

# JENESYS2015 Inbound Program (Laos, Theme: Society ( Peace Building/Non-Proliferation of Nuclear

# Weapons ) Exchange) Program Report

#### 1. Program Overview

Under "Japan's Friendship Ties Programs", 20 Laotian students from university and graduate school who are interested in "Peace Building" and "Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" visited Japan. During the 9 days program from October 26 to November 3, the participants studied the Japanese government, society, history, peace building, Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and much more. The participants aim to promote Japan through mediums such as SNS.

### 2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

Laos: 20 participants

#### 3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo, Chiba and Hiroshima

## 4. Program Schedule

Arrival at Narita International Airport, Program Orientation October 26 (Mon) [Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture] [History and Culture] Visit to Asakusa October 27 (Tue) Move to Hiroshima by Shinkansen October 28 (Wed) [History and Traditional Culture] Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum [Japanese Culture Experience] Fudenosato Kobo (Calligraphy) October 29 (Thu) [History and Traditional Culture] Hiroshima Confederation of A-Bomb **Sufferers Organizations** [History and Traditional Culture] Hiroshima Peace Institute [Local Industry] Hiroshima Television Corporation October 30 (Fri) [Nature, History and Culture] Shukkeien (Japanese Garden) [Japanese Culture Experience] Tea Ceremony [School Exchange] Hiroshima Institute of Technology [Meeting with Host Family / Homestay] October 31 (Sat) (Homestay) November 1 (Sun) [Farewell Party with Host Family] November 2 (Mon) Move to Tokyo by Shinkansen [Reporting Session] November 3 (Tue) Departure from Narita International Airport

# 5. Program Photos





10/28 【Japanese Culture Experience】 Calligraphy (Hiroshima)

10/29 [History] Peace Study (Hiroshima)



10/30 【Japanese Culture Experience】 Tea Ceremony (Hiroshima)



10/30 [School Exchange] Hiroshima Institute of Technology (Hiroshima)



11/1 [Homestay] Farewell Party (Hiroshima)



11/2 Reporting Session (Chiba)

### 6. Voice from Participants

## ◆ Laos, University/Postgraduate student

What I was most impressed with during my stay in Japan this time was a visit to Hiroshima City, the first victim of nuclear attack. My country Laos is not the victim of nuclear bombing like Hiroshima. I learned that Hiroshima always keeps this disastrous event in their hearts and passes it on to children who have no memory of war. I'd like to use my knowledge and experiences obtained through the JENESYS program in the form that matches the present state of Laos. This includes building of collaborative relationship with other countries for advanced technology, national development, and bright future. I want to be involved in peacebuilding operations for making everyone in the world to live happily.

#### ◆ Laos, University/Postgraduate student

During may stay in Japan, I had a chance to visit Hiroshima. Hiroshima is the "Prefecture of Peace." I visited places with historical significance. A noble spirit of maintaining peace is ingrained in the people of Hiroshima Prefecture. I think they were able to overcome many difficulties by the spirit of mutual aid. At elementary schools, peace education is included in the curriculum to foster respect for peace. All people in Hiroshima wish for peace. They build various facilities related to nuclear bombs to make foreign visitors aware of the importance of preventing this tragedy from happening again.

#### ◆Laos, University/Postgraduate student

I participated in the program on peacebuilding and nuclear non-proliferation. I appreciate hospitality of Japanese people, and had a chance to deeply know what the word "peace" actually means. Before coming to Japan, my understanding of the word "peace" was "serene and fine." However, through my visit to Hiroshima, I was able to understand the meaning of the word "peace" more deeply by observing the tragic sites of victims of nuclear bombing. I will tell the people of Laos about my friendship with friends I made in Japan, awareness of peace, and the wish for the equality and peace for all people in the world, which is the meaning conveyed in the word "peace.".

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



## Findings in Japan



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