

JENESYS2015 Inbound program

Myanmar: Theme: Culture (Japanese Language Communication/Experience in Japanese Culture) Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under "Japan's Friendship Ties Programs", 29 university students from Myanmar who are interested in Japanese language communication and experience in Japanese culture visited Japan. During the 9 days program from December 14 to December 22, the participants studied the Japanese government, society, history, Japanese language, culture and much more. The participants aim to promote Japan through mediums such as SNS.

2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

29 Participants (Myanmar)

3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo, Gifu

4. Program Schedule

December 14 (Mon) Arrival at Narita International Airport, Program Orientation

December 15 (Tue) Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture

[History and Culture] Asakusa, Edo-Tokyo Museum

December 16 (Wed) Move to Gifu by Shinkansen

[Courtesy Call] Gifu Prefecture Government

December 17 (Thu) [History and Culture] Gifu City Museum of History, Gifu Great Buddha,

Washinosato Kaikan

[Japanese Culture Experience] Tea Ceremony

[History and Culture] Ogaki Castle

[Meeting with Host Families / Homestay]

December 19(Sat) [Homestay]

December 20(Sun) [Farewell Party with Host Families]

[Workshop]

December 21(Mon) Move to Tokyo by Shinkansen

[Reporting Session]

December 22(Tue) Departure from Narita International Airport

5. Program Photos Myanmar: Theme: Culture



12/15 【Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture】 (Tokyo)



12/15 [History and Culture] Asakusa (Tokyo)



12/16 【Courtesy Call】 Gifu Prefecture Government (Gifu)



12/17 【History and Culture】 Gifu Great Buddha (Gifu)



12/18 [School Exchange] Ogaki Women's College (Gifu)



12/20 【Homestay】 Farewell Party (Gifu)

6. Voice from Participants

Myanmar, University student

I was surprised that the big Buddha and other structures built over 500 years ago was still maintained up to now as historical heritages. Our country, Myanmar, also has many historical and cultural heritages. However, we have no capability to let the world know about it. If we follow Japan in cultural conservation and efforts to make the heritages known to the world, those who know Myanmar's heritages will increase. I also thought it is a good example of cultural promotion to teach visitors Japanese traditional crafts. I hope that Myanmar will follow this example in Japan and give efforts in promoting the culture. I also noticed people in Japan were very conscious about health. Disinfection liquid for hands is provided in shops, and people wear masks when they are ill. They see a doctor immediately when they feel sick. These are not noticed in Myanmar. I also noticed that everywhere, including large cities and small towns, is developed without a rich-poor gap. I also thought that we should follow Japan's economic policies and latest inventions.

Myanmar, University student

The most impressive points were the beauty of environment in Japan, punctuality of the Japanese people, and emphasis on responsibility and work. Japan is developed in economy and technology, but also giving importance on environment not to damage it. Japan is an earthquake-ridden country. There are many places struck by earthquakes. However, the latest technologies are used to prevent damage as much as possible, and reconstruction starts immediately when a disaster occurs. Myanmar is now in a transition period from military to democratic government. We need the latest technologies and democratic system to develop to the level of other countries in the world. We must learn technologies and systems from the world and apply them to our country wherever possible. Myanmar is rich in natural resources and historic heritages. I believe we can be developed if we can carefully preserve them and use without losing them. As a representative of Myanmar participating in this visit to Japan, I'd like to tell technologies and systems I learned in the program to others for development of my country.

Myanmar, University student

Japan was developed in everything, including traditional culture, technology, and people's living standard. The Japanese people were very kind, and in particular, they were respectful to each other. I want to tell these points to the people of Myanmar. In addition, Japan gives importance to the environment without just aiming at economic development. They give efforts in conserving historical heritages. Museums and castles exist in every region. I found that there is a symbol mark in each prefecture and city. I also want to tell others that Japan is developed because they carefully nurture children from their childhood. Not only academic education but also mental growth is given importance. The Japanese people lead a regular life and spend time for relaxing with family and friends without just always working. They give importance on history and tradition, and pass them down the generations. I want to tell all these to the people of Myanmar. The Japanese society provides education to foster a broad-minded attitude and good moral character in young people who will be future leaders. I'd like to tell others that we should follow it in Myanmar.

7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants

