

JENESYS2015 Inbound program Malaysia, Theme: Politics, Traditional Culture, Japanese Communication Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 65 Malaysian students from high-schools, universities and graduate schools who are interested in Japanese society and traditional culture visited Japan. During the 8 days program from November 10 to 17, the participants took part in programs regarding Japanese politics, history, culture and foreign policy.

2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

Malaysia: 65 participants

3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo and Aomori

4. Program Schedule

November 10 (Tue) Arrival at Narita International Airport, Program Orientation
【History / Traditional Culture】 Nijubashi, Imperial Palace

November 11 (Wed) 【Lecture on Japanese Culture／Key Note Lecture】
【History / Traditional Culture】 Edo Tokyo Museum, Asakusa

November 12 (Thu) Move to Aomori by Shinkansen
【Courtesy Call and lecture】 Nanbu-cho Town Office, Observation of
Town Assembly, Lecture, Opinion Exchange Session
【Historical and Traditional Culture】 Nakui Agricultural High School, Folk
Entertainment Club (Experience and Exchange through Wadaiko)
【Commercial Facility】 Observation of Manbu Town Municipal Market

November 13 (Fri) 【School Exchange】 Hachinohe Institute of Technology
【Cultural Experience】 Hachinohe Portal Museum "Hacchi"
Learning traditional culture in the region/Handcraft experience
【Homestay】 Meeting Host Families

November 14 (Sat) 【Homestay】

November 15 (Sun) 【Homestay】 Farewell Party with Host Families
【Workshop】

November 16 (Mon) Move to Tokyo
【Reporting Session】

November 17 (Tue) Departure from Narita International Airport

5. Program Photos



11/11 **【Lecture on Japanese Culture】** (Tokyo)



11/12 **【Courtesy Call】** Assembly Hall of Nanbu Town Council (Group A) (Nanbu Town)



11/12 **【Local Industry】** Nanbu Town Local Wholesale Market (Group A)(Nanbu Town)



11/12 **【Historical and Traditional Culture】** Nakui Agricultural High School (Group B,C)(Nanbu Town)



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11/13 **【Lecture】** Hachinohe Institute of Technology (Group A,B,C) (Hachinohe City)

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| <p>11/13 【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Hachinohe Institute of Technology (Group A,B,C) (Hachinohe City)</p> | <p>11/14 【Traditional Culture】 Homestay (Nanbu Town)</p> |

6. Voice from Participants

Student (Group A)

I'm studying in Japanese studies currently. It's my great pleasure to visit Japan throughout JENESYS program because it helped me to improve my understanding about Japan. The most impressed place that I've visited is Nanbu Town Assembly. I've been given a chance to ask questions while the assembly going on. Those politicians have tried their best to answer our questions about Japanese communities and politics. It's definitely amazing to experience the political system in Japan. Besides the homestay program was wonderful and I believe these memories will last forever in my life. The weather is totally different in Malaysia with strong wind and cold feeling. Nanbu Town is famous with fresh fruits such as apple, cherry, pear, and so on, according to the season. The kindness of Japanese family brought us sweet memories and I will certainly share my experience with my friends after going back to Malaysia.

Student (Group A)

The most what I was very impressed about Japan is the characteristics of Japanese people. They are very systematic and discipline in social life. For example, during my stay at host family, host family mother discuss our schedule with us. So, we had done or do all the activities very systematic. In addition, I love Japanese culture, especially tea ceremony. We had chance to learn how to serve a green tea. Japan has a unique culture such as tea ceremony, design of tatami room, traditional clothes and traditional dance. Moreover, I am very impressed about hygiene in Japan. Japan is very beautiful country which I can see the street, and public places are very clean. So, when I'm going back to Malaysia, I will share all the experience and good things about Japan with family and friends.

Student (Group B)

First, the thing that I impressed the most is the punctuality of Japanese people. Japanese

used to do work on time and follow the schedule planned. Example for the punctuality is “Shinkansen”, 10:20 am departure time, by exactly sharp on 10:20 am the “Shinkansen” departed. I am also impressed with the JR system of Japan. I am impressed with the discipline and systematic practices of Japanese.

