

Please make sure that both student and parent signatures are on the Letter of Understanding.

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

In consideration of acceptance and participation in the NP:J program, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree and consent:

- **I have read and fully understand the document entitled *Important Details with special attention to the sections on Additional Fees and Cancellation Refund Policies and NP:J Rules for Participant Behavior.***
- The Laurasian Institution will not be held liable for any of the actions or negligence of any third parties including, but not limited to, commercial airlines, hotels, and restaurants.
- The Laurasian Institution, the host school, and host family are not and will not be held liable for any injuries to me or my possessions.
- The Laurasian Institution is not responsible for providing insurance coverage of any kind during the NP: J program. I understand and agree that I am responsible for my own insurance including, but not limited to, health, travel, and life insurance. Furthermore, I understand that I am required to have and show proof of health insurance coverage abroad for the duration of my NP:J tour.
- Any and all debts incurred by me during this program including, but not limited to, medical, dental, hospital bills, and personal expenses (e.g. long distance calls) incurred during the homestay are my own responsibility and will not be paid by The Laurasian Institution.
- The Laurasian Institution reserves the right to change or alter travel, lodging, or other arrangements without notice or reason.
- The Laurasian Institution may remove me from the program at any time for reasons TLI staff deems sufficient including, but not limited to, my health, attitude, or behavior. Expenses incurred for such removal are my responsibility and must be paid by me immediately upon demand.
- I am of sound physical and mental condition and have no medical problems or disabilities that have not been set forth in writing attached hereto or which would make participation in this program inadvisable. Furthermore, I understand that extensive walking and stair climbing are part of everyday Japanese life and culture, and **I will be physically and mentally prepared for EXTENSIVE WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING during the NP:J tour.**
- All costs that are not explicitly included in the program are my own responsibility.
- Photos taken of me during the course of the tour may be uploaded to the NP:J website and used in promotional materials.
- Due to scheduling difficulties beyond NP:J's control, homestay families may not be confirmed until days prior to your departure for Japan. NP:J will, of course, make every effort to encourage host families to submit their information in a timely manner.
- I understand that family members who are not participants in the NP:J program are not allowed to shadow me or my group.
- **A copy of my valid passport will be provided to the organizing teacher by March 2, 2010 and postmarked to NP:J by March 16, 2010. I understand that if my passport copy fails to meet this deadline, a US\$50 late fee will be incurred.**
- If I have applied for a scholarship and am awarded one, I will submit the required project or report by November 30, 2010.

**I, the participant, have read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents.**

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Participants under 21 years of age must have the following statement signed in addition to the above.*

**I, the parent or legal guardian of the above named participant, have read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents.** I certify that by signing this agreement I have granted permission to the above named individual to participate in this program. I understand and agree to pay immediately on demand any and all debts incurred by the above named individual while participating in this program.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Only applications which bear original signatures on this application are accepted by The Laurasian Institution. **Give this application, supporting materials, and down payment to the organizing teacher.** (Photocopy for your records.)