

**JENESYS2017 In-bound Program SAARC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch Report**  
**Country: 8 SAARC countries**  
**Theme: Sectoral Connectivity; Transportation Infrastructure, Energy**

## **1. Program Overview**

127 participants from SAARC 8 countries visited Japan from January 22 to January 30, 2018 as part of “JENESYS 2017” under the scheme of “Japan's Friendship Ties Program” and participated in the program with the theme of “Sectoral Connectivity; Transportation Infrastructure, Energy Tentative Schedule”.

On the second day of their visit to Japan, the participants listened to a theme-related lecture on understanding Japan to build up a basic knowledge required to participate in the programs during their stay.

After that, Group A visited Hakuba Village, Nagano Prefecture, to observe innovative solar power generation technologies and hydroelectric generating facilities. In addition, the participants were impressed to find many women working actively in local industries.

Group B visited Iiyama city, Nagano Prefecture, to learn about how important it is to improve infrastructure and utilize energy in a region where living becomes extremely difficult during the heavy snowfall in winter.

Group C and D visited Aichi and Mie Prefectures to deepen their knowledge about infrastructure related to railways, ports, and roads as well as urban development efforts by Nagoya City.

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 group presentations in the final session and reported their action plans, which are to be implemented after returning home.

### **【Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants】**

127 participants (Afghanistan 28 participants, Bangladesh 14 participants, Bhutan 14 participants, India 13 participants, Maldives 14 participants, Nepal 17 participants, Pakistan 13 participants, Sri Lanka 14 participants)

### **【Prefectures Visited】**

Tokyo (all participants), Hakuba Village, Nagano (35 participants), Iiyama city, Nagano (38 participants), Aichi (54 participants), Mie (54 participants)

## 2. Program Schedule

January 21 (Sun)/January 22 (Mon) Arrival

January 22 (Mon) 【Orientation】

January 23 (Tue) 【Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture】

### Afghanistan

【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Japan International Cooperation Center

【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Afghanistan

### Pakistan

【Observation】 Tokyo Metropolitan Government

【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Pakistan

### Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka

【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Haneda Airport

January 24 (Wed) –January 28 (Sun) Divided into 4 groups

Group A (Afghanistan, Maldives) visited to Hakuba Village, Nagano prefecture.

Group B (Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal) visited to Iiyama city, Nagano prefecture.

Group C (Sri Lanka, Pakistan) /D (India, Bhutan) visited to Aichi prefecture and Mie prefecture

1) Group A: Hakuba Village, Nagano

January 24 (Wed) 【Courtesy Call】 Hakuba Village

【Meeting with Host Family】

January 25 (Thu) 【Homestay】

January 26 (Fri) 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 Ogawa-no-Shou Co., Ltd., Hakuba Society of Commerce and Industry, Otani Society of Commerce, Hakuba Society of Commerce (Afghanistan)

【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 Omachi Environmental Plant/Kanamori Power Plant

【Courtesy Call】 Hakuba Village Office

January 27 (Sat) 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 Daio Wasabi Farm

【Observation of Historical Landmark】 Matsumoto Castle

January 28 (Sun) 【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Hakuba Ski Stadium

【Cultural Experience】 Shokutabi Nagano

【Workshop】

【Farewell Party with Host Family】

2) Group B: Iiyama City, Nagano

January 24 (Wed) 【Courtesy Call】 Iiyama City Office

【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Iiyama Furusato-kan

January 25 (Thu) 【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Eco-park Samukawa, Nishiotaki Dam, Iiyama city tour

【Lecture on Theme-related Field】 Iiyama City Sewerage Works Division

【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 JR Iiyama Station

January 26 (Fri) 【Lecture on Theme-related Field】 Iiyama City Sports Promotion Division

【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Iiyama Multipurpose Exercise Open Space

