

THE GO TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

BACKGROUND

In recent years, there has been a growing realization that Go, as a part of school curriculum, has significant mind development and health benefits. To build up the infrastructure to support Go education, Nihon Kiin has been advocating the inclusion of courses on Go into university education. As a result, there are now over 20 universities, starting with the renowned Tokyo University, which offer such courses.

The Go Teachers' Workshop then aims to offer North American Go teachers the opportunity to visit Japan and learn first hand the experience and know-how gleaned by their Japanese colleagues.

OUTLINE

The Workshop will be organized and sponsored by the Nihon Kiin (NK), with additional support provided by the Iwamoto North American Foundation (INAF).

- First version of the Workshop will be held in October 2016 at the Nihon Kiin, Tokyo, Japan (tentatively October 18-25). Five to seven Go players/teachers from North America will be selected to participate.
- NK will provide accommodations, local transportation, pro fees, and workshop fees. The participants are responsible for their own meals and drinks (except welcome dinner). INAF will provide 80% of the round-trip airfare, up to USD 1,000.
- Workshop content includes training sessions on Go instruction and organization; visits to educational institutions where Go is installed into the curriculum; lectures on Japanese Go history and culture; group sessions on installing Go education into North American schools and universities; and pro teaching games.

TO APPLY

U.S. or Canadian citizens who have strong interest in implementing Go into school education and/or university curricula should write to Tom Urasoe at the NK Overseas Department urasoe@nihonkiin.or.jp with a letter describing your interest and experience in Go education and how the workshop experience would fit into your future plans for Go. Please include letter(s) of support from regional or national Go organizations. All materials should be copied to Thomas Hsiang at INAF thomas.hsiang@rochester.edu. The application deadline is June 30, 2016.