

## JENESYS2015 Inbound program (Singapore, Theme: Social (Exchange in Community Service People)) Program Report

### 1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 11 adults from Singapore who work in community service field visited Japan. During the 9 days program from February 29 to March 8, the participants studied Japanese government, society, history and foreign policy, community services and much more.

### 2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

Singapore: 11 participants

### 3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo and Nagano

### 4. Program Schedule

February 29 (Mon)	Arrival at Haneda International Airport, Program Orientation
March 1 (Tue )	【Lecture on Japan/Key Note Lecture】 【Field Work】 Meguro Sky Garden
March 2 (Wed)	Move to Nagano 【History and Culture】 Zenko-ji Temple
March 3 (Thu )	【Regional Industry】 Ski Jumping Stadium, Hakuba Goryu SkiingResort 【Nature】 Omachi City Environment Plant 【Environment】 Kanamori Construction Co. Ltd., Solar Power Station
March 4 (Fri )	【Courtesy Call】 Hakuba Village Office 【Field Work】 Hakuba Village Council (Social gathering with village councilors, Mock council) Site visit on social service 【Homestay】 Meeting with hostfamilies
March 5 (Sat )	【Homestay】
March 6 (Sun)	【Regional Industry】 Daio Wasabi Farm 【Workshop】
March 7 (Mon)	Move to Tokyo 【Reporting Session】
March 8 (Tue )	Departure from Haneda International Airport

## 5. Program Photos



3/1 【Keynote Lecture on understanding Japan】 (Tokyo)



3/1 【Field Work】 Meguro Sky Garden (Tokyo)



3/3 【Environment】 Kanamori Construction Co. Ltd, (Hakuba Village)



3/4 【Field Work】 Hakuba Village Council (Hakuba Village)



3/6 【Farewell Party with Host Family】 (Hakuba Village)



3/7 【Reporting Session】 (Tokyo)

## **6. Voice from Participants**

### **Singapore, Adult**

What interested me the most is the idea of interesting Meguro government branch office, a library, community meeting rooms and amenities under one building. This will bring much convenience to the people of Meguro and bring the community closer. We have learned a lot and give us inspirations to think about. I am also inspired by the close common hearts among the community to make a better place for everyone. Simple acts like conscience for others, hospitality and attention to small details goes to show the beautiful culture of Japan. I am proud of this meaningful program and will definitely visit Japan again.

### **Singapore, Adult**

I am impressed by the politeness and hospitality of the Japanese. They are always in high spirit and cheerful. During the visit to Hakuba village office, I have learnt about the earthquake that happened in 2014. It is relieved to know that there was no casualty and at the same time. I am amazed by how Hakuba recovered from the earthquake within such short period of time. I have also learnt that it is due to the mutual trust and neighborliness of the residents that make Hakuba such a wonderful place. Nagano is a place of Japan which I think many people are not aware of. I am glad to have the privilege to visit this beautiful place and will definitely raise the awareness to my fellow Singaporean.

### **Singapore, Adult**

I am most impressed by how serious Japanese is towards saving the Gaia. In the Omachi city, residents will travel to the recycling plant to dispose their recyclables. Before disposing those bottles, they will rinse to ensure the bottle was clean. They even do the sorting themselves inside the plant, which is contrast to what Singapore is practicing currently. Although some constituencies in Singapore organize the "earth hour" event which residents are encouraged to participate by switching off their electricity for that few hours, no one is really practicing do that before/after that event. In addition, some constituencies organize a monthly recycling program, but what really motivates residents to collect the recyclables are they are able to get some in return.. Without motivations, no one in Singapore really carries about that.

**7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants  
/ Participants' SNS uploads**

<p>Project “Discover the Rising Sun”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness of Nagano</li> <li>• Known more as a shopping haven for Singaporeans</li> <li>• More on the scenic and rich heritage, culture and agriculture</li> <li>• Kind hospitality and warmth</li> </ul>	
<p>Action Plan</p>	<p>Instagram</p>
 <p>#Jenesys2015 The learning journey continues.....</p>	
<p>Facebook</p>	