



Media Advisory

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“Kizuna (Bond) Project”

OTTAWA ON- As a part of the reconstruction efforts following the Great East Japan Earthquake (of March 11, 2011), the Government of Japan announced the launching of the Kizuna (Bond) Project in 2012. The Project is an exchange program involving more than 10,000 youths from the Asia Pacific region and North America (41 countries and regions). This project is expected to help promote understanding throughout the international community of Japan’s revitalization from the Great East Japan Earthquake. The project will invite 100 participants to Japan (students and teachers) from 4 schools in Canada and send 100 Japanese participants to Canada from 4 schools in areas affected by the earthquake.

Programme:

- **January 4, 2013 – January 15, 2013 (students from Montreal and Winnipeg visit Japan):**

Through the Kizuna (Bond) Project, a total of fifty two participants from Trafalgar School for Girls in Montreal and Ecole Secondaire Kelvin High School in Winnipeg visited Japan. During their time in Japan, they visited disaster-affected areas situated in Ibaraki Prefecture. In addition, students of Trafalgar School for Girls also visited Ichikawa City, Chiba Prefecture, while the students of Ecole Secondaire Kelvin High School visited Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture. They engaged in discussions with local school students concerning the disaster and had homestay experiences with local families.

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