

Japan's shared learning

Havelock North's Ted Jones is one of 13 young New Zealand managers selected to attend a 14-day exchange programme in Japan from February 7.

Ted, who is manager of Summerset in the Vines retirement village in Havelock North, will attend to share his expertise on catering for the needs of elderly people.

The programme is organised and funded by the Japanese government and is part of the Young Core Leaders of Civil Society programme which brings together people from Germany, Denmark, New Zealand and Japan to assist and develop young leaders in Japan who work in the areas of aged care, people with disabilities and young people.

"I am really looking forward to hearing about the aged care sector in other countries to see what I can learn," Ted says.

"I don't know much about aged care



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Ted Jones with some of the Summerset in the Vines residents.

in the other countries attending so it will be fascinating to learn more."

The programme consists of various forums, keynote addresses, institutional visits and a home stay in Tokyo and throughout Japan. Last year a group of Japanese young leaders visited New Zealand as part of the programme.