



INTERNATIONAL PRESENTERS

Program Guide for Hosts

Host an international visitor in your classroom



cultural exchange initiatives for schools since 1979!

The International Presenters Program

If you are looking for an innovative way to bring the world into your classroom - then IIP's International Presenters Program could be just the answer. With our global environment changing at an ever increasing pace, preparing children and young adults for life in a world full of new opportunity presents many challenges. IIP's program offers schools a fresh approach to helping students gain a deeper appreciation of the world into which they will step. IIP understands the demands placed on schools when it comes to meeting these challenges, especially when budgets are tight. Fortunately, our program is not only highly versatile, it is also extremely cost-effective.

How does it work?

The program is based around schools hosting a visitor from Japan, China or Korea. The visitor brings their culture into the classroom, sharing its customs, traditions, lifestyle, language and more, through a range of hands on activity that allow students to explore the wider world in a rich, dynamic way. The visitor gains insights into the host's education system and culture that will inform their own lives and careers once back in their home country.

What does it cost?

For the school, the costs are next to nothing. IIP does not charge any participation fee for schools to host a Presenter and schools are not required to pay any salary to the visitor. The visitor gives their time voluntarily to the host school in exchange for the experiences they will gain. Therefore, aside from minor incidental costs, the program is essentially free.

Our program allows you to open up a whole new dimension in international education for your students, staff and community. Exposing students to a culture very different from their own serves to open minds with the potential to spark a lifelong interest in the wider world.

The Presenter can take on a multitude of roles but at the heart of every visit is their ability to act as a Cultural Ambassador. Through exploring language, arts, customs and traditions, your students are taken on a journey without having to leave the classroom.

...exciting cultural exchange opportunities for schools and their communities!



“ I want to say: 'America is such a great country and my 3 month internship was fantastic!' ”

Chinese intern Mr. Wei Wei visited Minnesota as an International Presenter in 2008

About us

Since 1979, International Internship Programs has specialized in global exchange initiatives by bringing people together to share knowledge, skills and experience. IIP aims to open doors to new opportunities that will promote cross-cultural friendship and understanding.

Through its programs, IIP has placed participants all over the world - more than 16,000 to date in over 50 countries. We work with a wide range of partners in different regions and fields to achieve mutually beneficial exchanges. Though we primarily work in the field of education, IIP also helps facilitate a wide range of professional exchange initiatives, as well as opportunities for groups and individuals to pursue personal interests and goals in lifelong learning.



“ The visit from the IIP representative was hugely beneficial to our school and we all enjoyed sharing knowledge and culture. Our students were exposed to a wide range of activities and experiences that have helped them consider the wider world in a much more positive and engaging manner than we could offer alone. Thank you for the opportunity. ”

Coastal Taranaki School in New Zealand hosted Ms. Rika Kato a JHS teacher from Tokyo

The Presenter's Role

The Presenters role may vary widely, but as a general rule, they can expect to be involved in the following ways:

1. Developing and presenting culture & language based activities
2. Working with school staff to plan schedules & resources
3. Observing and researching the education system in the host country
4. Acting as "Cultural Resource Person/Ambassador" to school community
5. Assisting in regular curriculum classes & day to day school life
6. Attending and supporting events and meetings

Popular Themes

Food

Crafts

Music & Dance

Costume & Dress

Stories & Legends

Games & Sports

Festivals

Symbols of Cultural Identity (flags, landmarks etc)



The qualities we look for in a Presenter...

IIP focuses on matching the skills, needs and interests of school and visitor. Aside from the academic and professional requirements they may have to satisfy, we look for people who are...

- * *Positive and out-going*
- * *Enthusiastic about cross-cultural exchange*
- * *Flexible and open-minded*
- * *Responsible and dependable*

Burlington Notre Dame School in Iowa hosted Korean intern Ms. Hye Seung Lee throughout 2008

“ Ms. Lee provided a big boost to our international approach. She was loved by the elementary students and provided an insight into another culture. We will want to continue having this type of person at our school. ”

...find out how to participate at www.intertraining.com

FAQ



Q. What is the background of the Presenters?

A. Most Presenters join the program to build skills and experiences in support of their career goals. These include qualified teachers and professional educators taking paid or unpaid leave to participate, as well as college student seeking an 'internship' style experience in your country. However, we also have people join us from all walks of life who participate for a number of different reasons. In all cases, IIP will match the interests of both host school and Presenter to ensure each placement has the best possible potential for success.

