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CHAPERONE OPPORTUNITY FOR 2016 STUDENT DELEGATION TO HEKINAN, JAPAN

(Edmonds – WA) The Edmonds Sister City Commission is accepting applications from teachers interested in co-leading the annual student visit to Hekinan, Japan during the last two weeks of July 2016. This program was started in 1988 and has organized visits for over 500 middle and high school aged students to and from Hekinan, Japan. Chaperones stay with a host family in Hekinan and travel costs are paid by the Commission.

The 2015 delegation chaperones, Edmonds School District teachers Karyn Heinekin and Robert Allen, recently escorted eight Edmonds School District students on the trip. They express what a “fabulous opportunity this was to travel to Japan and experience the Japanese culture” and also talk about “building lasting relationships with many of the people in Hekinan”.

If you are interested in this wonderful international travel opportunity, you can get an application packet with information about Hekinan, background on the program, and a sample itinerary by: visiting the Sister City webpage at www.escc.edmondswa.gov and going to Exchange Programs; contacting Carolyn LaFave at 425.771.0247 / carolyn.lafave@edmondswa.gov; or going to Edmonds City Hall, 121 5th Avenue North, Edmonds, Monday – Friday from 8 am – 4:30 pm. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 8th.

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