【Meeting with Host Family】 Nagano prefecture Madarao Highland

January 27 (Sat) 【Homestay】

January 28 (Sun) 【Farewell Party with Host Family】

【Workshop】

3) Group C/D: Aichi, Mie

January 24 (Wed)      **【Lecture on the Region】** Nagoya Urban Institute  
 January 25 (Thu)      **【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】** SCMAGLEV and Railway Park  
                                  **【Cultural Experience】** Shiratori garden, Tea ceremony (Group C)  
                                  **【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】** Nagoya electric works Co.,  
                                  Lid. (Group D)  
 January 26 (Fri)      **【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】** Tobishima Container Berth  
                                  Co., Lid. (Group C)  
                                  **【Observation of Historical Landmark】** Ise Jingu (Group D)  
                                  **【Cultural Experience】** Okage Yokocho, Making chopsticks (Group D)  
                                  **【Meeting with Host Family】**  
 January 27 (Sat)      **【Homestay】**  
 January 28 (Sat)      **【Farewell Party with Host Family】**  
                                  **【Workshop】**  
 All Group: After the program in local prefectures, all groups moved back to Tokyo on January 29.  
 January 29 (Mon)      **【Reporting Session】**  
 January 30 (Tue) / January 31 (Wed) Departure

**3. Program Photos**  
**(All Groups: Visit to Tokyo)**

	
<p>1/23 <b>【Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture】</b></p>	<p>1/23 <b>【Courtesy Call】</b> Embassy of Afghanistan</p>
	
<p>1/23 <b>【Observation of Theme-related Facility】</b> Haneda Airport</p>	<p>1/29 <b>【Reporting Session】</b></p>



**(Group A: Visit to Hakuba Village, Nagano)**



1/26 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 Omachi Environmental Plant/ Kanamori Power Plant



1/26 【Courtesy Call】 Hakuba Village Office



1/28 【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Hakuba Ski Stadium



1/28 【Farewell Party with Host Family】

**(Group B: Visit to Iiyama city, Nagano)**



1/24 【Courtesy Call】 Iiyama City Office



1/24 【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 Iiyama Furusato-kan



1/25 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 JR Iiyama Station



1/26 【Meeting with Host Family】

**(Group C/D: Visit to Aichi, Mie)**



1/24 【Lecture on the Region】 Nagoya Urban Institute



1/25 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 SCMAGLEV and Railway Park

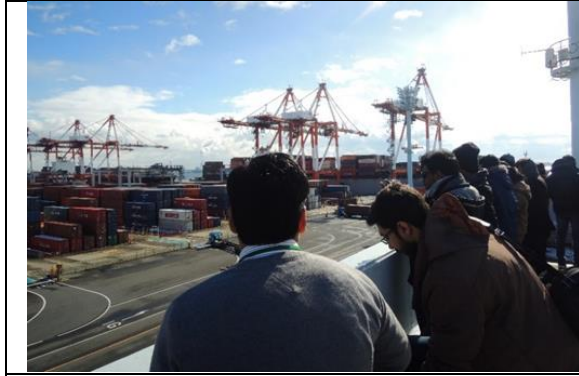


1/25 【Cultural Experience】 Shiratori garden, Tea ceremony (Group C)



1/25 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】 Nagoya electric works Co., Ltd. (Group D)





1/26 【Observation of Regional Industry/Company】Tobishima Container Berth Co., Ltd. (Group C)



1/26 【Observation of Historical Landmark】Ise Jingu (Group D)



1/27 【Homestay】



1/28 【Farewell Party with Host Family】

#### 4. Voice from Participants (abstract) (Group A: Visit to Hakuba village, Nagano)

##### ◆ Afghanistan, Adult

Lecture was great about Japan. Meeting with company people (Ogawanosho) was good too, because they were working together men and women and the percentage of women to men is 60%. They transfer their products. JICE was very nice place and the personnel was very calm, kind and on time and very respectful. Home stay was the best part of this program. We enjoyed a lot with parents. They cook together. They did whatever they want. I really will miss them. I hope that one day we serve them in Afghanistan. About farms that we went, I should say that there was a man who works for supervising of that farm. Its name was Wasabi farm. Many women were also working there.

