

**JENESYS2015 Inbound program  
(Malaysia, Theme: Politics)  
Program Report**

**1. Program Overview**

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 15 Malaysian youths who are interested in politics visited Japan. During the 10 days program from June 21 to June 30, the participants took part in programs regarding the Japanese government, society, history and foreign policy, etc.

**2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants**

Malaysia: 15 participants

**3. Prefectures Visited**

Tokyo, Kanagawa, Hiroshima, Osaka, Kyoto, and Shiga

**4. Program Schedule**

June 21 (Sun)

Arrival at Narita International Airport, Program Orientation

【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)

June 22 (Mon)

【Key Note Lecture】 "Japan's Electoral System and Party Politics" by Dr. Mikitaka Masuyama, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

【Observation】 National Diet Building, the House of Representatives

June 23 (Tue)

【Observation】 Edo Tokyo Museum, Sensou-ji Temple, Akihabara

June 24 (Wed) ~ June 28 (Sun) Move to Local Region

Hiroshima:

【Observation and Discussion】 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Museum, Atomic Bomb Dome, Story of Atomic Bomb Experience and Discussion

【Observation of Local Industry】 Mazda Motor Corporation, Mazda Museum

Osaka:

【Historical and Traditional Culture】 Osaka Castle

【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 Panasonic Center Osaka

Kyoto:

【Historical Landmark】 Kinkaku-ji Temple

Shiga:

Exchange with Takashima city council members, Exchange with local people, Japanese

traditional house stay

【Observation of Nature】 Observation of Kutsuki Forest

【Experience of Japanese Traditional Culture】 Experience of carving wooden chopsticks,  
Experience of pounding rice cake (Mochi), Experience of Japanese Calligraphy

【Experience of Local Culture】 Harie Shozu-no-sato (Kabata)

Workshop (Preparation for Reporting Session)

June 29 (Mon) Move to Tokyo

【Observation and Discussion】 The Matsushita Institute of Government and Management  
Reporting Session, Discussion with Associates

June 30 (Tue)

Departure from Narita International Airport

## 5. Program Photos



6/22 【Key Note Lecture】 “Japan's Electoral System and Party Politics”  
by Dr.Mikitaka Masuyama, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Tokyo)



6/22 【Observation】 National Diet Building,  
the House of Representatives (Tokyo)



6/24 【Observation】 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (Hiroshima City)



6/25 【Observation of Local Industry】 Mazda Motor Corporation (Hiroshima City)

	
<p>6/26 【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Panasonic Center Osaka (Osaka City)</p>	<p>6/26 Exchange with Takashima city council members (Takashima City)</p>
	
<p>6/27 【Observation 】 Kutsuki Forest (Takashima City)</p>	<p>6/29 【Observation】 The Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, Discussion with Associates (Chigasaki City)</p>

## 6. Voice from Participants

◆During my stay in Japan, I am most impressed by the advanced technology, cleanliness, Japanese culture and politeness of Japanese. The experience of taking Shinkansen was amazing but I do think the time is costly. I have been always greeted by Japanese people wherever I go. The local people are very kind and helpful. The cleanliness of street and washroom also impressed me as I think the citizen been educated well. The Japanese culture and place of visit are attractive and I think there is more to learn but it's a bit lack of time. I do think that we need more interaction with Japanese local people to understand more about Japan.

After I return home, I would like to share my trip to my friends in meeting and through social media eg. facebook. The culture and politeness as well as some of the good habit like punctuality should be widely promoted. The tasty food will also not be forgot to promote among friends and I do wish to visit Japan again if there is a chance in the

future.

◆Most impressed by a volunteer tour guide in Hiroshima bomb site. He was the survivor for the atomic bomb incident. He was 5 when he experienced the incident. I asked him if he hated the USA for dropping the atomic bomb. To my surprise he asked me back “Why should I hate the USA?” “This is military action and we as a citizen should not hate government nor the USA for the incident.” he replied.

I am very impressed by him for his forgiving heart and sincerely hope that the Hiroshima incident will not repeat again in the history of mankind.

◆I'm certainly very impressed with the mannerism of the Japanese practiced widely in the country. The level of politeness is very admirable and I think that could be one of the reasons of why the country is doing so well in so many aspects in life. People are generally very diligent and professional in whatever they are doing eg. work, school and politics.

Japanese are very clean, neat and tidy. They take care of their houses, restaurants, hotels very well. Even a busy street like Osaka will be cleaned thoroughly after 12 midnight. People also take care of their places very well.

## 7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants

<div> <div>+</div> <div> <div>日本訪問で気づいたこと</div> <div>Our Findings and Gained Knowledge through the Program in Japan</div> </div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed and clean nation.</li> <li>Japanese people are well mannered, friendly and proactive.</li> <li>Shinkansen → Efficient public transportation</li> <li>Science and technology in Japan are innovative and advanced. (Eg. ASIMO, Panasonic)</li> <li>Ancient Technology that benefits the people in the olden days – Edo-Tokyo, Kabata system in Harie Shozu-no-sato</li> </ul> </div>	<div> <div>+</div> <div> <div>Project Title プロジェクトタイトル</div> <div>Understanding of Japan's electoral system &amp; its unique culture.</div> </div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <div>■ Politics</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The political system of Japan has been revised several times and it has a few advantages which can be used as a reference for our country               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automatic voters registration</li> <li>Local council election</li> <li>Voters' age - 18 years old</li> <li>Mayor election</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li> <div>■ Culture</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The unique culture of Japan is well preserved even though the country has gone through major industrial revolution proses</li> <li>The Japanese people uphold and preserve their cultures well</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </div>
Findings and Knowledge	Action Plan



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<div data-bbox="239 589 756 649" data-label="Text"> <p>Visited the Mazda Motor Corporation in Hiroshima Japan this morning, good to learn the latest technology &amp; understand their CSR initiative towards the local communities. — 😊 feeling great.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="244 658 770 1010" data-label="Image"> </div>	<div data-bbox="837 589 1340 1010" data-label="Image"> </div>
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