

Basic principles of the RAINBOW FOR JAPAN KIDS

1. The Program invites primarily children orphaned by the earthquake and tsunami; children who lost family members, were displaced, or were otherwise affected by the disaster are equally welcome.
2. Accommodations will be arranged for group stay (such as group rooms and dormitories) in order to avoid feelings of isolation and stress that might result from individual accommodations.
3. The Program will not be structured as a vacation, but will be a healing and educational program that includes exploration of the natural beauty of Hawaii, participation in group activities such as tropical farming and Hawaiian cultural programs, and the opportunity to interact with local children and schools.
4. The Program will be conducted by its specific program hosts while being monitored by Japanese-speaking facilitators and chaperones.
5. The Program will be at least 10 days long to provide meaningful recovery and educational experience to the participants. For this reason, summer, winter, and spring vacation periods are the most suitable for this program.
6. In order to maximize the experience and to promote group togetherness throughout the Program, the number of participants each period will be kept to around 20.
7. Care will be taken to account for each participant's mental and physical condition and needs; professional counselors will be available to assist with each activity or event.
8. The Program is planned to continue for several years. Results will be assessed after each year to determine if the program should be continued for another year.
9. A corollary goal of the Program is to promote lasting relationships between participants from Japan and program hosts in Hawaii, especially between children.
10. The Program will also benefit the close relationship between Hawaii and Japan as the spirit of Aloha will be demonstrated to participants and the public.