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7 Japanese Rotarians to Tour Area

Seven Japanese businessmen and professionals will be spending the next week in Albany, and the next month in Capitaland, as guests of Rotary District 710.

The seven, who arrived Sunday night in Albany, are a team taking part in a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Program, between districts 719 and 717 in New York State, and Districts 373 in Japan.

Dr. Hiroji Mukasa, a psychiatrist and leader of the Japanese group said that while the program "provides an opportunity to visit different countries and to learn different things, the final object of the exchange program is mutual understanding between members of two countries."

The other members of the exchange group, all of whom are under 35 years old, are Sumiya Oozono, a reporter for the South Japan Daily News; Yoshitaka Yamamoto, a hospital clinician; Tsuyoshi Yasunga, a

high school English teacher; Yasuto Kajiya, a wholesaler; Tadahiko Murakami, a plywood engineer, and Keisuke Yoshimura, a banker.

In Albany this week, the group will tour state government facilities, wholesale distributors, educational facilities and medical facilities.

The group will then move on to tours of the Lake George area, the Saratoga area, the Johnstown area, the Schenectady area and the Cobleskill area. In October, the group will tour District 717, including Broome, Tompkins, Cortland, Chenango, Otsego, Delaware and Tioga Counties.

A. Eugene Bourdon, district governor of District 719, said the Rotary Foundation exchanges "give people the chance to see our way of life, and to further their professional interest in how we do things here."



JAPANESE EXCHANGE GROUP—Looking over the itinerary of this week's stay in Albany by seven Japanese Rotary Club exchange business and professional men are, from left, A. Eugene Bourdon, district governor for Rotary Club's District 719; Tadahiko Murakami, a plywood engineer in Saiki; Keisuke Yoshimura, a Kumamoto banker, and Willis E. Snyder, vice president of the Albany Rotary Club. (Times-Union Photo by Fred McKinney)

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