

JENESYS2015 Inbound program (Vietnam, Theme: Culture : Japanese Language Communication / Experience in Japanese Culture) / Technology (Exchange in Agriculture) Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 21 high school students and 25 university students from Vietnam who are interested in Japanese culture and technology visited Japan. During the 8 days program from December 1 to December 8, the participants studied Japanese government, society, history, culture, technology and much more.

2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

Vietnam: 46 participants

3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo and Nagano

4. Program Schedule

November 30 (Mon) Departure from Vietnam

December 1 (Tue) Arrival at Narita International Airport, Program Orientation

December 2 (Wed) 【Lecture on Japanese Culture／Key Note Lecture】

【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Miraikan - National Museum of Emerging

December 3 (Thu) 【History/Traditional Culture】 Asakusa, Edo-Tokyo Museum (Culture Group A)

【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Ikuta Campus, Meiji University (Technology Group B)

Move to Nagano

December 4 (Fri)～December 6 (Sun) Divided into 2 groups

* Culture Group 【History and Traditional Culture】 Mayumi Takahashi Museum of Doll Art

【School Exchange】 Ikuta・Iiyama High School

【Homestay】

【Workshop】 Preparation for Reporting Session

* Technology Group 【History and Traditional Culture】 Experience in Metal Engraving & Handmade Paper

【School Exchange】 Shinshu University

【Homestay】

【Workshop】 Preparation for Reporting Session

December 7 (Mon) Move to Tokyo

【Reporting Session】

December 8 (Tue) Departure from Narita International Airport

5. Program Photos (Group A)



12/2 【Lecture on Japanese Culture／Key Note Lecture】



12/3 【History/Traditional Culture】 Edo-Tokyo Museum



12/4 【Japanese Culture Experience】 Metal Engraving & Handmade Paper



12/4 【School Exchange】Iikita・Iiyama High School



12/6 【Homestay】 Farewell Party with Hostfamilies



12/7 【Reporting Session】

Program Photos (Group B)



12/2 【Lecture on Japanese Culture／Key Note Lecture】



12/2 【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Miraikan - National Museum of Emerging



12/3 【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Ikuta Campus, Meiji University



12/4 【School Exchange】 Shinshu University



12/6 【Homestay】 Farewell Party with Hostfamilies



12/7 【Reporting Session】

6. Voice from Participants

Vietnam, student

I think my knowledge on Japan has drastically increased through my participation in this program. For example, the Japanese are punctual in their activities, and also observe strict rules. I learned that there are seats reserved for the disadvantaged, and preferential rules for pedestrians and bicycles. I was also impressed with how traditional cultures, such as temples, and traditional clothes are carefully preserved while they live in a modern style. The Japanese accept and respect each other. I thought their high consciousness of personal information represents their attitude. The Japanese have this kind of social consciousness from their childhood.

Vietnam, student

What left the biggest impression on me was the Japanese people. Before I came to Japan, I was worried about a language barrier. I was nervous about whether they could understand what I said. However, my concern was immediately solved through my homestay. My host family was very anxious and thoughtful of me more than I expected. They kindly took care of me in everything. Plenty of vegetables were served in every meal. This was because my host family had checked out that the Vietnamese eat a lot of vegetables before we came. They also offered us the best room so that we can sleep well. Homestay was an unforgettable experience for me.

Vietnam, student

I had a totally different impression of Japan and the Japanese before I came to Japan.

<Impression before coming to Japan>	<Impression after coming to Japan>
Modern scientific technology is mainly concentrated on urban areas.	Scientific technology is applied nationwide.
Brutal weather	Cold but not so biting cold
Silent and cold-hearted people	Kind and thoughtful
High-quality products	High quality and also unique and reasonably-priced products
On-time	On-time means 5 minutes in advance
Unattractive food	Diversifying foods, similar to Vietnamese food

I will tell what I have seen in Japan and my experiences to my relatives and friends when I go back to Vietnam. Through extracurricular activities, I will introduce to other students Japan that is not only modern but also has passionate traditional culture. I will welcome and exchange with a group of Japanese students who will come to Vietnam. I will also inform of this program via a social networking site

Vietnam, student

I found many new things about Japan through this program. There are two impressions about Japan that remain in my heart. One is Tokyo. Tokyo is a modern crowded city. People living in this city concentrate on their jobs, and are always in hurry and making efforts to accomplish their jobs. I often noticed self-initiative aspects and the great power of concentration of the Japanese people. The other is a Japanese country town. The Japanese country town was friendly in everything from its scenic views to people. Those living in the countryside were friendly, warm, and very tender-hearted. I still remember how I was overwhelmed with wonderful scenery. Their hospitality was also excellent. Faithful and cordial welcome by local people of Nagano Prefecture remains clear in my memory.



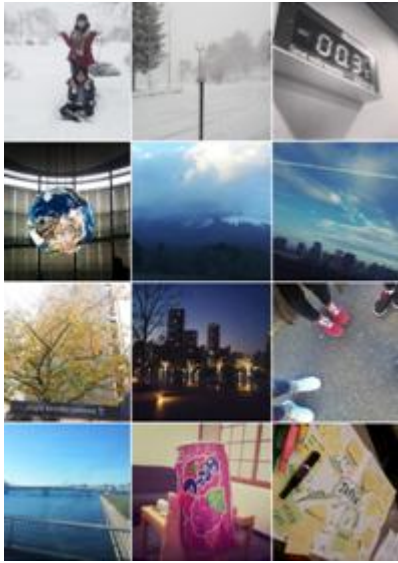
Vietnam, student

The biggest impression in this program was well-regulated, well-organized, and punctual habits of the Japanese people. During my homestay, when the host father went out for shopping by himself, he promised me to come back in 10 minutes. And, he actually came back right after 10 minutes. Another impression is modern and advanced technology. Almost everything everywhere in Japan was automated and looked programmed in advance. They were extremely good. I thought Japan is totally different from other countries that I have been to.

Vietnam, student

Japan is the third largest economy in the world, and an industrially-developed country. Through my participation in the program, I had many distinct impressions of Japan. Tokyo was a very modern and clean urban area with good transportation. The living environment was very clean. The Meiji University had an excellent learning environment. I saw many robots exhibited in the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan). These left a strong impression on me. When I visited Nagano, I was moved by the hospitality of local people. I love my host father and host mother.

7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants

<p>Ý THỨC GIỮ GÌN VỆ SINH CÔNG CỘNG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ngay khi trở về Việt Nam</u> • <u>Chúng ta</u> • <u>Lập kế hoạch – Phương pháp – Phổ biến</u> • <u>Tư giác</u> • <u>Nhắc nhở</u> 	 <p>ACTION PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16th Apr → 15th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology transfers • Cooperation programs • Opportunities 15th Jun → 15th Jul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining and analyzing the results 25th Jul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting for donors and other partners.
<p>Action Plan (Group A)</p>	<p>Action Plan (Group B)</p>
 <p>ACTION PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15th → 25th Jan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting • Writing proposal 26th Jan → 28th Feb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for funds 15th Mar → 15th Apr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing scholarships 	 <p>A collage of 12 small photographs showing various scenes: a person on a scooter, a digital display, a globe, a sunset, a city skyline, a person on a scooter, a lake, a person holding a pink bag, and a map.</p>
<p>Action Plan (Group B)</p>	<p>Instagram</p>