

JENESYS2017 In-bound Program 14th Batch Report Country: Vietnam

Theme: (Social) Youth Exchange in Industry

1. Program Overview

16 participants from Vietnam visited Japan from January 16 to January 23, 2018 as part of "JENESYS 2017" under the scheme of "Japan's Friendship Ties Program" and participated in the program with the theme of "Youth Exchange in Industry".

In the key note lecture, the participants learned about the politics and society of modern Japan. They asked searching questions on quality control in a rice cracker manufacturing company in Toyama Prefecture, and learned about the difficulties and joy in completing products by taking time and effort through the traditional Japanese craft papermaking processes in Gokayama.

Through the exchange with Japanese people, they also gained a broad understanding of Japan, and shared their interests and experiences by social media. Based on those findings in Japan, participants made a group presentation in the final session and reported their action plans, which are to be implemented after returning home.

[Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants]

Vietnam 16 participants

(Prefectures Visited)

Tokyo, Toyama

2. Program Schedule

January 16 (Tue) Arrival

[Orientation]

January 17 (Wed) [Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture]

[Observation of Historical Landmark] Asakusa, Nakamise

[Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology] National Museum of

Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)

January 18 (Thu) Move to Toyama

[Observation of Regional Industry/Company] Hinodeya-seikasangyo

Co.,Ltd (Rice Cracker Manufacturing Industry)

Nousaku Corporation (Metal Molding Ware Manufacturing Industry)

January 19 (Fri) [Lecture on the Region] Toyama City Office

[Cultural Experience] Gokayama Washi-no-Sato (traditional

Japanese craft paper museum)

[Meeting with Host Family] Nanto City

January 20 (Sat) [Homestay]

January 21 (Sun) [Exchange Meeting with Local People]

[Workshop]

January 22 (Mon) Move to Tokyo

[Reporting Session]

January 23 (Tue) Departure

3. Program Photos



1/16 [Orientation]



1/18 [Observation of Regional Industry/Company] Hinodeya-seikasangyo Co.,Ltd.



1/18 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 Nousaku Corporation



1/19 [Lecture on the Region] Toyama City Office



1/19 [Cultural Experience] Gokayama Washi-no-Sato



1/20 [Homestay]





1/21 [Exchange Meeting with Local People]

1/22 [Reporting Session]

4. Voice from Participants

◆ Vietnam, Adult

Although the lectures were given in Japanese, the power point slides were in English and thus it was easy to understand. The knowledge obtained in lectures was very meaningful. During the program, we had a rare experience, in which we made a product through making full use of our own creativity and we could take it home as a souvenir. Although the product appeared to be easy to make at a glance, I fully understood through the experience that it needs to go through various processes. The homestay was the most wonderful experience. I could get to know a very cheerful family and I could cook Japanese dishes by myself. This program is never to be forgotten for me.

Vietnam, Adult

The key note lecture was very useful, and I could understand Japanese society by theme very well. We not only visited companies such as a rice cracker manufacturer, a metal molding ware manufacturer, and a paper manufacturer, but we also could experience manufacturing, through which I could change my way of thinking towards the work. I could feel the excellence of Japanese at the same time. There were many things to learn from watching the way they work. In addition, we experienced a homestay in Toga Village, Nanto City, Toyama Prefecture, and the host families and village people were all very good people. Through this program, I learned many things from Japanese culture and tradition to pounding mochi (rice cake), as well as the local dance with a long history.

Vietnam, Adult

In the key note lecture, we were introduced to the whole image of Japan, including history, economy, society, and politics. Through the visit to the Toyama City Office, we learned the local situation, and lessons and results related to urban planning. All the homestay families were very warm. Through this program, I could further deepen my understanding of Japan, including its geography, politics, culture, and people.

5. Voice from Japanese Students/Schools/Host Families/Organizations

♠ Responsible person in a visited company

The company members also participated as part of training, which served as an opportunity to learn the overview of our own company. Our awareness increased more than that in our own training. In particular, this time was for foreigners and thus I thought that we could become aware of the perspectives from which we are looked at and evaluated by others.

♦ Host family

We were worried at first but thought that it would work out. As those from Vietnam always tried to communicate with and talk to us, it was easy to respond. I realized that we can relate to each other even though we do not understand each other's language.

6. Dissemination by the participants



7. Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session



Action Plan

- Sharing the "Let's be on time" message within our own community.
- The new Facebook Fan page: JENESYS FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- Participate in Japan-related promotion activities in Vietnam.