14th German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum 2019
Summer School with Alumni Conference on
"The Future of Globalization – Challenges and Opportunities"
from Friday, September 6 to Sunday, September 15, 2019

1. Aim of the Program

The German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum is a future-oriented program that intends to inspire prospective leaders from Germany and Japan to address politically and socially relevant issues and viewpoints. It offers a forum for intense discussions, thereby seeking to promote and deepen mutual understanding. In the long run, the program aims at developing and strengthening long-lasting personal networks between Germany and Japan.

2. Target Group and Participants

The Young Leaders Forum addresses 16 promising young professionals, of which eight are German and eight are Japanese nationals. They should be employed in the fields of business, politics, administration, the media, or the academic world. They should be between 25 to 35 years old. Applicants must be fluent in English.

3. Time and Place

The ten-day forum will be held from Friday, September 6 to Sunday, September 15, 2019 in Japan (Tokyo).

4. Program

The working title of the summer school of the German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum 2019 is "The Future of Globalization – Challenges and Opportunities". The program looks at the future of our societies, economies and political systems from a global perspective. The analysis of the shifting global environment will pay attention to the opportunities and challenges created by the digital transformation, the repercussions resulting from new nationalist and protectionist movements and the risks implied by climate change and demographic change.

Together with the chair of the summer school, Professor Franz Waldenberger, Director of the German Institute for Japanese Studies, the following issues may be discussed:

- How are geopolitics transformed by the rise of new economic powers, by new protectionist and nationalist movements among formerly liberal economies,
and by the ongoing digital transformation? What does this mean for German and Japanese decision-makers?

- To what extent and how can the national frameworks such as Industry 4.0 in Germany and Society 5.0 in Japan contribute to international competitiveness and national welfare?
- How can strategic partnership agreements like the SPA between Japan and the EU strengthen bilateral ties and at the same time contribute to shaping new multilateral alliances in support of a liberal world order?

Top-level speakers from politics, business, and the academic world will give lectures and discuss them with the participants. The forum offers the opportunity to examine different perspectives, interests, and expectations also among the participants. The perception of the situation and future developments in Germany and Japan will be reflected on in its global context.

Working groups with German and Japanese participants will be organized in order to stimulate communication among group members and enhance team spirit. The program also includes visits to globally active institutions. The Young Leaders Forum 2019 will be complemented by a concluding joint workshop with YLF-participants from previous years.

5. Funding and Expenditure

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6. Application

Deadline: April 22, 2019

Documents required:

- Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Recommendation in English (by current or most recent employer)

For further details and the application form please contact:

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