EXCURSION　TOKYO HALF-DAY SIGHTSEEING

25th Oct（Sun）　Box lunch（sandwich）will be provided

13:30　Leave NHK for half-day sightseeing in Tokyo by chartered coach, visiting:

(The coach will go to Shibuya Excel Hotel after NHK to pick up some participants.)

14:10－15:40　**---Edo-Tokyo Museum**

The Edo-Tokyo Museum was founded on March 28, 1993, as a place where visitors can learn more about Tokyo's history and culture, and which also serves as a projection of the city and the living of the future. In the Permanent Exhibition area, original and replica exhibits can be found, as well as large-scale models, faithful representations of the originals, which have been reproduced after painstaking investigations and research.

16:00-17:15　**---Asakusa (Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Shopping Arcade)**

Sensoji is the oldest and most impressive temple in Tokyo. The main hall was first built in 645 to house a tiny golden statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy, which had been repeatedly hauled up in fishing nets despite being thrown back into a river. The statue was enshrined in the main hall where it ostensibly remains today--a sight too holy to be seen. The temple was destroyed in the air raids of March 10, 1945, and the present building is a 1958 reconstruction. The temple precincts bustle with people praying, buying fortunes, shopping and sightseeing. Many come for the curative powers of smoke billowing from the bronze urn burning incense in front of the main hall. People rub the smoke on their joints in the hope of easing aches and pains.

Nakamise, a 250-meter approach to Sensoji Temple, is one of the oldest shopping streets in Japan. The arcade dates from the late 17th century, when local people were granted the special right to open shops along the approach to the temple. Their shops sold toys, sweets, snacks, and souvenirs. The shopping street was destroyed in the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 and also in the air raids of 1945. Today's shops sell traditional knick-knacks, rice crackers, and festival foods. The street bustles and its colors and motion suggest Old Edo.

18:00　**Arrive at Shibuya Station**

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Please give this paper to the Tour Desk in the Participant's Lounge.

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VEGETARIAN		YES	NO