

Newsletter: Information Regarding the 2017 Tokyo Summer Program

Santa Clara University School of Law

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The following is information concerning the Tokyo Program offer this summer by Santa Clara University School of Law. More information will be provided to students as we get closer to the beginning of the program. Questions concerning the program should be submitted to Professor Polden at dpolden@scu.edu or telephone calls can be arranged with him.

INFORMATION

Travel Documents:

U.S. citizens traveling on U.S. passport for this program need no visa. Your status is "Tourist". Please do not apply for student or work visa. You are not enrolled in a Japanese school, and will not receive compensation for your internship. US citizens are allowed entry without prior visa for 90 day stay. Our recommendation is that you tick the box "Tourism" on the entry card. Students without US citizenship should contact the Japanese consulate for latest update and information on entry.

Getting to the Asia Center:

Fastest way from Narita Airport is to take Narita Express Train, lower level. This will take you to Tokyo Station. From there a cab is best way (about 2,200 Yen). You may also take the Limousine Bus to Tokyo Central Airline Terminal (TCAT); from there a taxi is best, again, about 2,200 Yen. If 3 or 4 of you are traveling together, you might consider a taxi all the way to the Asia Center, about 20,000 Yen.

If you wish to take a cab to the Center, you may want to pull a map from Google Maps to show to the cab driver. Indeed, it is often a good idea to get the address of your destination (restaurant, store, etc.) in Japanese so you can show the cab driver. When you get to the Asia Center (or other location you will be staying at) you should get a business card with the Center's address to show cab driver. More information on traveling within Japan and Tokyo will be provided as a part of the Program Orientation Session, or consult a good travel guide.

If arriving at Haneda Airport, there are trains, Limousine Bus, trains and taxis available. The rate should be a bit cheaper than from Narita.

Reservation at Asia Center:

For students wishing to stay at the Asia Center, contact Mr. Agata at the Center for room reservation there for your stay. If he is not available, place reservation with other front desk staff

and be sure to mention block of rooms reserved for Santa Clara University Law School students. The homepage for the Center is: www.asiacenter.or.jp.

Class Schedule:

Classes—Orientation and Classes are scheduled for May 29th to June 20th.

The Program Orientation Session will be held on Sunday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Rm #2C, on the 2d Floor of the Asia Center.

Classes will begin on May 29th at 10:00 a.m. The typical schedule runs for 2 hours in the morning, and for 2 in the afternoon, finishing up by 4:30. Classes run 5 days a week. On some days we will have visits to the National Diet (Parliament), The Supreme Court of Japan, the National Patent Office, and a few others. Classes will run until June 20.

The Class Schedule and Syllabus will be available before classes begin and in ample time for class preparation and planning by students.

Internships Schedule:

Internships in Tokyo and Seoul Internships will begin on June 26th otherwise as arranged and will conclude at the end of July.

If there is a reason you must leave a bit earlier than 29 July, please let me know.

Most internships in Tokyo will be a short subway ride from the Asia Center (190 Yen one way).

Class Materials:

These will be available to you via email prior to your departure to Tokyo or upon arrival Tokyo and the beginning of the courses.

Internship Placements:

Our Directors in Tokyo and Seoul will begin placement negotiations very shortly, but it may take some time before final placements are arranged. We will keep you posted.

Attire and Demeanor:

Casual attire is fine for the classes, but visits to courts or legislative bodies and internships require professional attire (ideally black, dark gray or navy blue suits, or slacks and blazers; for women, professional workplace skirts and blouses or pantsuits). You should bring from the US or purchase locally at moderate prices. Remember, this is a rather formal society - please dress, and conduct yourselves, accordingly. You are all Ambassadors. Also, many Japanese are reluctant to engage in political discussion with foreigners, so unless you know other participants in a discussion well, you should avoid such discussions.

Forms of Payment:

Credit or Debit cards and Cash work fine in Japan. Personal checks are not uniformly accepted.

Cell Phones:

A cell phone is very convenient in Japan so you should consider either purchasing a limited use international phone in Japan or work with your provider (e.g., Verizon or Sprint) prior to your trip to Japan to get international service for the duration of your visit.