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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Illinois Wesleyan University participants in the [2012 Technos International Week](#) will discuss their experiences abroad in Japan at the Asian Studies Colloquium on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington). The colloquium is sponsored by the International and Asian Studies department and is open to the public.

Each spring, IWU sends a delegation of first-year or sophomore students and one faculty member to join similar groups from colleges in the U.S., New Zealand and England, to participate in the program, hosted by the Technos International College of Tokyo. The all-expense-paid, two-week tour includes visits to a number of cities, historical sites, high schools and colleges in Japan. Students have the opportunity to interact with Japanese students and faculty and even participate in classes.

The 2012 participants included faculty leader and Professor of Biology Edgar Lehr, and student representatives, juniors Bradley Gresik, Audrey Ito, Rosa Rivera and sophomore Samantha Reiter.

"The idea behind the program is that it allows faculty and students to increase their knowledge about Japan," said Lehr. "The hosts at Technos College are very generous and have designed a very interesting cultural program that includes temple and museum visits, a trip to a mountain area, a visit to a wasabi farm, a performance at a Kabuki theater and dining at very diverse Japanese restaurants."

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