

## JENESYS2016 Outbound Program (Laos, High School Students) Program Report

### 1. Program Overview

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Programs”, 20 Japanese High School Students who are interested in introducing attractive Japan for overseas visited Laos. During the 10 days program from February 13 to February 22, the participants introduced various attractive Japan to people of Laos and also learned lots of things about Laos. Through the observation of JICA Laos Office, JOCV activity site and Japanese NPO office, the participants learned current assistance from Japan to Laos. The final day of this program, they gave a presentation about the action plan after their return home. The participants aim to promote Japan through mediums such as SNS.

#### Number of Participants

Torori Keiai High School; 20 participants and 2 teachers

#### Country Visited

Laos (Vientiane)

### 2. Program Schedule

February 13 (Mon)	Program Orientation
February 14 (Tue)	Departed from Narita International Airport Arrived in Vientiane
February 15 (Wed)	【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan, Lao Youth Union 【Observation】 JOCV Activity Place (Ms. Nakata, English Teacher) 【Observation】 Walk along Mekong River
February 16 (Thu)	【School Exchange】 Phiawath High School 【Observation】 JICA Laos Office
February 17 (Fri)	【School Exchange】 Nongbone High School 【Observation】 ITECC Shopping Center
February 18 (Sat)	【Home Visit Program】 【Observation】 That Luang Temple
February 19 (Sun)	【Observation】 Phutawen Farm 【Joined JENESYS Alumni Party】
February 20 (Mon)	【Observation】 ADDP (Asian Development with the Disabled Persons) 【Observation】 Friendship Bridge, Buddha Park
February 21 (Tue)	Presentation Meeting 【Observation】 Wat Sisaket, Patou Xai Departed from Vientiane
February 22 (Wed)	Arrived at Narita International Airport

### 3. Program Photos

	
<p>2/15【表敬訪問】青年同盟 【Courtesy Call】Lao Youth Union</p>	<p>2/16【視察・訪問】JICA ラオス事務所 【Observation】JICA Laos Office</p>
	
<p>2/17【学校交流】Nongbone 高校 【School Exchange】 Nongbone High School</p>	<p>2/18【ホームビジット】 バーシーセレモニーを体験 【Home Visit Program】</p>
	
<p>2/19【視察・訪問】Phutawen Farm 【Observation】Phutawen Farm</p>	<p>2/21【報告会】 【Reporting Session】</p>

#### 4. Voice from Participants

◆ Tottori Keiai High School Student

What impressed me most was that all the Lao people we met were so friendly and kind. I became fond of Laos. I know I am very shy, but from now on, I will try to be more active and communicate with more people around me.

Right after arriving in Laos, I felt a little uncomfortable because the climate was very different from that of Tottori then and I was feeling a little nervous. However, while I was communicating with local people and experiencing culture and life of Laos, I became so interested in Laos. I learnt many charms of Laos through the visits to various places. It was a valuable experience for me.

I have not decided my future career yet, but as I want to get social welfare related job if possible, the visit to Asian Development with Disabled People (ADDP) was very interesting for me. Now, my choice of work is widened to include jobs in overseas countries.

◆ Tottori Keiai High School Student

Before visiting Laos, I had biased impression that many Lao people were depressing because the country was poor. I was wrong. They were cheerful and very hospitable. They warmly welcomed us and taught us about Lao traditional dress, buildings, ceremonies and foods.

When I visited National Library, The staff of the library told me that they wanted to make their library just like Japanese Library.

I also learnt that the government of Japan has been supporting Laos in many different fields, such as Medical care, removal of Unexploded Bombs, assistance for handicapped people and improvement of infrastructure. I was surprised to learn that cross the border cooperation actually helps other countries and saves many lives. Now, I am eager to join such activities.

Maternal and neonatal mortality rate is still very high in Laos and medical environment is not good enough either. My dream is to become a midwife, so I would like to be a midwife who can save not only the lives of Japanese but also people in the world.

◆ Tottori Keiai High School Student

When I visited Laos, I didn't know anything about the country. When I arrived at the airport, I was surprised by its cleanliness. After I learnt that the airport was constructed with the cooperation of the government of Japan, my understanding of the relation between Japan and Laos was deepened.

All the people I met, high school students and adults, were very gentle and kind. I don't want to say good-bye to them. I made many friends at Phiawat High School and it is very hard for me to leave them. Thanks to them, I learnt a lot about temples in Laos, culture and customs. I was not able to communicate with them in English well, so I will study

English harder from now and improve my ability to express what I want to say in English.

When we visited JICA Laos Office, we learnt JICA's activities in Laos. What I heard there made my motivation to join Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) higher.

By visiting Laos, I obtained new knowledge about attractiveness of Laos and realized the attractiveness of Japan as well.

I appreciate that I was given this particular opportunity to visit Laos. I studied about Laos deeply and I also gained self-confidence.

After I return back to Japan, I would like to disseminate my newly acquired knowledge about Laos and Japan with others.

## **5. Voice from Lao Students**

### ◆ Phiawath High School

What impressed me most was that Japanese students were very friendly and polite. I think I was lucky to participate in this exchange program. I was able to talk to Japanese students a lot. I had lunch with them and enjoyed the dance called "Lamvong" which couples dance in a circle. We had a great time. If there is a chance like this in a near future, I would like to participate again.

### ◆ Phiawath High School

I was deeply impressed by this exchange program. It was very exciting and enjoyable to see various performances. It was very nice that Japanese students explained their culture and sung songs. I was able to learn a lot about Tottori and Japan through the presentation. Japanese students explained the classes and subjects at their school as well as geographical features of Japan. Their explanation made me feel like visiting Japan. I am very glad that Japanese students visited our school. I enjoyed a warm and amicable atmosphere created during the exchange program. I really hope that we will have another opportunity like this again.

## 6. Dissemination by the participants

	
<p>プログラム終了後の写真と感想を Instagram に投稿</p>	<p>ホームビジット時の写真と感想を Facebook に投稿</p>
<p>Reflection of all the program</p>	<p>Home Visit Experience</p>

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

<p>Reporting Meeting in our high school</p> 	<p>「日本の伝統文化の再認識」 Rediscover Japanese Tradition and Culture</p> 
<p>オープンキャンパス等、学外からも来校者のある機会に報告会・展示を実施する</p>	<p>学校全体で終日浴衣を着る日を設定し、日本の伝統文化の良さを見直す機会とする</p>
<p>Reporting Meeting in their high school (Open Campus Event)</p>	<p>Yukata Experience Day in Keiai High school: the Opportunity to understand the attractive Japanese Tradition and Culture</p>