Q. How long do visits last?

A. Visits to schools can range from a couple of weeks to a full year or more, depending on the nature of the visit and interests of the two sides. In many cases, a visit may be shared collaboratively between a number of schools, or a Presenter may move on to other hosts after the completion of their visit to you. The period of stay may also be determined by visa regulations in the host country.

Q. Are Presenters fluent in the language of the host country?

A. If the host language is English, then there is a good chance the Presenter will be a proficient speaker. Unless it is stipulated by other parties or authorities, IIP does not require a high level of fluency. More important is a willingness to communicate and overcome any language barriers - we are looking for an ability to function effectively and independently in a new cultural environment. Presenters would therefore be at least an intermediate level English speaker. For other languages, it is possible the Presenter would have basic skills but generally English would be used to coordinate and set placements up.

Q. Presenters are unpaid but what are the costs?

A. Since the Presenter volunteers their time to the school, and IIP does not ask any participation fee of the host, the costs are next to nothing. There are likely to be a few incidental costs during the visit for activities such as crafts that require some basic materials. Presenters are aware of the limited budgets most schools face and this is always taken into account and discussed carefully when planning activities. We do however ask the host school to consider supporting the Presenter with school lunches and transport where available for the days spent at the school.

Q. Where do Presenters stay?

A. As far as possible, IIP encourage the Host school to assist in finding a homestay arrangement for the Presenter within the host community for which the Presenter will pay an agreed fee. We understand a homestay is not possible in all cases and for entire durations, but the spirit of the program is to maximize the learning and exchange opportunities for everyone. Staying with a local family offers enormous potential for mutual reward.

Q. What kind of visa do Presenters have?

A. Visas are a complex issue since much depends on individual circumstances - the immigration regulations of the host country, the Presenter's age and qualifications, and the duration and purpose of the visit all have a strong bearing on what type of visa or permit the visitor has. IIP has a great deal of experience in navigating these factors and we work closely with partners and authorities overseas to ensure each visit is compliant and fully supported. We aim to minimize the frustration and uncertainty involved in the process - please let us know if we can advise you in your particular case.

“ Every culture has its own different spirit. If you want foreigners to accept your culture, you have to study their culture first. Love has no borders and the Columbia people taught a great deal about love - I will always remember them, we still email each other now. It's really an amazing experience.”

Ms. Li Dian spent 3 months at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia, Illinois



If your questions haven't been answered here, please let us know

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Q. Are Presenters insured?

A. Every Presenter will have the travel and medical insurance needed for their particular visit. In addition, should a host or authority require further coverage, IIP will endeavor to ensure such requirements are met.

Q. Have the Presenters been background checked?

A. IIP can help obtain background checks from the Presenter's local police authority. For screening and vetting in the Host's country, we can endeavor to assist. Since, these matters vary from region to region, please let us know your requirements and we can advise accordingly.

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We have been delighted with Yoko. She is a very kind, mature, professional young lady. She is an excellent ambassador for Japan. She is extremely popular with pupils, staff and parents.

Mr. M Murphy, Headteacher
Corpus Cristi RC Primary School, UK



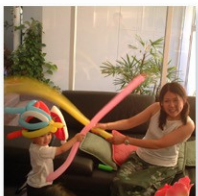
Mayuko Wakatabi, a 21 year old student from Nagoya, was a pleasurable addition to our staff. She taught the children many aspects of Japanese culture. She related well to both students and staff. She was also friendly and adaptable. We, at Baldi miss her, and because the episode with her was so positive, we will probably participate in the program again.

Mr. Richard Shohen, Principal
Baldi Middle School, USA



Ms. Kasuya proved to be an absolute asset to our community during her stay with us. Her enthusiasm and zest for life and people was evident from the moment she arrived. I would say that Ms. Kasuya went out of her way to share Japanese culture with the whole school community, and, in all her relations with staff and students, she fostered excellent and lasting communication and a better understanding of other cultures. We are appreciative of the unique program and highly successful contribution she made.