I would like to share all the experiences I have during the stay in Japan for these 9 days, from smallest practice of garbage management to homestay session with local family. Japanese used bidet for toilet, have a healthy meal lifestyle, polite greeting manners, single and focus on Japanese language, environmental friendly practices such as garbage management system, space saving management such as folding table. I would also like to share about my homestay at Nanbu town, the pretty scenery of village, friendliness of local people, their self-planting and multi-use of plantation and what I feel in the town. Nanbu town is a beautiful place with nature and I would like to visit again with my friends/family in the future.

Student (Group B)

I was most impressed with the environment and condition of the city. Despite the large amount of population, everything was in order.

Lecture on Japan was also very informative. We might already know a few things but we were able to add up a few more information.

Moreover, the exchange occurred with the high school and university students was very interesting. I really enjoyed interacting with them.

Nevertheless, the visit on certain sites and homestay activities really improved my perception on Japan. I will definitely return.

Student (Group C)

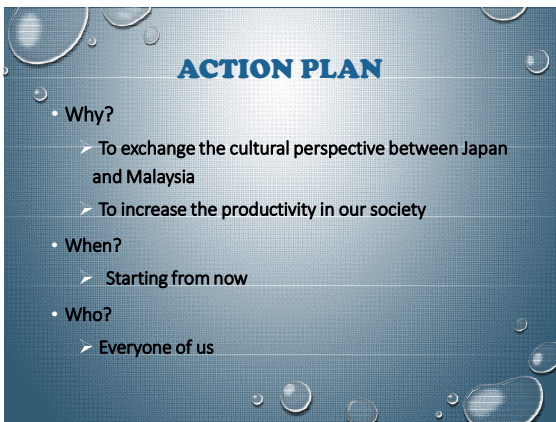
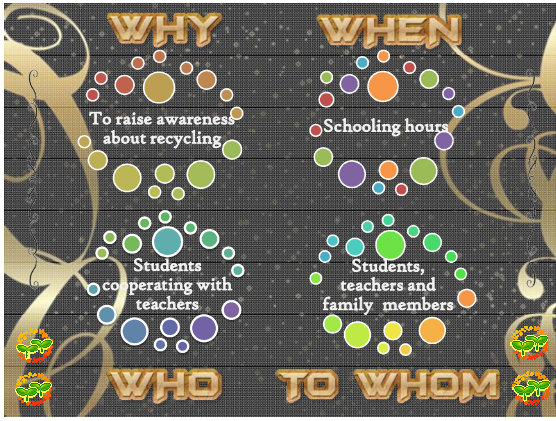

Japan is a very wonderful and interesting country. At first, I was worried about the cold weather here but then, I have adapted to the climate after staying here for a while. There are a few things that impressed me once I am in Japan. Firstly, I was impressed of the high technology that Japanese has in their daily life. For example, the sink uses sensor technology and the high tech toilet. Besides that, punctuality and meticulousness of Japanese is a beauty. Japan citizen are kind and friendly to us. During the homestay program, I enjoyed many new things such as hot-spring and Japanese dance.

Another thing that I like about Japan is their persistence and endeavor in developing their country. They always keep on inventing new things and technology to be competitive to others. How they recover their economy after the earth quake is also very impressive. For me, that is the beauty of Japan. Even though Japan lacks (natural re)sources, they are able to be one of the top countries in economy.

Student (Group C)

I was impressed by the various traditional elements and culture that is instilled into the daily lifestyle of Japanese people, as their culture is very different compared to ours in Malaysia. I was also amazed by the impressive history of Edo. I learnt many things about Japan through their history. I was also surprised that the technology in Japan is very advanced, since their technology hasn't arrived in my country yet. The cute and pretty packaging of the food and souvenirs also impressed me greatly. Once I go back to my home country, I would like to share the language and culture of Japan. Other than that, I would like to share the beautiful scenery of Japan and also the amazing manners of Japanese people.

7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>IMPLEMENTATIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create social networking sites (SNS). • Share experience on social media ; -Facebook: Rakanmuda -Twitter: rakanmudaLAH • Each member conduct continuous program or event • Share the experience on the social media (follow-up program). • Join venture with the local authorities such as Youth and Sports Ministry. |
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