

## **Travel Awards for the Peace Conference of Youth program (PCY) hosted by Junior Chamber International Osaka, Japan.**

We are taking the liberty of informing you about a once-in-a-lifetime program offered to university students. The Peace Conference of Youth program (PCY) hosted by Junior Chamber International Osaka (JCI Osaka) is held every year. It offers students a unique and valuable opportunity to meet the world's youths and exchange ideas and perspectives in promoting GLOBAL PEACE. The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students interested in social programs. Complimentary airfare, transportation within Japan, accommodation as well as meals will be provided for the one-week workshop by JCI Osaka.

For the 2013 PCY Program, we are opening invitations to 60 eligible and qualified students (10 students from all over the world, 20 foreign students studying in Japan, and 30 students from Japan) to attend the program.

**We would like your university to share this invitation to qualified candidates. It would be grateful if your faculty could nominate strong candidates who have avid interest as a peace activist regardless of their major. For application procedures and form, please check the attached documents. The application deadline is May 31, 2013. More details can be found on <http://pcy.osaka-jc.or.jp/>.**

We hope this program will serve as an opportunity for the young participants to discover new ideas, develop a global network, and transpire to become active citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

PCY Project Team, JCI Osaka

PCY Track Record: Around 140 students have attended the program. Past participants include nationalities from all continents including Australia, Kazakhstan, Serbia, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, USA, etc. Past speakers include His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. Past panelists include Japanese singer Yo Hitoto and President of Terra Renaissance (NPO) Masaya Onimaru who specializes in the rehabilitation of child soldiers and peace education. Professor Toshiya Hoshino, former U.N. minister-counselor of political affairs of the Permanent Mission of Japan has been the coordinator since the commencement in 2010. Students are required to take an oath of "The Charter of PCY" before congregation.

About JCI: JCI is a worldwide membership-based non-political organization comprised of young active citizens ages 18 to 40 who are dedicated in promoting positive changes in their communities and the world. For more information, visit [www.jci.cc](http://www.jci.cc) JCI was founded in 1944 in Missouri, U.S.A. JCI holds The World Congress every November. JCI Osaka, which is the largest JCI Chapter in the world, was the host of the 2010 World Congress. For more information about JCI Osaka, please visit [www.osaka-jc.or.jp](http://www.osaka-jc.or.jp)