AEI Japan would like to invite expressions of interest from Australian organisations interested in participating in a VET Study Tour to Japan in 2007.

**Overview**
Australian Education International’s aim is to build a long term, sustainable and broadly-based education and training engagement with Japan.

The VET study tour aims to introduce TAFE Directors and their private counterparts to the Japanese education system and the opportunities that exist in Japan. It would also be a chance to expose parts of the Japanese system/professions to the Australian education model with the view to strengthening partnership arrangements between institutions in the two countries.

**Program Highlights**
The proposed program will likely include:
- briefing at the Australian Embassy;
- briefing from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT);
- briefing by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
- briefing from VET peak bodies, including the Institute of National Colleges of Technology;
- visits to VET colleges and institutes in Tokyo and another region (possibly Osaka/Kyoto); and
- a student focussed event in Tokyo.

**Timing**
The 5-7 day visit will take place in November 2007. (TBC)

**Funding**
Participants would need to fund their own participation with AEI providing support through program development/logistics etc.

**Participation**
The Study Tour is designed for senior institution representatives from TAFE and their private sector counterparts.

**To register interest**
AEI Japan would welcome expressions of interest by 30 June 2007. Organisations interested in participating in the VET Study tour to Japan in 2007 should contact the AEI Japan contact officer, Kumiko Tsukamoto.

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