

International Student Home Visit Guideline as of June 18, 2023

As part of the "International Student Exchange and Social Participation" project, MIFA conducts the following home visit project for international students to visit Japanese families.

1. Purpose

The home visit program aims to foster mutual friendship and trust by providing international students with an opportunity to experience Japanese family life, and providing host families with an opportunity to broaden their international horizons by interacting with visitors, which is expected to further expand the circle of heart-to-heart exchanges among residents of Meguro City.

2. Definition

(1) Home visit

A home visit is a one-day program that does not involve lodging, in which visitors are accepted into a home for about three hours and interacted with each other.

(2) Host family

It refers to a Japanese family that accepts and interacts with visitors.

(3) Visitors

It refers to an international student who visits and interacts with a host family.

3. Visitor Eligibility Requirements

(1) Be an international student enrolled in a university, vocational school, or other school in Tokyo.

(2) Have an interest in Japanese culture and lifestyle, and have a strong desire to understand Japan and the Japanese people.

(3) Actively try to communicate with the host family regardless of language ability.

(4) Register as a member of the Meguro International Friendship Association (hereinafter referred to as "MIFA") for the relevant fiscal year.

(5) Register as an "international student home visitor" for the year concerned.

(6) Join an event insurance (Injury compensation/liability compensation) for the relevant fiscal year with the social welfare corporation Tokyo Council of Social Welfare as the contractor. *Insurance premiums are to be borne by MIFA.

4. Host family Eligibility Requirements

(1) Try to understand the traditions, culture and lifestyle of the visitor's country.

(2) Make efforts to communicate positively, regardless of language ability.

(3) Register as a member of MIFA for the relevant fiscal year.

(4) Register as an "international student home visit host family" for the academic year.

(5) Join an event insurance (Injury compensation/liability compensation) for the relevant fiscal year with the social welfare corporation Tokyo Council of Social Welfare as the contractor. *Insurance premiums will be paid by MIFA.

5. Expiration Date of Membership Registration

The registration is valid from the time of registration (renewal) until the end of March of the following year.

6. Cancellation of Registration

Registration shall be canceled in any of the following cases:

(1) When a visitor or host family requests to withdraw.

(2) If a visitor and host Family violates the Eligibility Requirements of this guideline.

7. Covering Expenses during Home Visit

(1) Visitor burden

Transportation expenses between home and host family's house

(2) Host family burden

Basic expenses associated with acceptance (tea fee, utility fee, etc.).

8. Expense Reimbursement for Host Family

MIFA will reimburse a host family costs necessary to host a visitor. Compensation for such expense is 2,000 JPY per visitor.

9. Natural Disasters, Illnesses, Accidents, etc. during Home Visit

(1) If a natural disaster occurs just prior to a home visit or stormy weather is expected, and it is expected that it will be extremely difficult for a visitor to move to a host family's house, MIFA will suspend the project and notify the visitor and host family immediately. (2) If a visitor/host family becomes unable to participate due to illness, accident, etc. immediately before the home visit, the visitor/host family shall promptly notify MIFA of this fact.

(3) MIFA will promptly settle any medical expenses incurred by a visitor/host family in response to an accident caused by the home visit.

(4) MIFA will promptly report the accident to the underwriting insurance company, Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company, in the event that a visitor or host family has an injury compensation or liability compensation case during a home visit.

10. Recruitment

MIFA recruits host families/visitors through the Meguro City Newsletter, website, e-mail magazine, SNS, etc.

11. Application

A host family/visitor submits the "Home Visit Participation Application Form" and the handwritten "Home Visit Consent Form" to MIFA.

12. Examination

MIFA inspects and examines the application documents. If the application requirements are not met, the applicant will be notified to that effect.

13. Matching

MIFA will match applicants (visitors, host families) who meet the eligibility requirements to meet their needs.

14. Home Visit Day

(1) Visitors and host families will gather at the MIFA office on the designated date and time and conduct a face-to-face ceremony as follows.

- Greetings from the organizer
- Host family representative self-introduction
- Visitor self-introduction
- After the face-to-face ceremony, the host family welcomes the visitor to their home and interacts with them.

(2) Visitors will stay for about 3 hours during the home visit.

(3) Visitors and host families should finish their lunch and go on a home visit.

15. Questionnaire

MIFA will conduct questionnaires for visitors and host families, collect them, tally them, provide feedback to visitors and host families, and strive to improve future events.

16. Use of personal information

Comply with the personal information protection policy stipulated by MIFA.

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