The Research Center for Japanese Garden Art and Historical Heritage is pleased to announce the 12th annual English language intensive course in the history, design theory, and practice of the Japanese Garden. Located in the ancient capital of Kyoto—which is included on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Cities—the Center is within easy access of hundreds of Japan’s finest gardens. We are now in the process of accepting applications for review and selection. In order to provide maximum personal attention, we strive for a group of about 25 students.

THE SEMINAR
The program is a two week intensive seminar that affords serious students from abroad a number of unique opportunities to study the Japanese garden. Most days will be divided between morning site visits and afternoon lectures on campus, although there will be several all-day excursions as well. An outstanding feature of the course is the wide range of gardens that are scheduled to be visited, spanning the historical range from prehistoric sacred spaces to modern Japanese gardens, including several gardens that are not usually open to the public. Through lectures, and on-site interpretation, the gardens will be presented in the context of the cultural forces that shaped their development. The seminar will also include on-site sessions with professional gardeners to experience, first hand, the techniques and process of Japanese garden design and construction.

SEMINAR STAFF
The core staff of the seminar will include teachers from the Kyoto University of Art and Design and researchers from the Center: Hiromasa Amasaki, Makoto Nakamura, Wybe Kuitert, Takahiro Naka, Ken Kawai, as well as many other professors and professionals, such as Gunter Nitschke, who will join us as lecturers and guides.

PROGRAM COST
The cost of the two week intensive course is 330,000 Japanese yen (about $3,000US at ¥110/$1). This course fee covers all lectures, course materials provided in Japan, housing for the duration of the two week course (13 nights), transportation fees to and from gardens within Japan, as well as basic medical insurance while participating in the course. Housing will be arranged by the Center at a convenient inn (please note: breakfast will be included with the housing but other meals must be arranged for individually).

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2008 PROGRAM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31ST, 2008

We will confirm receipt of all applications. If you do not receive a confirmation, please be in touch with the Center.

We look forward to receiving your application. Any inquiries regarding the program can be directed to the Center at the fax number, e-mail or postal address listed below.

Warmest regards,

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Family name_____________________________________
First name_______________________________________
Age_____________          Date of Birth  (____/____/____)
Male  □    Female □
Address (including country and zip code)__________________________________________________
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Telephone________________________________________
Fax______________________________________________
E-mail____________________________________________
English proficiency________________________________
University name (if student)________________________
Field of study_____________________________________
Number of years of study __________________________
Previous visits to Japan __________________________________
Interest in Japanese Gardens_________________________
Medical Restrictions: The course is an intensive two weeks which requires a lot of walking. If you have any medical or physical restrictions please note them below. __________________________________

If you feel there is not enough room provided on this application form, please feel free to include an additional letter.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, October 20
Morning: Orientation & Introduction to Japanese Gardens
Afternoon: Welcoming party

Tuesday, October 21
THE CONTEXT 1
Morning: Nijo castle
Afternoon: Machiya (town house) and garden

Wednesday, October 22
THE CONTEXT 2
Morning: Japanese cultural history & Garden history
Afternoon: Imperial Park

Thursday, October 23
ANCIENT GARDENS 1
Morning: Ancient sacred spaces as seen in shrines, and the gardens of resident shrine priests
Afternoon: Ancient rites & Ancient gardens

Friday, October 24
ANCIENT GARDENS 2
All day excursion to Nara; Visit archeological sites, reconstructed gardens, and ancient temples

Saturday, October 25
OPTIONAL STUDY
Morning visit to Byodoin and Sanboin

Sunday, October 26
FOOTLOOSE
Rest, tour the city, or visit recommended gardens