



Rotary District 5580
Group Study Exchange Subcommittee



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

An International Exchange Program for Young Professionals

1 Rotarian Team Leader

4 Non-Rotarian Team Members, Ages 25 - 40

4-6 Weeks of Educational Travel

A Once-in-a-lifetime Vocational and Cultural Experience That:

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The RI **Group Study Exchange** (GSE) Program is an exciting 5-week vocational and cultural exchange opportunity that can provide an invaluable life enhancing experience for young professionals in your community! GSE team members enjoy *international adventure* and *education* coupled with Rotary hospitality that promotes goodwill and understanding between individuals, districts and nations. Participants also gain important *leadership and diplomacy skills, enhance their cultural understanding, develop global linkages, learn about their vocation abroad* and are provided a unique insight into all that Rotary does.

Each year, club members enjoy the vibrancy and youthful vigor of visiting GSE teams. These visitors bring enthusiasm, energy, warmth of spirit, and open-mindedness, usually giving us as much as we hope that they will receive from us. Our out-bound GSE teams experience a similar vibrant connection with their international host district that often inspires a “*Rotarian in the making*”.

Group Study Exchange team membership is the opportunity of a lifetime! Enhance the life of a young professional in your community! ***Begin your recruiting efforts TODAY!*** Give the gift of adventure, education, and an un-paralleled international experience.

Evangelize, publicize, and advertise this incredible opportunity! Enthusiastic clubs consistently refer qualified candidates. Qualified candidates represent our district well, and are often inclined to become Rotary members as the result of their experience. It is a win-win situation!

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SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

**ROTARY CLUB SEEKS AREA PROFESSIONALS
 FOR GOODWILL EXCHANGE TO JAPAN**

Enthusiastic, informed and articulate young professionals are sought for a Rotary-sponsored vocational visit to Japan in October/November 2009. Through Rotary's Group Study Exchange Program, local residents (non-Rotarians) have the opportunity to foster international goodwill and understanding through an exchange that involves team members sharing information about their own country while experiencing the customs, vocations and lifestyle of another.

The Group Study Exchange Program of the Rotary Foundation provides a unique opportunity for young men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 to meet with professional peers in another country to enhance occupational and cultural knowledge.

While in Japan, team members will stay with Rotarians who will provide meals, lodging and group travel in the host district. The Rotary Foundation provides a round trip air ticket. Team members pay only for personal and incidental expenses.

Young professionals age 25 - 40, employed full time, and residing in Rotary District 5580 are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available on the Rotary District website:

<http://www.bemidjirotary.org/5580-gse/>

The *District* closing date for applications & essays of interest, is Friday, February 13th, 2009. Please contact your local Rotary club for specific application and essay deadlines.

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GSE Exchange between Rotary District 5580 and Japan 2760

Japan is an island nation in the Pacific off the coasts of Korea and China. The capital of Aichi province, Nagoya, is home to roughly 2 million people, and is the fourth largest city in Japan. The country itself is home to more than 127 million people.



Japan boasts finely honed traditional culture, exotic tastes, urban hustle, and the creature comforts of modernity. Ancient temples sit astride modern office towers, beautiful scenery, glorious nature, and high-speed rail.



Japanese charm awaits. Apply for the GSE exchange and learn how Japan can enchant you!

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