##### ◆ Maldives, Adult

The home stay program gave a very positive impression. The host family was very hospitable and they made me feel welcomed in my own home. The food shared over was exquisite and the host family took us to experience skiing, which was very entertaining. We were all like a family during the home stay visit. In my opinion, the home stay program is very helpful in order to understand the culture, tradition and belief of the Japanese people and I could suggest extending the home stay program in the future. Furthermore, I would like to highlight the fact that Japanese people are very punctual and it is in my point of view a very good characteristic. Moreover, we being foreigners were never discriminated by the host family neither by any other Japanese citizen. The whole society promotes positive vibes, peace and harmony.

### **(Group B: Visit to Iiyama city, Nagano)**

#### **◆ Nepal, Adult**

I was more fascinated with the people and social habits that they have followed here. The immense respect that the people of Japan show to one other or foreigner is the main impression that caught me. In addition, I think this is the major reason that Japan has become one of the heavy Giant country among the world. The technological advances and the mastery in the detailing up to the perfection is also one of the main impression to me. The advanced technology and the going on research is also very interesting.

#### **◆ Bangladesh, Adult**

Homestay is something special to me. It opened a window of wisdom before my eyes. I just got astonished seeing so much cordial and welcoming behavior from a totally unknown family to me. I was like a family member to them. They all just treated me, as we know each other for many years. The welcoming behavior, the food and specially the rides provided by the owner of our home meaning the "host" was wonderful. I can recall every moment now as it is happening right before my eyes. As I am a trekker, I have trekked many mountains of our country, like one of the highest peaks of Bangladesh. I always dreamed of trekking Snow Mountains but never thought that it would be possible for me as I live in a tropical county. However, JENESYS program allowed me to do so and I hiked about 3 km in snow.

In addition, the food was impressive. They offered various kinds of cuisine every day and it was of high quality in both taste and presentation. Yes, I would cherish this experience until I die.

### **(Group C: Visit to Aichi, Mie)**

#### **◆ Sri Lanka**

Lecture at urban Institute of Nagoya was very interesting. I was fortunate to see how planning was executed by Japan and arrived at required objectives. Infrastructures development for urban dwelling is at its best level and myself as a foreigner has lot of concepts to learn from Japanese people. Urban interconnectivity at City of Nagoya has increased multi-model accessibility which many developed countries struggle to achieve. Visit to the SCMAGLEV and Railway Park is exemplary. Their long-sighted planning and continuous research work is amazing. The company policy on private and public partnership is very interesting.

#### **◆ Pakistan**

One of the most important part was the home stay, which was without any doubt the highlight of this visit. Experiencing Japanese home environment with family along with their food was amazing and this experience shall live in our memory for a long time to come. The bond developed with local family within two days is unforgettable. It provided us a way to experience Japanese way of living at first hand. The hospitality of local family was exemplary and unmatched. We feel that we are at home. We would love to visit Japan again.

### **(Group D: Visit to Aichi, Mie)**

#### **◆ India, Adult**

Lecture on Development of Nagoya City at Nagoya Urban Institute gave me an understanding of how the city was rebuild after the war and how it was planned. One thing that was evident when it walks through the street was the tactile paving for the disabled in the footpath, etc. In addition, the well planned traffic system and the transport system that help the people.

A visit of HANEDA Airport introduced me the universal design, which I understand as any people, will be able to have ease to be in Japan.

Home stay gave a once in a lifetime experience of living with a Japanese family. Most caring people I have ever. All the people gave me a very warm welcome at anywhere we were going. I have learned the importance of family living together.

