Invitation to the IMPULS Lesson Study Immersion Program 2015

**Project IMPULS (International Math-teacher Professionalization Using Lesson Study)** at the Tokyo Gakugei University is offering an intensive **Lesson Study Immersion Program** in Japan in the summer of 2015. Dates of the program are from June 22 (Monday) to July 2 (Thursday), 2015.

Project IMPULS Lesson Study Immersion Program offers leaders of lesson study a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in authentic mathematics Lesson Study in Japan. Participants will observe several mathematics research lessons, developed through Lesson Study in elementary and secondary schools, and participate in live post-lesson discussions. All research lessons and post-lesson discussions will be simultaneously translated into English by the experts, Drs. Tad Watanabe and Makoto Yoshida. In addition, participants will have numerous opportunities to interact with teachers, students, and education professors from various regions in Japan.

Most expenses during the visit will be covered by the IMPULS grant (including lodging, most meals, and local transportation). However, participants must pay their own international airfare to Tokyo and local transportation between the airport and the hotel in Tokyo that the Project IMPULS reserve for the program.

Interested individuals should complete the following IMPULS Application and send it to Akihiko Takahashi <atakahas@u-gakugei.ac.jp> by January 31, 2015.

IMPULS hopes to recruit a diverse group of educators with respect to experience, geographic location, and student population served. We will accept a limit the number of participants due to the capacity of live research lesson observation.

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Specially Appointed Professor

Project IMPULS at Tokyo Gakugei university, Tokyo, Japan

**[Duration of the program]**

Here is the tentative schedule for the Lesson Study Immersion Program 2015.

6/21 Sun. Arrival day

6/22 Mon. Workshop: Mathematics teaching and learning in Japan, and lesson study

6/23 Tue. Visiting an elementary or a lower secondary school

6/24 Wed. Visiting an elementary or a lower secondary school

6/25 Thu. Visiting an elementary or a lower secondary school

6/26 Fri. Reflective Seminar on Japanese mathematics instruction and Lesson Study

6/27 Sat. Experiencing a cross-district Lesson Study open house.

6/28 Sun. Free. Explore Tokyo and surrounding areas to experience everyday life in Japan.

6/29 Mon. Visiting an elementary or a lower secondary school

6/30 Tue. Visiting an elementary or a lower secondary school

7/1 Wed. Visiting an elementary or a lower secondary school

7/2 Thu. Reflective Seminar on Japanese mathematics instruction and Lesson Study

7/3 Fri. Departing day

**[Procedure for application and selection]**

1. Submitting the application documents by January 31, 2015.

\*Send to Akihiko Takahashi <atakahas@u-gakugei.ac.jp>

1. Notice for acceptance by February 28, 2015.

**[Necessary documents to apply]**

1. Application form;   
   Attached to this document
2. One recommendation letter of support for your future plans of improving mathematics teaching and learning from your supervisor.
3. One recommendation letter by those who is a member of support committee in Japan/overseas of the project IMPULS  
   \*check our members of support committee in Japan/overseas.

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**[Cost of participation]**

Please note that travel to Japan and local transportation between the airport and the hotel in Japan should be arranged by your own responsibility and fund.

Project IMPULS will provide accommodation with breakfast and all the cost for local transportation during the program. In addition IMPULS will invite you to some dinners, including a welcome reception and a farewell party.

In addition to the above costs, English translation of lesson plans for the research lessons and simultaneous translation during lessons and post-lesson discussions will be provided by experienced bilingual mathematics educators and IMPULS staff.

All these cost is supported by Tokyo Gakugei University and MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), Japan.

 For your further information, please see the "LSIP overview report" on our webpage below.

-<http://www.impuls-tgu.org/en/cms/uploads/File/news-letter/LSIP2012report.pdf>

-<http://www.impuls-tgu.org/en/cms/uploads/File/news-letter/LSIP2013report.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact to ; info@impuls-tgu.org

2015 IMPULS lesson study immersion program application form

**Name:**

**Email address:**

(Please note that all future correspondence regarding your application will use the email address you provide here.)

1. **What is your position** (e.g., grade 2 teacher, district mathematics coach)**?**
2. **What is your school and district affiliation?**
3. **Please describe your school/district population, in terms of SES and race/ethnicity.**
4. **How many years of teaching experience do you have (and at what grades)?  What other educational positions have you held, if any?**
5. **Please describe any prior experience you have had with lesson study. Note any research lessons you have taught.**
6. **Please explain what you hope to gain from the IMPULS Lesson Study Immersion Program, and how you expect to apply what you learn. For example, how might you and/or your school/district be well-positioned to use and spread knowledge about mathematics instruction and lesson study?   
   Attach a brief letter of support for your plans from your supervisor.**
7. **Attach a brief letter of recommendation from those who is a member of support committee in Japan/overseas of the project IMPULS  
   \*check our members of support committee in Japan/overseas.**

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