

## **FAR EAST BASEBALL EXCHANGE**

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### ***For Immediate Release:***

**The Far East Baseball Exchange (FebEx) will welcome Rissho University Baseball Team to Los Angeles from August 7th thru August 11th, 2013 to participate in exhibition games and educational and cultural exchange.**

**LOS ANGELES, CA – August 1, 2013** - Rissho University is located near Tokyo, and has historically been one of the top collegiate baseball programs in Japan. They will be sending 23 first and second year student-athletes to Los Angeles to participate in several exhibition games. The games are scheduled as follows:

**Thursday August 8th - Doubleheader vs. Academy Barons, 12pm & 3pm  
MLB Urban Youth Academy, 901 E. Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA 90221**

**Friday August 9th - vs East Los Angeles Dodgers, 7:00pm  
Jackie Robinson Memorial Stadium at Brookside Park, 360 N. Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103**

**Sunday August 11th - vs. Academy Barons, 10:15am (pre-game ceremony at 10am)  
MLB Urban Youth Academy, 901 E. Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA 90221**

Rissho will face some top talent. The Academy Barons (<http://www.academybarons.com/>) are sponsored by the Major League Baseball Urban Youth Academy. They participate in the California Collegiate League and are assembled with college players throughout the nation that return to Los Angeles during the summer. The East Los Angeles Dodgers (<http://www.eastladodgers.org/>) are an elite summer baseball club that participates in the Orange County Collegiate League. They were established in 1997 and have built their program on pitching and defense. All games are free of charge to attend.

For most of the Rissho student-athletes, this will be their first visit to the United States. In addition to the exhibition games, the trip will also fulfill part of their mandated educational requirements. FebEx has arranged a tour of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and a tour and classroom visit at the University of Southern California (USC). At JANM, they will learn and appreciate America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience. At USC, they will get a campus tour and sit in on a lecture by Dr. Jonathan Sum, PT, Assistant Professor of Clinical Physical Therapy.

They will also get the opportunity to do some sightseeing on their brief trip. They will get an on field tour and visit with Dodger Coach Trey Hillman, who was the manager of the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters when they won the 2006 Japan Series Championship. They will also attend the Dodgers game on August 10th, the same day that the Dodgers will be honoring Hideo Nomo, the first Japan-born Japanese major leaguer to permanently relocate to Major League Baseball in the United States. He is often credited with paving the road for the subsequent wave of Japanese players entering Major League Baseball.

No trip would be complete without a visit to the beach, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, shopping and the opportunity to feast on an In-&-Out Burger. This trip was made possible through an arrangement between Rissho University and the Far East Baseball Exchange (FebEx).

**The mission of the FAR EAST BASEBALL EXCHANGE is to build and foster a bridge of understanding between Asia and the United States through the great game of baseball. Our program is design to allow the youth from both the United States and Asia to come together on a common baseball field to share and exchange their cultures, ideas, visions, hopes and dreams.**