### ◆ **Bhutan, Adult**

The keynote lecture on understanding Japan that touched on Japanese people contributing money to preserve the ancient monuments was provoking. It gives the message that we should not always depend on government funding for everything. The companies we visited to make chopsticks was impressive. What I like about the factory was even for such factory the risk to hazard is very low, the safety standard maintains to the lightest with mask, gloves and apron. It showed how professional Japanese companies are. The best part of Japan was Japanese people. Knowing how Japanese live, eat and raise family was impressive. While it turned out bit emotional at the end with the family kids crying at the end the Japanese parents never beat their children, they make their own bread, it showed how Japanese family remain self-sufficient. I was impressed by many things in Japan such as civic sense and sense of belongingness of public property, cleanliness, workmanship and professionalism, timing, table manner, sense of humor.

## **5. Voice from Japanese Students/Schools/Host Families/Organizations (Group A)**

### ◆ **Person in charge of a host organization**

I was able to experience how the participants paid attention and listened to us. It was a good opportunity for the participants, who come from a country whose people we rarely host, to come to us to learn a lot about the airport.

### **(Group B)**

### ◆ **Person in charge of a host organization**

I am happy that even in the heavy snow and the cold weather all the participants were pleased with the characteristics of our town, such as snow, kamakura snow hut, skiing, the culture and customs unique to a snowy region, and the efforts towards developing various kinds of infrastructure. Local staff, host families and workers from each company who joined us at the facilities were unanimous in their gratitude to the participants for coming all the way in such heavy snow. This further encouraged those people involved in local infrastructure, energy, and transportation. I really would like to give thanks to them.

### ◆ **Host family**

I had a cozy and pleasant time with them. I was a little bit nervous about some limitations on what they could eat, but I felt relieved that no one was sick.

### **(Group C/D)**

### ◆ **Host family**

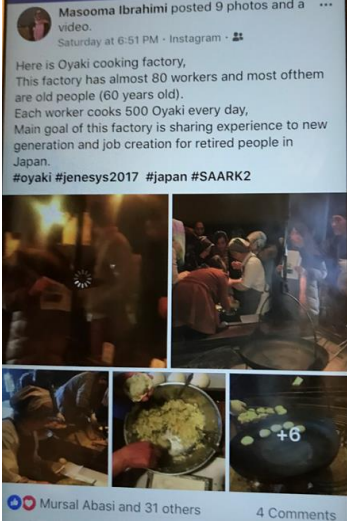



They treated our children so affectionately that our children spent more time with the participants from Bhutan than with their family members. They never pretended to be kind. Their kindness came from deep inside. They were truly kind, which reflected the spiritual richness of their country. It was a wonderful experience that not only we [the parents] but also our children will never forget.

### ◆ **Host family**

They were very cheerful and polite. On the second day of their stay, we had a cooking battle over which was better, Indian curry or Japanese curry. Of course, the authentic curry won the battle.



## 6. Dissemination by the participants

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## 7. Presentation of action plans to be implemented after returning home

<p><b>Action Plan- Project Title:</b> <b>Waste Management and Recycling</b></p> <p><b>WHY: (Reasons to do it) 考え及理由</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmentally Vulnerable, islands are isolated, Community is dispersed and lack of comprehensive and strategic waste management system is currently not practiced.</li> <li>On a daily basis waste is collected from every household with in the country yet the waste is not segregated.</li> <li>Recently, the government of Maldives has established a corporate limited company (WAMCO), to solve the issues regarding the waste collection services and it is in the infant stage.</li> </ul>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE OF JENESYS 2017</b></p> <p><b>ACTION PLAN_JENESYS 2017: BANGLADESH</b></p>				
<p><b>Action Plan 1 (Group A/Maldives)</b> <b>Theme: Waste Management and Recycling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start small – individual responsibility to encourage our close ones to take initiative to minimize daily household waste.</li> <li>- Share our experience with local NGOs &amp; empower them to encourage community to segregate the waste disposals.</li> <li>- Start a campaign on social media in collaboration with local NGOs</li> <li>- Empower and aware the local councils and women’s development committees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Plan 2(Group B/Bangladesh)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global understanding of Japan’s society, history, culture, politics, diplomatic relations by means of newspaper article, magazine and online Blog.</li> <li>- Disseminating technical information by lecture and seminar.</li> </ul>				
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