

Dear Principal, Curriculum Co-ordinators, SOSE and LOTE Teachers,

I am writing to inform you of a number of opportunities that your school may be interested during 2013 as part of your Cultural Literacy and LOTE programs.

InterCultural Consulting Group (ICG) has been in operation since 2001 and has been providing cultural opportunities to a wide ranging audience for the past 15 years.

These activities include

- Inbound and outbound study tours to Japan .
- Japanese Cultural experiences in school
- Unique cultural exhibitions.
- Homestay experiences and opportunities in Japan
- Foreign Language extension activities in school
- Tours to the Western Front in France for Anzac Day
- Volunteer programs abroad
- Teaching and language programs in Japan
- TESOL teaching Programs.

Please find enclosed some information that may be of interest to your school

Please feel free to contact us for details.

For all details and enquiries interccg@bigpond.com

Best Regards

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InterCultural Consulting Group.

A Very Special Event.
Memories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki exhibition
Brisbane Square Library 1st March-30th April

Beginning in March ICG in conjunction with The Hiroshima Peace and Culture Foundation and Brisbane Square Library, will present a **FREE** exhibition and schools program at Brisbane Square Library.

“Memories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki –a quest for Peace”

This 2 month long exhibition offers and insight into the tragic events in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The exhibition offers a series of unique posters and info panels along with 6 unique artifacts from the bombed cities. A series of audio-visual presentations will also provide moving testimony to the event and the message of world peace strongly promoted in each city.

A very special part of the exhibition will be the personal account of the events by Hiroshima survivor **Mr Keijiro Matsushima who will travel to Brisbane for just 6 days.** His account provides a wonderful historical context. Students will also be able to take part in a **PEACE CRANE MISSION** to provide Peace Cranes to be taken to Hiroshima in commemoration of the August 6th bombing. The cranes will be part of the 2013 ceremony in Hiroshima city.

Of additional interest at the exhibition will be the first viewing of a collection of photos and artifacts belonging to **Mr Dan Crane who was a member of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces** sent to Japan soon after the events of August 6th and 9th 1945. This group of soldiers and their experiences provide an interesting contrast to that of Keijiro Matsushima.

This exhibition is a tale of two men and their very different stories. These are truly remarkable stories both on display for the first time in Brisbane. Check out the exhibition website

www.memoriesofhiroshima.com

School presentations.

Mr Keijiro Matsushima –Hiroshima Survivor –Schools presentations.

The general public is invited to a special opening event on Friday the 8th March at 5.00pm at Brisbane Square Library to hear the account from Mr Matsushima and to view the exhibition.

- *Schools are invited to book a visit to hear Mr Matsushima and view the exhibition as part of a special schools program on the 11th an 12th March at 10.00am .*

These two special educational sessions will be 2 hours in duration and will include a special audio-visual presentation, a moving account by Mr Matsushima, paper crane making and viewing of the exhibition including an exhibition work booklet. **The sessions are free of charge.**

Schools interested must book their place by enquiring at interccg@bigpond.com ,Or on the Memories of Hiroshima website student booking page. There are only 200 places available on each day. www.memoriesofhiroshima.com

Schools Presentations for March.

- **All schools will be available to book an educational session from March 13th-27th at 9.30am or 12 noon. These 2 hour educational sessions include a presentation, viewing of exhibition and paper crane making for Hiroshima. Students can also add to a Hiroshima blog being collected for Hiroshima Day 2013.**

(remember all these activities are free of charge)

“Perception of Peace” Essay Competition.....Win a trip to Hiroshima- Japan.

Year 7 and High School students are invited to enter a speech/essay competition entitled “Perceptions of Peace”. Students are asked to present a 500-1000 word presentation to be judged by a panel of special judges. The winner will travel to Hiroshima, Japan as part of their prize to lay paper cranes at the foot of the Sadako statue in Hiroshima and take part in the Peace ceremonies on August 6th 2013.

The prize will include airfares, accommodation , meals and sightseeing from the 3rd until the 10th August 2013. Entry is via the entry form on the Memories of Hiroshima website.
www.memoriesofhiroshima.com

Inschool Peace and Culture Day experiences.

Let us come to your school for a day and let one or more of your classes experience the culture of Japan. These experiences are available from July to December 2013.
The day includes

- A Japanese Conversation lesson from Japan via Skype.
- The story of Hiroshima and Nagasaki brought to life through display and audio visual presentations. - “Quest for Peace” This includes a student work book.
- Japanese craft lesson.
- Japanese calligraphy lesson.
- Japanese Kimono dress up.

We come to your school for the day and your students will have a cultural experience that will bring to life so much of the Culture of Japan.

Bookings and costing enquiries can be made via the ICG website
www.interculturalconsultinggroup.com or by enquiring at interccg@bigpond.com

Sessions are based on morning or afternoon programs.

Session 1	9.00-11.00am	minimum 60 students	maximum 120 students
Session 2	1.00-3.00pm	minimum 60 students	maximum 120 students

Interested in Visiting Japan

August 2013 or April 2014

Let ICG devise a specialised school program for your students to experience the real Japan.

Students and teachers take part in a 10-12 day program that visits Hiroshima Japan and the surrounding rural area . Take in the sacred island of Miyajima, Iwakuni and the magnificent Kintai bridge and castle. Visit little Kyoto –Takehara city. Visit Hiroshima Castle and the Peace park. Learn to cook Okonomiyuki. Enjoy the famous 100 yen shops and view a Japanese baseball game, learn some language and spend a day in a Japanese school as well as many other unique Japanese cultural offerings.

Airfares, all travel, hotel or homestay, insurance, sightseeing breakfast and dinners all included in cost.

Take a look at the itineraries on our website.

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