

# JENESYS2015 Inbound program (Laos, Theme: Social (Exchange in the field of Justice/Law)) Program Report

### 1. Program Overview

Under "Japan's Friendship Ties Program", 20 university and graduate school students from Laos who are interested in the field of Justice and law visited Japan. During the 8 days program from February 16 to February 23, the participants studied Japanese government, society, history, culture and technology, and much more.

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

Laos: 20 participants

#### 3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo and Miyagi

## 4. Program Schedule

February 16 (Tue) Arrival at Narita International Airport, Program Orientation

February 17 (Wed) [Lecture on Japan]

[Observation] Tokyo District Court, Ministry of Justice

[History and Culture] Senso-ji Temple

February 18 (Thu) ~ February 21 (Sun) Miyagi Program

[Courtesy Call/Introduction of the Region] Miyagi Prefectural office [Observation] Ho Terrace Miyagi (Japan Legal Support Center) [School Exchange] Tohoku Gakuin University, Tsuchitoi Campus

【Traditional Cultural Experience】 Painting on Naruko Kokeshi

[Homestay]

[Workshop]

February 22 (Mon) Move to Tokyo

Reporting Session

February 23 (Tue) Departure from Narita International Airport

## 5. Program Photos



2/17 【Lecture on Japan】 (Tokyo)



2/18 【Observation】 Ho Terrace Miyagi (Sendai city)



2/19 [School Exchange] Tohoku Gakuin University (Sendai city)



2/19 【Traditional Cultural Experience】
Painting on Naruko Kokeshi(Osaki city)



2/19 【Traditional Cultural Experience】 Tea Ceremony(Osaki city)



2/22Reporting Session (Tokyo)

#### 6. Voice from Participants

#### **♦**Laos, University student

I was most deeply moved with Japan Legal Support Center Miyagi during my stay in Japan. This center is an organization that helps people who cannot afford to pay for legal consultation. The Japan Legal Support Center provides assistance for legal matters from the humanitarian standpoint to all people equally, including Japanese and foreigners, regardless of rich, poor, or occupations. I felt the warm-hearted and noble mind of Japanese people through the existence of this Center. The Japan Legal Support Center will pay in advance for legal fees for those who cannot afford to pay. In addition, they also accept payment in installments if bullet payment is not feasible. This system represents how the Japanese government supports and encourages equal protection of laws in the society. I was most impressed with a firm legal system and legal support in Japan through my visit to the Japan Legal Support Center.

#### **♦**Laos, University student

This was my first visit to Japan. I really gained various knowledges and experiences. Everything had significant meaning to me. Among others, the next three points were most impressive. First was a visit to the court and Legal Support Center. I was able to gain a lot of knowledge and information on legal matters that I'm studying. I was also able to exchange opinions. Second was an orderly, clean, and beautiful city everywhere in Japan. I think this shows that Japan is a law-governed country. I want to tell about it to everyone when I go back. Third was Japanese culture, such as consideration to others, good mutual relationship, and courtesy. Through my homestay, I gained a glimpse of Japanese daily life, and felt warmth. My host family treated me like real father and mother, and I was sad to leave them. I hope to come back to Japan.

#### **♦**Laos, University student

What I was most impressed with and want to tell others when I return is particularly the traffic system of Tokyo. I knew that a huge number of people live in Tokyo before I came to Japan, and I was surprised to find that no problem occurs at all. This is because the traffic system is very well organized. Modern equipment and roadway signs are provided, expressways and railways are established, and efforts are given to reduce the use of private cars. I learned that many ideas are adopted to prevent a concentration of traffic on the city center. In addition, many Japanese walk or use bicycles to work, and thus a problem of heavy traffic jam we often have does not occur in Tokyo. The second impressive point was Japanese lifestyle and culture. The Japanese people have a good personality, and are well-mannered. In particular, how the Japanese people give importance on cleanliness was impressive. A trash bin for sorted waste is provided everywhere, including hotels and restaurants. Everyone follow waste sorting. The third point was warm relationship with the Japanese people. During my homestay, my Japanese father and mother welcomed us very warmly. They were very kind to us. My experience of homestay was what I felt most happy and honored in this trip to Japan.

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

