

## JENESYS2015 Inbound Program

(Singapore,

### Theme: Culture, Japanese Culture of Diet /Technology, Exchange in Science and Technology) Program Report

#### 1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 44 Singaporean vocational school and university students who are interested in Japanese culture of diet and technology visited Japan. During the 9 days program from December 7 to December 15, the participants studied Japanese government, society, culture of diet, Technology, and much more. The participants aim to promote Japan through mediums such as SNS

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

Singapore: 44 participants

#### 3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo and Yamagata

#### 4. Program Schedule

December 7 (Mon)	Arrival at Haneda International Airport, Program Orientation
December 8(Tue)	【Lecture on Japan】 【History and culture】 Edo-Tokyo Museum, Asakusa, Sensoji Temple (Culture Group) 【Cutting-Edge Technology】 National Museum of Nature and Science, TEPIA ( Association for Technological Excellence, Promoting Innovative Advances (Technology Group)
December 9 (Wed)	Move to Yamagata 【Courtesy Call on Local Government】 Yamagata Prefectural Office
December 10 (Thu)	【Nature and Environment】 Kajo Park, Momiji Park, Kurenai no Kura 【Local Industry】 Oriental Carpet, Maruhachi Yatarazuke (Culture Group), Watanabe Iron Casting Works (Technology Group)
December 11(Fri)	【School Exchange】 University of Nutrition Sciences, Yonezawa Yamagata (Culture Group) 【School Exchange】 Yamagata University (Technology Group) 【History and culture】 Uesugi Shrine 【Homestay】 Meeting with Hostfamily
December 12(Sat)	【Homestay】
December 13(Sun)	【Homestay】 Farewell Party with Hostfamily 【Workshop】 Preparation for Reporting Session

December 14(Mon) Move to Tokyo  
Reporting Session

December 15 (Tue) Departure from Haneda International Airport

## 5. Program Photos

### Culture Group



12/8 【Lecture on Japanese Culture】 (Tokyo)



12/9 【Courtesy Call on Local Government】  
Yamagata Prefectural Office (Yamagata City)



12/10 【Local Industry】 Maruhachi Yatarazuke  
Pickling Company (Yamagata City)



12/11 【School Exchange】 University of  
Nutrition Sciences (Yamagata City)



12/11 【History and culture】 Uesugi Shrine  
(Yamagata City)



12/12 Homestay (Yamagata City)

## Technology Group



12/8 【Cutting-Edge Technology】 TEPIA  
( Association for Technological Excellence,  
Promoting Innovative Advances (Tokyo)



12/9 【Courtesy Call on Local Government】  
Yamagata Prefectural Office (Yamagata City)



12/10 【Local Industry】 Watanabe Foundry  
Corp (Yamagata City)



12/11 【School Exchange】 Faculty of Engineering,  
Yamagata University (Yamagata City)



12/12 Homestay (Yamagata City)



12/14【Reporting Session】Action Plan Report  
(Tokyo)

## **6. Voice from Participants**

### **Singapore, University students**

What impressed me during my stay in Japan is how Japanese people are courteous and well-mannered especially in local settings (Home-stay). They are open to foreigners and I could see their efforts on ensuring the best hospitality given to the guests. The technology here is advanced when it applies to everyday practices such as toilet, public facility etc. However, they were able to preserve traditions and beliefs despite the oncoming generations. Coming here, we were able to experience the culture and practice it with the locals themselves. Their regulation and beliefs were an eye-opener and I would like to show case their practices when I go back to Singapore. In the world, rural areas such as Yamagata Prefecture do not stand out a lot compared to famous prefectures such as Tokyo. A lot of historical and unique lifestyles are instilled into this amazing and beautiful city and people should start exploring the rural life that others may miss out.

### **Singapore, University students**

The culture of Japan is one that is highly unique and not replicated in other societies. I was and still am thoroughly impressed by the respectful manner in which the Japanese people communicate and the dignity they carry themselves with. This was best reflected during the homestay program where we were privileged to stay with a Japanese family for 3 days and 2 nights. The pride in the Japanese culture the locals have is palpable, something I wish Singaporeans can adopt. As such, a key takeaway I would share would be with regards to how much the Japanese appreciate and see the beauty in their culture, even though they have new popular culture like cos-play. This retention of their culture is applaud-able and necessary in an ever-evolving-world where more often than not individuals lack direction and traditions

### **Singapore, University students**

I am most impressed by the industrial visit. In my home country, there are no local industries that produce its own products such as steel fabrication and fabric industry. The program allowed me to understand the process and the people who do it better. As my field of study is architecture, my knowledge has been expanded on material fabrication. I would like to share this aspect of Japan in addition to its cultural traditions.

### **Singapore, University students**

I am deeply impressed by the Japanese manners and characteristics of the people. They are lively and well mannered. The hierarchy culture in Japan is very much valued, with the younger youths/adults paying respect to the elderly. This is something we Singaporeans can learn. Furthermore, technological advancement in Japan especially in the aspect of healthcare and robotics are extremely well developed. In view of Singapore's Aging population, Singapore should learn on Japan's innovations and hopefully adopt them there. Last but not least, the food in Japan has left a deep impression on me. The plating technique and the choice of food are often well thought

of: Their healthy lifestyle is something Singaporeans can learn from.

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

<p><b>Through JENESYS, We Learnt ...</b></p> <p>Locals</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Social Etiquette and Mannerism</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Characteristics</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Balanced and Healthy Diet (Ichi-ju San-shoku &amp; Washoku)</p> </div> </div>	<p><b>HOW?</b></p> <p><b>4. Introduce Yamagata – Carnival</b></p> 
<p>Findings in Japan</p>	<p>Action Plan</p>
<p><b>#2 PHOTO EXHIBITION</b></p> 	<p><b>Technological Advancements</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Robotics Research</b></p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Organic Light Emitting Diode Research</b></p>  </div> </div>
<p>Action Plan</p>	<p>Findings in Japan</p>
<p><b>Action Plan – What</b></p> <p>2. Disseminate information through University Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Japanese Cultural Association</li> <li>* Japanese Study Association</li> <li>* Nihon Buyo Club</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p><b>Action Plan – What</b></p> <p>3. NUS International Relations Office (IRO) NTU Office of International Affairs (OIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* JENESYS 2015 experiences and information on websites for visitors</li> <li>* Lecture Presentation about JENESYS 2015</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
<p>Action Plan</p>	<p>Action Plan</p>