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Hawaii is an excellent destination of choice for study tours for any demographic group. Situated in the middle of the Pacific and crossroads of the East and West, it provides invaluable resources for peace study, natural and marine science study, plantation era and immigration history, Hawaiian Monarchy and Polynesian voyaging history, American culture, and English study. Hawaii offers unique opportunities to get practical, hands-on multicultural experiences.

In today’s world, it is essential to understand the importance of communication. The world is getting smaller and soon you will be required to meet and deal with people of different cultures and who speak another language. Hawaii’s ethnic diversity is unique even within the United States, because they live in harmony, and mutually respect and adopt each other’s culture. Hawaii’s local culture provides a comfortable environment for students from around the world.

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Customization of Study Tours

Each group of students and professionals visiting Hawaii has its own purpose and goal for the trip. HGEF has a wide range of resources and extensive networks to assist in arranging meetings with experts and visits at educational institutions and facilities. HGEF staff members are all bilingual. Your group will be in good hands, accompanied by a HGEF coordinator upon arrival and throughout the study tour. Depending upon what your group’s focus is, your choices are endless.

Academic Affiliations

Brigham Young University – Hawaii
Hawaii Pacific University
University of Hawaii at Hilo
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Hawaii Community College (Hilo, Hawaii)
Honolulu Community College (Honolulu, Oahu)
Kapiolani Community College (Honolulu, Oahu)
Leeward Community College (Pearl City, Oahu)
Maui Community College (Kahului, Maui)
Hawaii Tokai International College (Kapolei, Oahu)
Hawaii State Department of Education and Hawaii Public Schools

Study Hawaii

Damien Memorial School  Mid-Pacific Institute
Hawaii Baptist Academy  Sacred Hearts Academy
Hawaii Buddhist Academy  St. Francis School
Kamehameha Schools  St. Louis School

SSH (Super Science High School) and Science Program

Hawaii’s natural beauty and rich resources for scientific study attracts many schools and groups to visit places not only in Honolulu but also neighbor islands. In particular, Hawaii Island (also known as the “Big” Island) is a popular place for science-focused groups.

HAWAII ISLAND
Volcanology (Hawaii Volcano National Park, Kilauea, Mauna Kea)
Astronomy (Imiloa Astronomy Center, Mauna Kea, Subaru Observatory)
Energy (Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority)
Botanyology (Hawaii Volcano National Park, Kilauea)
Marine science (Mokupapapa Discovery Center)
Oceanography (Pacific Tsunami Museum)

OAHU ISLAND
Marine science (Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology)
Agriculture (University of Hawaii Waimanalo Research Station, various farms)
Energy (H-Power)

ESL (English as a Second Language) Program

Whether open class participation or an exclusive class for your own group, HGEF will assist designing a training program to fit your group.

OAHU ISLAND
Brigham Young University – Hawaii Outreach Program
Leeward Community College Office of International Programs
University of Hawaii at Manoa Outreach Program
Various language schools

HAWAII ISLAND
Hawaii Community College Intensive English Program
Maui Community College Maui Language Institute
University of Hawaii at Hilo English Language Institute

Global Issues Program

Many schools are seeking learning opportunities from experts in many fields. Issues can be sustainability, health, elderly care, homelessness and poverty, food security, technology, and more. With HGEF’s extensive network and relationship with local government offices and businesses, we are able to make arrangements for meetings and visits.
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2017 – Inaugural Hoaloha Ambassador Program
Destination: Sera Town (Hiroshima), Osaka, Kyoto
Participants: 2 students from Niu Valley Middle School (Honolulu, Oahu)

2018 – Hoaloha Ambassador Program
Destination: Nagaoka City (Niigata), Tokyo
Participants: 4 students from Kaiser High School (Honolulu, Oahu)

Services
HGEF is proud of our unique services for visiting groups. Each group has its own purpose and focus when planning their study tour. With an extensive network of resources, HGEF is able to customize your tour. We can arrange facility or school visits, have your students go on homestays, or spend time with local students of their age group for cultural exchange experiences.

We assist your group not only before the trip, but also during your stay in Hawaii as an on-site coordinator. We are there to help you from the time you arrive at the airport until you leave.

Projects

- Fukuoaka – Hawaii Sister State Relationship 35th Anniversary Celebration
- Hiroshima Prefecture Board of Education Teachers Internship
- Hiroshima Prefecture High School Hawaii Study Program
- Hiroshima Prefecture Sera Town Board of Education Junior High School at Niu Valley Middle School
- Fukuoaka Prefecture International Exchange Center “Global Stage”
- Nagaoka International Exchange Association Hawaii Study Program
- Tokyo Healthcare University Nurse Practitioner Training Program
- Kagoshima University Hawaii Study Program
- National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya Hawaii Study Program
- University of Shimane Hawaii Study Program
- Kamimura Gakuen Vocational College Hawaii Study Program
- Shizuoka University Fuzoku Hnamatsu Junior High School Hawaii Study Program
- Nagaoka High School *(SSH) Hawaii Study Program
- Clark Memorial International High School Hawaii Study Program at Hawaii Baptist Academy, St. Francis School, Mid Pacific Institute
- Tezukayama Junior & Senior High School Hawaii Science Camp
- Kunori Gakuen High School Hawaii Study Program
- Hokkaido Iwamizawa Agricultural High School *(SSH) Hawaii Study Program
- Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen High Schools Hawaii Study Program at Pacific Buddhist Academy

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Profile

Hawaii Global Education Foundation (HGEF) was formed in 2016 to assist visiting students and professional groups from other countries, especially Japan, for their study tours in Hawaii. Since its establishment, HGEF has been helping international students discover broader, global perspectives and to improve their communication skills.

HGEF is based in Honolulu, and its services extend to other islands and it provides planning services for your trip, and on-site coordination and language assistance for your group during the trip.

Mission

To promote and provide educational opportunities for the community, including our youth, to advance their education and gain global perspectives through cultural exchange and interaction programs.

Vision

To take local students to Japan and other destinations for educational tours and cultural exchange opportunities.