

JENESYS2015 Inbound program Thailand: Theme: Culture (Japanese Language Communication/Experience in Japanese Culture) Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Programs”, 45 high school and university students from Thailand 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

45 Participants (Thailand)

3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo, Gifu, Shizuoka

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)~December 20 (Sun) Local programs

* Group A (Gifu)

【Courtesy Call】 Gifu Prefecture Government

【History and Culture】 Gifu City Museum of History, Gifu Great Buddha, Washinosato
Kaikan, Ogaki Castle

【School Exchange】 Ogaki Women’s College

【Japanese Culture Experience】 Tea Ceremony

【Homestay】

【Workshop】

* Group B (Shizuoka)

【Courtesy Call】 Hamamatsu City

【History and Culture】 Ryotanji, Akino-fuku Museum

【School Exchange】 Hamamatsu Gakuin Junior High School and Hamamatsu Gakuin
High School

【Observing Local Industry and experience】 Hamamatsu Rofu

【Homestay】

【Workshop】

December 21(Mon) Move to Tokyo by Shinkansen

【Reporting Session】

December 22(Tue) Departure from Narita International Airport

5. Program Photos Thailand: Theme: Culture



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



12/15【History and Culture】Asakusa (Tokyo)



12/16 【History and Culture】 Ryotanji (Hamamatsu City)



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



12/17 【School Exchange】 Hamamatsu Gakuin Junior High School and High School (Hamamatsu City)



12/18 Ogaki Women's College (Ogaki City)

6. Voice from Participants

Thailand, Student

In the program I participated this time, I tried to live in the way the Japanese people do. For example, I took a train by myself to the site I visited and during my homestay. Through these experiences, I was impressed with many things. Since we did not know the Japanese way of living, and had no experience in living with the Japanese people, the program was the best opportunity for us to deeply know Japan. I think what I learned in Japan can be used in development of my country. I can expect further development by telling my experiences to others. In addition, I believe it will also lead to improvement of the relationship between Thailand and Japan and also Thailand and other neighboring countries. What I want to tell the people of Thailand when I go back is the consciousness of the Japanese people toward the nature. My host family told me about how the Japanese people became what they are now. I was able to deepen my understanding of the way of thinking and living of the Japanese people. I will tell my friends, subordinates, and family what I have gained through the program. I hope they become interested in Japan to know more about the Japanese people.

Thailand, Student

There were many impressive points in my visit to Japan. First of all, it was a homestay. I was able to know about a daily life of the Japanese people. In the program, we visited and observed important regional sites. This provided me deeper knowledge of the Japanese history. There were numerous towns that I became interested in Japan. Each town had unique characteristics, and I experienced different local cultures. Another “difference” I experienced was a cold weather. We visited Japan in very cold season, which was different from Thailand, but I quite liked this cold weather. We took a train by ourselves to see ordinary life of the Japanese people. When I go back to Thailand, I will tell others about what I was impressed with to let them know Japanese traditional cultures and daily life.

Thailand, Student

I was impressed with Japan in many points. First, I got to know an orderly and well-regulated system of Japan. Every place was very clean and attractive. Second, the Japanese people prefer riding a bicycle. I thought a bicycle path exclusive for bicycles is a very good system. The traffic volume of vehicles was not so high as that in Thailand, which was also a good point. Third, yellow blocks on the pedestrian road for visually impaired persons. This does not exist in Thailand, and I was very impressed with it. Fourth, hospitality of the Japanese people. They were helpful in many occasions. When we asked the way, the person even guided and escorted us to the place. Lastly, beautiful landscape and culture of Japan. I visited many places in the program. For example, we visited Asakusa, Edo-Tokyo Museum, Ryutaku-ji Temple, and Akino Fuku Art Museum in Hamamatsu City. I learned the history of various places, and was very impressed with construction and artistic design of each facility. Through the program, I had many exciting experiences.

7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants

<p>AFTER</p> <p>True → </p> <p>Not True → </p> <p>New → </p>	<p>HOW</p> <p>Social Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youtube - Facebook - Webboard <p>School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ประชาสัมพันธ์ด้วยจดหมาย - วารสารโรงเรียน - หนังสือนิทรรศการโรงเรียน 
<p>Findings in Japan</p>	<p>Action Plan</p>
<p>KNOWLEDGE ABOUT JAPAN [DURING THE PROGRAM]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOT BE SO STRICT, STRESS, SERIOUS • HIGH POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGIES AS THOUGHT • WORK HARD AND PLAY HARD • HIGH RESPONSIBILITIES 	<p>DETAILS OF OUR PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADVERTISING INFORMATION ABOUT JAPAN BY USING SNS [SOCIAL NETWORK SERVICES] 
<p>Findings in Japan</p>	<p>Action Plan</p>