CIF Japan invites professionals from the fields of social work/human services to apply for its “International Professional Exchange Program”.

Theme  “Social Work and Social Welfare Services in Japan”

Program

1st week: All participants will attend together an orientation and lectures given by the faculties from the School of Social Work, Doshisha University in Kyoto, on topics such as contemporary Japanese society, history of social work in Japan, and family and community issues in Japan. Post-graduate students at the University will join the lectures and exchange ideas with participants. Study tours to various local social welfare agencies/institutions, museums, and historical spots in the city of Kyoto and its surrounding areas will be conducted.

2nd week: Participants will partake in field work at social agencies run by social welfare corporations in Kyoto or other cities. Participants are requested to choose one of the following field placements:

1) one agency providing services to the elderly in a comprehensive care center and the community;
2) one center for mentally disabled persons, who need support to find employment or to enhance their social & daily life skills;
3) one organization for children and adults with intellectual disability, who need care for daily life or support to find employment;
4) one agency for children and adolescents in need such as those abused, those requiring adoption or foster care services, etc.; and
5) one community center providing social services to children, adolescents, the elderly at home, etc.

Alternate agencies can be sought. Detailed information on participants’ fields of interests should be provided in the application documents.

Language
Participants should be able to understand and express themselves in English.

Number of Participants
Three participants will be selected.

Registration Fees
Participants will pay 300 euros and will be responsible for airfares to/from Japan as well as medical insurance. CIF Japan will arrange host families, who will provide accommodations and two meals a day (breakfast and supper) for free. Transportation costs within Japan, such as traveling from/to the airport in Osaka, commuting to the agencies in Kyoto and other cities, and group excursions are covered by registration fees and CIF Japan.

Application Deadline: February 29th 2020
The application form is available on the website: www.cifinternational.com. Please send your application to the CIF branch or contact person in your country after consulting with them. Acceptance or rejection of participants will be notified applicants by April 30th, 2020.

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