

JAPANESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE COURSE

(INCLUDING HOME STAY)

Kanazawa, JAPAN

April 2010

The Australia-Japan Society of the ACT (AJS ACT), in conjunction with the Ishikawa Foundation for International Exchange (IFIE), is again offering a wonderful in-country course in Japanese language/culture in Kanazawa.

The course will run for 2 weeks from 11 to 24 April and includes language lessons, cultural activities and homestay accommodation with a Japanese family - this latter is one of the outstanding features of the program and will certainly give a boost to your language skills).

Alternatively, if April doesn't suit your schedule, there will also be a course at the beginning of October.

The classes are tailored to the individual participant's language skills – participants are assessed on the first day and placed in groups according to their language abilities. Applicants for the April course will need to satisfy themselves that they have either an *intermediate* or *elementary* knowledge of the Japanese language (there will be no *beginners* class in April, although there should be one in October depending on the number and level of the applicants).

Mornings are spent in formal language classes and opportunities are provided most afternoons to explore the local culture, either in organised classes or by exploring on your own. There are excellent facilities and very helpful teachers at the language school.

Applicants must be at least 20 years old, must be a member of an Australia – Japan Society or an affiliated organisation (or join one) and be prepared to stay in Japan for the duration of the course.

The cost? The IFIE fee, including all course expenses, cultural activities and homestay for 2 weeks will be around A\$1,000 (depends on fluctuations in the \$/yen ratio) - the course is partly subsidised by the Ishikawa Regional Government. You will need to budget, in addition, for your travel to and from Kanazawa and 'pocket money' (for bus fares, lunches and souvenirs).

This is a great chance to commence, refresh, improve or develop your Japanese language skills for an incredibly reasonable price! And, if your profession is appropriate, the cost may be tax deductible as a self-education expense.

There are only 15 places available so you will need to apply as soon as possible. A deposit of \$400 is payable by 18 February 2010. The balance is payable by 10 March.

Contact the coordinator of the program, Mr Michael Hodgkin, for a detailed outline of the program and for application forms. E-mail address mhodgkin@pcug.org.au or snail mail to IFIE Program, c/o Australia – Japan Society (ACT), PO Box 1066, Canberra, ACT 2601