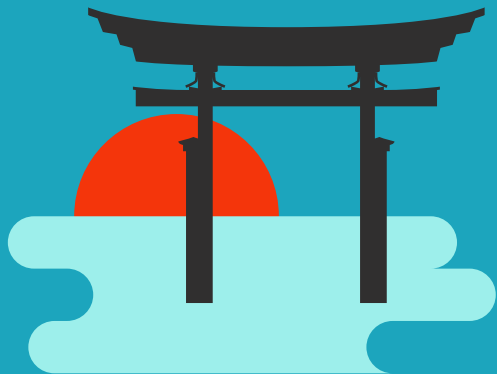


WELCOME TO JAPAN

THE MANITOWOC
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
ASSOCIATION (MIRA) IS LOOKING
FOR STUDENT AMBASSADORS
FOR THE 2023 STUDENT
EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH
OUR SISTER CITY, KAMOGAWA.

JOIN AND EXPERIENCE...

- TRADITIONAL AND
POPULAR CULTURE IN JAPAN
- THE BEAUTY OF JAPAN'S
MOUNTAINS AND OCEAN-SIDE
- DAILY LIFE IN JAPAN WITH
A HOST FAMILY
- THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
LIFELONG FRIENDS ABROAD



//QUESTIONS &
APPLICATIONS

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KAMOGAWA!

LET'S GO!
JULY 20 - 30TH 2023

MANITOWOC
SISTER CITY

STUDENT
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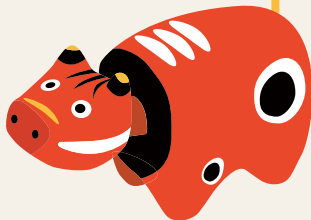
DEAR STUDENTS AND PARENTS,

Manitowoc and Kamogawa, Japan embarked on a wonderful journey as sister cities in 1993. The bonds of friendship that have grown between our citizens continue to flourish with each visit and passing year

The Student Exchange Program began in 1995 and, with few exceptions, has been held on an annual basis. The opportunity for six students to experience Japanese culture, family life, and history is life changing. Upon their return, Kamogawa students will accompany our students for a similar cultural exchange visit. Participation in both Japan and at home creates lasting memories and friendship among students and families.

All students benefit from the exchange in gaining greater understanding and respect of another culture. The value of this experience prepares all students for life in our increasingly global society.

Best regards,
Tina Prigge - President
Manitowoc International Relations
Association (MIRA)



GET READY FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Application requirements:

- Be a resident of or student in a Manitowoc-area high school
- Attend pre-travel meetings with MIRA
- Understand and fulfill responsibilities of being an ambassador to Kamogawa

HOW TO APPLY!

Submit the following items to MIRA:

- **Essay** - This essay should introduce you to the MIRA committee, explain your hopes and expectations for your visit to Kamogawa, and outline the impact this experience will have on your future.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation** - One written by a parent/guardian and one from another adult.

Applications are due by **March 10th 2023**

After applying, applicants will be contacted for a personal interview with MIRA's Student Exchange Program Committee



BEFORE YOU GO...

Cultural Ambassadorship

As a member of the student delegation, your enthusiasm and behavior reflect on Manitowoc. It is important to be open-minded, courteous, and willing to learn from your experiences in Japan. You will be asked to assist in hosting the students from Kamogawa during their stay in Manitowoc upon your return.



Kamogawa is a Pacific oceanfront city in Wisconsin's sister-state Chiba Prefecture. Kamogawa and its friendly population of nearly 32,000 people welcomes nearly 3 million visitors annually. The many shrines and temples are a reminder of Kamogawa's historical roots, dating back to the 12th century. Kamogawa's year-round warm weather allows citizens and visitors alike to enjoy surfing, swimming, and fishing no matter what season! Kamogawa has been a chief producer of fish, rice, dairy products, and flowers since its foundation by samurai-leader Yoritomo Minamoto. Kamogawa is home to the world-famous Kamogawa Sea World as well as, the home base for the Chiba Lotte Marines professional baseball team.

ESTIMATED COSTS

- Round-trip Airfare for Chicago to Tokyo-Narita: \$2,200 - \$2,400
- Traveler's insurance
- U.S. Passport related fees (if needed)
- Personal spending money while abroad

Note: Families of accepted students are asked to volunteer to drive to Chicago-O'Hare International Airport to pick-up their student and host student, if possible.

