

We are pleased to announce the ninth competition for the Toyota International Teacher Program, an exciting 12-day study visit to Japan. The program is now open to secondary school classroom teachers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

We would like to ask your help in alerting members of the Iowa School Public Relations Association to this unique professional development opportunity. The deadline is **January 8, 2007** - only a few months away, so your help in spreading the word will be greatly appreciated by U.S. teachers.

Since 1999, groups of American educators have journeyed annually to Japan to explore the country's history, educational system, environment and technology. They have returned with renewed commitment as teachers and with fresh ideas for sharing first hand experiences and international perspectives with their students, colleagues and communities.

In sponsoring the program, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. supports the involvement of today's educators in the critical arena of international study. We hope teachers from the Iowa School Public Relations Association will take advantage of the opportunity to apply to the program for travel to Japan in June 2007. The application deadline is January 08, 2007.

A brief description of the program is included below as background to share with eligible teachers. We would be happy to provide additional information about the program for newsletters, websites, listservs, etc.

Thank you for considering this request to publicize the Toyota study opportunity among your members. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at toyotateach@iie.org or by phone at (toll-free) 877-832-2457.

Sincerely,

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Toyota International Teacher Program to Japan

Open to teachers of all disciplines in grades 9-12, nationwide, the Toyota International Teacher Program offers a fully-funded, 12-day professional development experience in Japan. Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, the program will take place June 22 - July 7, 2007 and provide 40 educators with an opportunity to bring ancient and modern Japan back to their classrooms. Participants will travel through Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto and surrounding rural areas examining the history, education system, environment and industry of Japan.

To apply online, visit www.iie.org/toyota The application deadline is **January 8, 2007**.