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JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION UPDATE 32: JF INVITATIONAL GROUP TOUR TO JAPAN FOR US EDUCATORS 2016

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Last week, 14 American education administrators from across the country embarked on a ten-day trip to Japan. This group of superintendents, principals, community leaders and world language coordinators were invited by the Japan Foundation to visit Tokyo, Kanazawa, and Kyoto in order to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and education.

All 14 administrators are deeply involved in the process of starting foreign language programs

in their jurisdictions, whether at an individual school, a school district, or a state. By taking these administrators on a fun and educational tour of Japan, the Japan Foundation hopes to establish administrative support for fledgling Japanese programs from the very beginning.

Participants visited an elementary school and high school in Kanazawa, as well as a secondary school and university in Tokyo. They got the chance to sit down with teachers and administrators to discuss the challenges in the Japanese education system and the upcoming initiatives which will address those challenges. Hopefully, the participants will return to their schools, districts, and states with a more global perspective on education, and perhaps with some new ideas for facing challenges of their own.

The Japan Foundation is looking forward to continued collaboration with them to promote Japanese language education throughout the United States.

Japan Foundation Invitational Group Tour to Japan for US Educators 2016					
List of Participants					
Title	First Name	Last name	Title	Affiliation	State
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Ms.	Elyse	Dashew	Vice Chair, At Large Representative	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Board of Education	NC
Mrs.	Desa	Dawson	Director of World Language Education President-Elect	Oklahoma State Department of Education ACTFL	OK
Dr.	Clark	Egnor	Director of International Programs	West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission	WV
Dr.	David	Greer	Coordinator of World Languages	New Jersey Department of Education	NJ

Dr.	Lisa	Harris	Specialist for Foreign Languages	Virginia Department of Education	VA
Mrs.	Ellen	Hart	Instructional Director, World Languages and Arts Education	North Carolina Virtual Public School	NC
Ms.	Charleen	Jordan	English as a Second Language Coordinator	Radford City Public Schools	VA
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Ms.	Anna	Pavichevich	Principal - Head of School	Amundsen High School, Chicago Public Schools	IL
Dr.	Andrew	Rikli	Superintendent of Schools	Papillion La Vista Community Schools	NE
Mr.	David	Sable	Executive Director of Student Services	Radford City Public Schools	VA
Mrs.	Julia	Tatum	Assistant Principal	Clover Hill High School, Chesterfield County Public Schools	VA

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