

Dear Sirs and Madams;

The National Tax Agency will organize Diplomats' One Day Study Tour to a Sake Brewery in cooperation with the Japan Sake and Shochu Makers Association on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2019.

This tour will offer diplomats accredited to Japan an excellent opportunity to learn about sake at the beautiful site of Ozawa Brewery, Ome, Tokyo.

Please join this special opportunity to enjoy a full cultural study at brewery and food pairing experience at their family-own restaurant with their sake.

The provisional itinerary and relevant information are shown in Annex 1 and application form attached as Annex 2.

Please note the following:

Qualifications:	Diplomat accredited to Japan and their spouses
Number of Participants:	Maximum of 20 persons in total
Booking and Application Period:	Until 15th January (Tue.), 2019 on a first-come-first-served basis. Please send an attached application form (Annex 2) by FAX or email to The National Tax Agency (NTA). NTA will confirm the status of the applications and get back to each applicant.
Dress Code:	Business Casual
Transportation:	During this tour a chartered coach is provided free of charge.
Participation Fee:	None
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## Diplomats' Sake Brewery Tour 2019

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



**Please join us to visit Ozawa Brewery, Ome, Tokyo, to learn about their sake and food pairing experience at their restaurant.**

### Itinerary

8:30 am	Meet at JSS Information Center
8:35 am - 9:00 am	Welcome address from National Tax Agency
9:00 am - 10:50 am	Drive to Ozawa Brewery by chartered coach
10:50 am - 00:55 pm	Special tour of the brewery, sake tasting, media interview,
00:55 pm - 14:15 pm	Lunch at their restaurant 「Mamagotoya」 Food pairing
14:15 pm - 14:45 pm	Walk in Sawanoien (A natural Japanese garden on the banks of the river)
14:45 pm - 15:00 pm	Drive to Kushi Kanzashi Museum by chartered coach
15:00 pm - 15:45 pm	Special tour of the museum
15:45 pm - 17:30 pm	Drive to JSS Information Center

**About Sake:** Sake has played a central role in Japanese life and culture for the past 2,000 years during which time the knowledge and techniques involved in sake brewing have spread to every corner of the country. In fact, sake is such an integral part of the Japanese diet that having some knowledge of it can add to one's understanding of Japanese history, culture, and society.

Made primarily from rice, sake is a fermented beverage. It is brewed using a microorganism called *koji* along with yeast. It takes pristine water to make sake, and brewers take advantage of the natural, local waters in Japan to make only the best.

**Ozawa Brewery:** Ozawa Shuzo, founded in 1702, is located in Okutama, which abounds with natural beauty despite being located in the Tokyo metropolitan area. Sawanoi, the brand name was originally named after the location of Sawai area, which is known for its clear water. Ozawa Shuzo has a history dating back more than 300 years and has been loved by the locals as the brewery of Tokyo's Okutama sake, and also the oldest sake brewery in the region of Tokyo.

URL: <http://www.sawanoi-sake.com/en>

**Kushi Kanzashi Museum:** On display at Kushi Kanzashi Museum are what the late Chiyo Okazaki had collected for 40 years. The collection includes about 4,000 pieces of hair accessories as well as clothing, accessories and livingware of various periods in history.

9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 13th, 2019

Meeting Location: JSS Information Center

Address: 1-16-15 Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Please use block letters!

# Application Form

**Diplomats' One Day Study Tour to a Sake Brewery**  
**on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

1. Country	
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2. Name and title of the person joining		
	Please write name of the person joining in both English and "Katakana".	
	in English (SURNAME in capital letters)	in Katakana
Name	example: Taro Sake	例: タロウ・サケ
Title in English		
Spouse's name	example: Hanako Sake	例: ハナコ・サケ

3. Do you have any allergy or dietary restrictions?		
	Please identify the name(s) of food or drink applicable if any.	
Self	No	Yes
Spouse	No	Yes

4. Mobile phone number (for convenience on the tour only)	
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5. Contact information	Contact Person	Ms./Mr.
	Telephone Number	(ext. )
	Fax Number	
	E-Mail	

Please submit this form to the National Tax Agency by email or by FAX.

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