

JAPAN



OCTOBER 2012

AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE JAPANESE CHAPTER
TO VISIT THEM FOR NINE DAYS, OCTOBER: 11 - 20

THIS WILL BE A RETURN VISIT FOLLOWING THE INSPIRING VISIT OF
22 OF ITS MEMBERS TO AMERICA IN OCTOBER 2011

WE WILL VISIT SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HISTORIC AND
BEAUTIFUL SITES, MANY INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED:
TOKYO, TSUBAKI, ISE, KYOTO, NARA, OSAKA, HIROSHIMA,
MIYAJIMA.

THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITES TO VISIT IARF MEMBER GROUPS AND
PARTICIPATE IN DIALOGUE WITH LEADERS AND REGULAR
MEMBERS.

THE GROUP WILL BE LED BY REV. RICHARD KELLAWAY
HE HAS LED IARF GROUPS TO THESE DESTINATIONS IN JAPAN SEVERAL TIMES.
THERE WILL BE EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL GUIDES.

ESTIMATED COST: AROUND \$3000 USD, LAND ONLY.
FINAL COST DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.
(JAPAN IS EXPENSIVE; EXCHANGE RATES POOR)

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BACKGROUND

The Japanese Chapter has invited IARF members to visit them next October. Twenty two of its members visited the United States last October. Their leader was Rev. Norio Sakai, former IARF President.

They visited Washington, D.C. and Boston and Fairhaven, MA, where they were warmly received.

While still in Boston, Rev. Sakai asked Rev. Richard Kellaway if he would help organize a return visit to Japan. He agreed, and with Japanese colleagues has developed the program in the attached flier.

While the group will visit many of the most important tourist destinations, a primary purpose is to visit the Japanese member groups and to have creative interchange with their leaders and members.

Richard Kellaway was a leader of the first Western IARF delegation to Japan, and has led several later groups. Most recently, following the Taiwan Congress. Before the last congress in Kochi, Kerala he led a group across South India.

He is familiar with all the venues to be visited, and promises a warm welcome at each.

In Washington they met with Rev. Rob Hardies and members of the All Souls Church. The church had sent supplies to the children of Hiroshima following the atomic blast. In return Hiroshima children had sent drawings to the church. The group, many of them from Hiroshima, was eager to express its gratitude. They also visited the Universalist National Memorial ...