

an opportunity....Global Education Study Tour (GEST) Japan-textiles 8 April - 19 April 2015

Background information

The Global Education Project NSW invites teachers of Textiles to participate in a specialised study tour of Japan. The tour will incorporate a range of experiences during the 2015 April school holiday period. The study tour will include museum visits, lectures, and workshops on various techniques. This tour is an easy option for teachers visiting Japan for the first time and would like the company of experienced educators who tour this region on a regular basis.

Participants will visit Kyoto, savouring the local cuisine, the transient beauty of the cherry blossom and the culture of Geiko. Here, visits include Gion, famous temples and castles and the Nishijin Textile Centre, famous for kimono production. Participants will try their hand at Yuzen dyeing and watch weaving demonstrations.

In Tokyo, participants will marvel at modern fashion and find the best textile shopping spots for buying Japanese fabrics and notions.

The tour concludes in Fujino, in an historical silk farming house. Here participants have the opportunity to experience traditional village life as they learn about sericulture and indigo dyeing from masters. Participants will dye cloth and embroider it in the sashiko method. The opportunities here include experiencing an onsen (hot spring), eating handmade Japanese noodles for lunch and a group dinner in a traditional Japanese restaurant.

Costs

Each individual participant is required to pay a total of \$2500 for the land cost of the GEST. Cheques should be made payable to the Professional Teachers' Council NSW.

For further information about the GEST Japan, please email leanne.smith@ptc.nsw.edu.au or telephone the **Professional Teachers' Council on 02 9716 0378**.

HUNTER TEA CAFS WORKSHOP

This workshop was facilitated by Allison Beattie, an experienced CAFS teacher currently working as a DEC consultant and co-author of the Nelson Community and Family Studies 2nd Edition textbook.

(Due for release Oct-Nov)

The workshop focused upon the revised BOSTES Community and Family Studies syllabus, providing detailed information and hands on experiences with the Research Methodology and Families and Communities modules, including:

- Discussion of revised syllabus - What's new and different?
- Focus on HSC Research Methodology
- Focus on Prelim Families and Communities
- Teaching strategies /learning activity ideas
- Assessment samples and ideas
- Review, discussion, sharing and evaluating of relevant and innovative teaching resources,
- FAQs session

This course is registered with BOSTES for **5 hours**, of professional development at *Proficient* level.



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