

# JENESYS2015 Inbound program (ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Youth Network) Program Report

## 1. Program Overview

Under "Japan's Friendship Ties Program", 82 university students from countries of Southeast Asia visited Japan. During the 9 days program from October 12 to October 20, the participants studied Japanese government, society, culture, history and foreign policy, and much more.

### 2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

82 Participants (Indonesia 10, Cambodia 10, Singapore 7, Thailand 10, The Philippines 10, Brunei 5, Vietnam 10, Malaysia 10, Laos 5, Timor Leste 5)

#### 3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo, Aichi and Miyagi

#### 4. Program Schedule

October 12 (Mon)

Arrival at Narita International Airport or Haneda International Airport, Program Orientation [Observation] Naritasan Shinsyoji, Tokyo Metroporitan Government, Imperial Palace, Sensou-ji Temple

October 13 (Tue)

[Key Note Lecture] "Roles and Activities of the ASEAN-Japan Centre and ASEAN-Japan Relations"

[Observation] Meiji jingu, Harajyuku

October 14 (Wed) ~ October 19 (Mon) Move to Local Region

\* Group A and B: Aichi

[Local Industry] Hatcho MISO factory

【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Toyota Automobile Museum, Brother Industries, Ltd.

【Courtesy Call】 Aichi Prefectural Government

[School Exchange] Seijoh University, Aichi Institute of Technology

[Historical Landmarks] Toyokawa-inari, Okazaki Castle

[Homestay]

[Workshop] Preparation for Reporting Session

\* Group C and D: Miyagi

【Lecture】 Japan External Trade Organization(JETRO)

[Courtesy Call] Miyagi Prefectural Government

[School Exchange] Sendaihigashi Senior High-school, Miyagi University of Education

[Culture Exchange] Imoni Cooking & Eating Party

[Local Industry] Apple Farm

[Homestay]

[Workshop] Preparation for Reporting Session

October 19 (Mon) Move to Tokyo
Reporting Session, Discussion with Associates

October 20 (Tue)

Departure from Narita International Airport or Haneda International Airport

## 5. Program Photos



10/14 【 Courtesy Call 】 Aichi Prefectural Government(Nagoya City, Group A and B)



10/15 [School Exchange] Seijo University (Tokai City, GroupA)



10/15 [School Exchange] Aichi Institute of Technology(Nagoya City, Group B)



10/15 [Cutting-Edge Technology]
Brother Communication Space, Brother Industries, Ltd. (Nagoya City, Group B)



10/15 [Historical Landmarks] Toyokawa Inari (Toyokawa City, Group A)



10/16 [Historical Landmarks] Okazaki Castle (Okazaki City, Group A and B)



10/15 【School Exchange】 Miyagi University of Education, learn about tsunami stricken area (Sendai City, Group C and D)



10/14 [School Exchange] Sendaihigashi Senior High School (Sendai City, Group C and D)



10/14 【Courtesy Call】 Miyagi Prefectural Government (Sendai City, Group C and D)



10/18 【Homestay】 Farewell Party with Host Family (Kami Town, Group C and D)

#### 6. Voice from Participants

#### Indonesia, Student

I was impressed by many things: Firstly, Japanese's characteristics: They are all having high self-discipline such: punctual, put everything in its place, hard worker, stick to the rules, uphold the law, respect each other, and having great hospitality. Secondly, traditional culture: ocha, salmon, and all vegetables are their daily foods which make them live healthier and longer. They really respect their predecessors. Thirdly, Japan's recovery effort: Their hard work, commitments, respect and care for the victims. Those all successfully made them rise up faster and learn a lot from the disaster. Lastly Japanese policies on economy, environment, and tourism: They could be a rising Asian economy because of their knowledge of how western countries lead the world through some pillars: economy, education, law enforcement, etc. They know their market and how to promote it well (tourism) especially Miyagi Prefecture with its mascot, website, etc.

#### Cambodia, Student

Indeed, I am enriched enormously my understanding and knowledge about Japan. Of course, I have learned a lot. Admittedly, I am willing to share everything I have learned to Cambodian people, especially my family and my friends. Additionally, what impressed me the most is punctuality. Surely, Japanese people are very punctual. Apart from that, I do appreciate the cleanness of the nation. I can say that everywhere in Japan is very clean, both in the city and countryside. Significantly, living in Japan, I feel very safe and secure even at midnight. Besides, I find Japanese foods are very healthy and natural. I am sure this is the reason why Japan has the highest and longest life expectancy. More importantly, I am so surprised of Japanese technology. Certainly, everyone knows that Japanese technology is highly advanced. As a result, Japan is known as a highly-developed country. Moreover, Japanese infrastructure is thoroughly designed so that the hazardous damages are hardly to happen. Honestly speaking, I am going to share my friends to everything. I have learned from Japan, namely, how to keep the city clean, how to have a good health.

#### Philippines, Student

Japan has never-ending things that impress me from its hi-tech products/materials, scenic tourist destinations, very awesome shinkansen, clean roads and everywhere, and of course to the very disciplined and lovely people. But what really impressed me the most are the Japanese people-their characteristics and manners in their daily lives. Japanese people are one-of-a-kind in the world, perhaps they can be regarded as one of the best in everything that they do. I really appreciate how they act in public places and how they interact with other Japanese and even their kindness to foreigners. If I would choose the best tourist spot in Japan, perhaps it will not be a place, a mountain or any city, the best tourist spots in Japan are the Japanese people themselves-incomparable people, you cannot actually find a word to describe them. I would love to share my homestay experience to everyone in the

Philippines because my homestay experience sums all that I experienced and learned from Japan.

## Timor-Leste, Student

I learned so many things from this program.

My first impression of Japan is advanced technology, which is totally different from my country. Half of everything here is automatic. The second impression is cleanness and how the Japanese preserve the nature. Even we stay in the city, we don't feel pollution, dust or transportation noise. The third impression is that the Japanese are very rich in culture. The fourth impression is that the Japanese are very polite, humble and hospitable. They always keep smiling and thank about everything we do. The fifth is how they appreciate everything they have.

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

