Macquarie University is pleased to be selected as one of the Australian Universities to participate in the Mitsui Educational Foundation "STUDENT VISIT TO JAPAN" November 22 - December 11, 2004.

The Scholarship includes: Accommodation, Meals, Airfare, All Activities including transportation. Incidentals and student personal purchases are NOT covered.

Mitsui & Co. Australia Ltd. will be selecting 8 Undergraduate students from across Australia to participate. Macquarie University is able to put forward 4 nominees for their final selection.

Mitsui Educational Foundation

In 1971 the then Chairman and Managing Director of Mitsui & Co. (Australia) Ltd., Mr Koichiro (Ken) Ejiri, established the MEF. The decision to set up the MEF was then, and is today, based on Mitsui Australia's desire to achieve two objectives. Firstly, our parent being one of Japan's leading companies and Mitsui being a responsible corporate citizen, we sought to make a meaningful contribution to the betterment of society. Secondly, a desire to build stronger ties and promote mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Australia, by introducing students to aspects of Japanese culture, history, business, industry and contemporary lifestyles.

The MEF selects from universities around Australia, a total of 8 students per year to participate in a tour of Japan commencing in November. The objective of the 18 day tour is to help develop and expand the field of knowledge and friendship between our two countries as well as to broaden the tertiary education of Australian students.
Tour details
Students are always chaperoned and are able to meet Japanese university students who will become Mitsui employees the following year.

Places visited will include:
Asakusa - famous shrines
Shinjuku - business district
Tsukiji - wholesale market
Kabutocho - financial district
Akihabara - discount shopping

Students travel to Kyoto and Nara to see many of Japan's most well-known shrines and temples, still presented in their original beauty.

Plants and offices visited can include:
Mitsui Chemicals
Nippon Steel Corporation
Toyota Motor Company
Sharp Corporation

Homestay
One of the most rewarding aspects of the tour are arranged homestays. For two or three days students stay with a Japanese family, allowing a close up view of everyday Japanese life.

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Selection Criteria:
a) Must be a FULL TIME, UNDERGRADUATE Macquarie student, second year or more from any faculty
b) Must be an Australian CITIZEN
c) Must be outstanding ambassadors for Australia at all times whilst in Japan.
d) Must be academically capable.
e) Must clearly demonstrate a keen interest in learning broadly about Japan, and could most benefit from this MEF experience.
f) Interpersonal skills, leadership, teamwork
g) Culturally sensitive
h) Passionate about this opportunity

How to Apply:
Pick up an application form from the reception desk at E3A Level 1
Application includes:
Attention your application to: Coordinator, Outbound Student Programs
1. Mitsui application form
2. Written report of 4,000 words on impressions and experiences in Japan
3. Copy of your Transcript
4. A recent Passport sized photo

Application Deadline: July 19, 2004 (absolutely NO late acceptances)
Successful applicants will be notified by July 21 and MUST be available for mandatory interviews July 22 or 23
For any additional information, please see www.Mitsui.com.au under 'community'

Information regarding campus Alerts can be found at http://www.its.mq.edu.au/web/services/