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Student Exchange Program University Placement (StEP UP)

2016-2017 Soka University, Japan Student Exchange Program
(One academic year)

What is in store for you at Soka University?

Soka University opened on **April 2, 1971**, in Hachioji in the suburbs of Tokyo. Preparations began seven years earlier, in June, 1964, when Daisaku Ikeda, president of Soka Gakkai International, first officially announced his intention to build a university founded on the principles of Soka (value-creating) education.

Education is the foundation of culture and the vital soil that nurtures each new generation. The university, a place where wisdom and character are forged, bears a particularly vital responsibility contributing to the flourishing and prosperity of human society, to the development of peace in the world. Soka University was founded on the basis of such an ideal, at a time when the need for a new university rooted in humanistic educational principles was felt. Its establishment was inspired by a vision of fostering creative, academically rounded individuals of wisdom and character through humanistic education based on an ethic of respect for the sanctity of life.

The spirit of these ideals is encapsulated in the three founding principles set forth by Mr. Ikeda and upheld by the university:

1. Be the highest seat of learning for humanistic education
2. Be the cradle of a new culture
3. Be a fortress of peace for humankind

To know about the Soka University, please check their website at <https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/about/>

Exchange program duration

September 2016 to July/August 2017

Qualifications: Applicant must -

1. Be a native born Filipino citizen.
2. Be at least 18 years old by August 1, 2016.
3. Have a valid passport up to at least March 31, 2018.
4. Be fit to travel.
5. Have completed at least 3 trimesters of study at DLSU on the date of application.
6. Be a bonafide student of DLSU on the date of application.
7. Have at least one academic trimester left at DLSU upon return from the program.

The students availing of the program will be responsible for the following expenses:

- Tuition fee payable to De La Salle University
- Round-trip airfare
- Visa fees, travel insurance, host university insurance (if mandated) and other fees/expenses not covered by the program

TO APPLY

Submit the Outbound Exchange Program Application Form (<http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/offices/evperi/forms/outbound-form.pdf>) at the International Center (SJ 207) before the deadline.

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DEADLINE OF APPLICATION
MARCH 3, 2016
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