



JENESYS2015 Inbound Program
(Singapore, Theme: Culture (Japanese Language/Japanese Culture))
Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 22 Singaporean students who are interested in Japanese culture visited Japan. During the 9 days program from October 5 to October 13, the participants studied Japanese government, society, culture, history and foreign policy, and much more.

2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

Singapore: 22 participants

3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo, Nara, Kyoto and Osaka

4. Program Schedule

October 5 (Mon)

Arrival at Narita International Airport, Program Orientation

October 6(Tue)

【Lecture on Japan】 “Contour of Government and Public Policy Making” by Dr.Akira Nakamura, Professor Emeritus of Meiji University

【History and culture】 Asakusa, Sensoji Temple/ Edo-Tokyo Museum

October 7 (Wed)

Move to Osaka by Shinkansen Bullet train

【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Daikin Solution Plaza

【Cultural Facility】 Osaka Museum of Housing and Living

【Commercial Facility】 Keihan City Mall

October 8 (Thu)

【Historical Landmark】 Fushimi Inari Taisha, Arashiyama and its vicinity

【Pop Culture】 Kyoto International Manga Museum

【Nature】 Sagano Scenic Train

October 9(Fri)

【Historical Landmark】 Todaiji Temple

【School Exchange】 Nara Prefectural University

【Homestay】 Meeting with Hostfamily

October 10(Sat)

【Homestay】

October 11(Sun)

【Homestay】 Farewell Party with Host Family

【Workshop】 Preparation for Reporting Session

October 12(Mon)

Move to Tokyo by Shinkansen Bullet train

Reporting Session

October 13 (Tue)

【Cutting-Edge Technology】 Panasonic Center Tokyo

Departure from Narita International Airport

5. Program Photos



10/6 【Lecture on Japanese Culture / Key Note Lecture】 : Meiji University (Tokyo)



10/8 【Observation of Historical Landmark】 : Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine (Kyoto)



10/8 【Pop Culture】 : Kyoto International Manga Museum (Kyoto)



10/8 【School Exchange】 : Nara Prefectural University (Nara City)



10/11 【Farewell Party with Host Family】 (Uda City)



10/12 【Reporting Session】 (Tokyo)

6. Voice from Participants

Singapore, University students

In all aspects of the Japanese lives, the unique imprint of the thoughtfulness and the willingness to go the extra mile. As observed in the attention to details seen in the Shinkansen trip to Osaka from Tokyo. The train's maintenance team had arrived promptly to prepare the train for the next trip. Combining on efficient and organized work cycle and the innovations on the train that assisted them (quick reclining seats). They had finished their jobs in record time with not a spot missed Such skills are not only present in their work but also in their home. I had helped out my host-mother in her housework and also achieved a fast completion time in 2 hours for such a large house with not a leaf unturned. Such ability to plan with detail of the Japanese is highly admired by me and I want to share this with my home country, Singapore.

Singapore, University students

What impressed me the most are the traditions, culture, and mannerism and technology advancement of Japan. I had thought that perhaps Japanese people are strict with their traditions and hence influences their way of life greatly. To my surprise, they are open to new foreign influences such as hosting church weddings instead of the traditional Japanese wedding. They impressed me with their humility and respect towards all those around them, regardless of race or background. One student from Nara Prefectural University shared how it felt that helping people is similar to an instinct and urge rather than some forceful predicament to avoid the gossips of others. Finally the technology advancement in Japan made a huge impact to me. I had never thought that Japanese companies took so many consideration into play when making or upgrading a product like the DAIKIN air-conditioners. Even Sushi restaurants use technology to entertain & please their customers by offering something extra into their experience in the restaurant such as interactive games. All in all, this experience is an eye opener for me and I hope others will get to experience this too.

Singapore, University students

I am very impressed by the little details the Japanese society pays attention to. For example, public toilets have sound, music, flushing sounds that plays so that people do not feel embarrassed when making sounds, putting one at ease. Another example is Japanese butter boxes, there is a small hole to leave a butter knife in and close the lid. These are small details that most do not take into consideration yet Japanese products

do. I think that it is in the minute things Japanese focus on, perfecting anything they come into contact with. This impressed me most and I'm sure there are many other things that I have not yet noticed but made things much easier for the Japanese and visitors to Japan.

7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants

	 <p>OBJECTIVE To clear misunderstandings brought about by the media that are perhaps and maybe overly exaggerated and inaccurate. Eg. We found out through our interviews that the image of all Japanese being really traditional might not be 100% true.</p> <p>ACTION PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interactive quiz to test the knowledge of the students • Flyers TO PROMOTE BOTH THE FESTIVAL & OUR WEBSITE • Booth for prize collection A PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO COME WITH 4 OR MORE PEOPLE • Blog <p>PUBLICATION</p>
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