Mrs. S. E. Hornum, Principal
Rockhampton Girl's Grammar
School, Australia



Responsibilities

The aim of the International Presenters Program is to facilitate a mutually beneficial exchange of culture, skills, knowledge and working practices between the Host School and the Presenter, as well as a broader opportunity for the sharing of friendship and understanding. Collectively, we refer to this as the “*spirit of the program*”. With this in mind, please take note of the following areas of responsibility:

The **Presenter** is responsible for:

- Fully participating in the appointment opportunity and making all efforts to ensure the spirit of the program is realized to the greatest degree possible.
- Abiding by the rules and regulations of the Host School; the host country; immigration departments; host families & other accommodation providers; and all related authorities.
- Obtaining medical and travel insurance for the duration of the visit.
- Notifying the Host School and IIP of any changes to contact information, including postal address, telephone number, contact email address, that occur throughout the duration of the visit.
- Meeting all expenses and liabilities should the Presenter continue their stay abroad after completion of the program.

The **Host School** is responsible for:

- Providing the Presenter with an opportunity to gain knowledge and experience of the Host working practices and cultural aspects related to their education system, in accordance with the spirit of the program.
- Ensuring the purpose of Presenter’s visit is known and understood by those persons the Presenter will come into contact with through the activities of the placement.
- Providing guidance and orientation to the Presenter in order for the Presenter to understand the correct and expected procedures of a member of the Host School’s organization and community, such as codes of conduct, health and safety regulations, channels of communication, equipment and machinery operation, leave of absence, and so on.
- Appointing a supervisor within the Host School structure to take responsibility for guiding the Presenter, discussing mutual goals and expectations, and acting as liaison with IIP to coordinate supporting the placement.

The **Host Family** is responsible for:

- Treating the Presenter as a member of the Host Family and providing an enriching home stay experience.
- Providing a room and board, including meals (except lunch on school days) and utilities, for which the visitor will contribute a pre-agreed amount to help defray living expenses.
- Discharging the visitor without any hindrance should any event occur which prompts IIP or the visitor to terminate the stay.
- Please see our Guide for Host Families for more information, available online at: http://www.interntesting.com/docs/IIP_Guide_for_Host_Families.pdf

IIP is responsible for:

- Ensuring the Presenter and Host School understand the aims of the program and are sympathetic to each other’s goals, purposes, expectations and responsibilities with regard to activity, schedule and duration of the placement.
- Ensuring all necessary documentation and paperwork is completed in order for the placement to commence and proceed as smoothly as possible.
- Coordinating the Presenter’s pre-departure processing, including visa application, medical insurance and arrival schedule.
- Monitoring the progress of the Presenter within the placement and ensuring all questions and concerns raised by either Host School or Presenter are responded to in a timely manner.
- Advising the Host School and Participant of any circumstances that might cause the terms and conditions of the Appointment to be altered.

If you have any questions, or ideas to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time:

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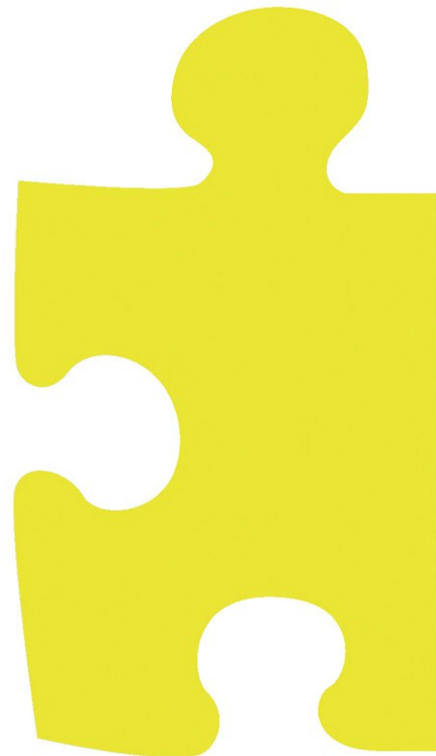
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