will be required to submit a waiver confirming their understanding of the above prior to arrival.

2. Medication

- KISEI staff cannot issue any medication to the participants (including pain relievers).
- Participants are required to bring their own medications.
- Japan has strict laws regarding medication. Consult the nearest Japanese embassy regarding restrictions on bringing specific drugs (e.g. certain allergy meds) into the country. See [here](#) for information provided by the U.S. Embassy in Japan.

8. Contact Information

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