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The Australia Japan Business Council of Victoria (AJBCV) has been invited to send four children (2 boys and 2 girls) to the BRIDGE Summer Camp (Asian-Pacific Children's Convention) in Fukuoka Japan, which will be held for approximately 10 days from the middle of July 2026 (exact dates are not known at this stage).

The AJBCV has sent a group of children accompanied by a Chaperone and Peace Ambassador/Head Office Member to participate in this experience for the past 37 years and highly recommends this wonderful opportunity being offered to Victorian primary school students. It is a unique event, which allows approximately 180 eleven-year-old children from 43 regions around the Asian Pacific region to share in a truly international exchange.

The program will involve an Orientation camp (approx. 2-3 days) and a homestay program will then be held (approx. 7 days including school visits and a celebration/performance event)! In order to apply, the child must have his or her date of birth between **1st August 2014 and 31st July 2015**

You can view a special video produced after the 2024 program at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ohjeon3b1A>

All the Australian children and Chaperone/s will be home hosted in the same area and the Chaperone is contactable by the host families at all times.

Expenses covered by the Asian Pacific Children's Convention Executive Committee in Japan are:

1. Round-trip airfare, including airport tax between Melbourne and Fukuoka.
2. All transportation fees in Japan.
3. Meals during the entire stay in Fukuoka.
4. Insurance covering injury and illness during the entire trip (excluding dental and pre-existing conditions).

A fee will be payable to the APCC by each country to assist with the costs of the convention. AJBCV also charges a participation fee for selected children to cover uniform, administration and camp fees. Part of the fee is also used when a return visit by Fukuoka children is scheduled, likely to be later in 2026. The participation fee for each child will be a maximum of **\$900** payable on acceptance of selection. Please note, no child should miss out on this opportunity due to cost. If selected, confidential discussion regarding possible payment plan/fundraising ideas can be held. Spending money is limited to **¥10,000** (approx. \$115-\$120) and is additional to the participation fee.

The selection process to choose the four children who will attend the BRIDGE Summer Camp will consist of the following stages:

1. AJBCV will consider all applications received and a short list will be created.
2. Short listed applicants will be invited to attend a **selection day** on **Sunday 30 November 2025** at a metropolitan location.
3. Following this day, the selection panel will select a number of children to attend an **in person interview together with their parents on Sunday 1st February 2026**

Please ensure that you are available on the dates mentioned above as **no alternative dates are available**.

Four orientation meetings will be held for the group prior to departure in July and attendance is compulsory. These meetings will be generally held at a metropolitan location and will be held on:

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Saturday 17th May 2026 (usually sleepover meeting)

Sunday 29th March 2026

Sunday 21st June 2026

A copy of an available 2025 school report should also be provided to AJBCV as part of the application.

PLEASE NOTE: INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS SHOULD NOT BE MADE DIRECT TO AJBCV UNLESS PARENT IS A MEMBER OF THE AJBCV (INCLUDING CORPORATE MEMBERS)..