

## **JENESYS2017 In-bound Program 19<sup>th</sup> Batch Program Report** **Theme: Japan-ASEAN Youth Sports Exchange (Football)** **Country: 9 ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste**

### **1. Program Overview**

229 young students who are interested in Football, supervisors, and officials of Football Union from 9 ASEAN Members states and Timor-Leste visited Japan from March 6 to March 15, 2018 under the scheme of “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program” and participated in the program with the theme of “Japan-ASEAN Youth Exchange (Football)”.

In cooperation with Japan Football Association (JFA), the participants worked out and played close matches in the KIRISHIMA Yamazakura Miyazaki Prefectural Comprehensive Sports Park daily which helped to improve their teamwork and technique, advance exchanges among participant countries, and foster a sense of friendship. In addition, they deepened their understanding of Japanese life and values through exchanges with similarly aged members of the Japanese team.

Besides the programs related to soccer, through observations of historical landmarks and cutting edge technologies, the participants 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】**

229 participants in total (Brunei 24, Cambodia 24, Indonesia 23, Lao PDR 23, Malaysia 23, Singapore 23, the Philippines 21, Thailand 21, Timor-Leste 23, Vietnam 24)

### **【Prefectures Visited】**

Tokyo, Miyazaki, Kanazawa

### **2. Program Schedule**

March 06 (Tue)	Arrival at Haneda/Narita International Airport Move to Miyazaki 【Orientation】
March 07 (Wed)	【Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture】 "For the Future of Asia" Japan Football Association (JFA) 【Sports Exchange】 Training (voluntary teams)
March 08 (Thu)	【Sports Exchange】 Exchange matches

- 【Observation of Historical Landmark】 Aoshima-jinja shrine, Aoshima  
 (some groupgs)
- March 09 (Fri) 【Sports Exchange】 Exchange matches  
 【Observation of Historical Landmark】 Aoshima-jinja shrine, Aoshima  
 (some groupgs)
- March 10 (Sat) 【Sports Exchange】 Exchange matches  
 【Observation of Historical Landmark】 Aoshima-jinja shrine, Aoshima  
 (some groupgs)  
 【Workshop】
- March 11 (Sun) 【Sports Exchange】 Exchange matches  
 【Opinion Exchange】
- March 12 (Mon) 【Sports Exchange】  
 Move to Tokyo
- March 13 (Tue) 【Courtesy Call】 Mr. Mitsunari Okamoto, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for  
 Foreign Affairs  
[http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/a\\_o/rp/page3\\_002412.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/a_o/rp/page3_002412.html)  
 【Reporting Session】  
 【Observation】 JFA Museum  
 【Observation】 Odaiba  
 【Observation】 Watching Soccer Game "AFC Champions League"  
 (Kashima Soccer Stadium)
- March 14 (Wed) 【Cultural Experience】 Soji-ji temple (Zen medication experience) (some  
 groups)  
 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 Miraikan (National Museum  
 of Emerging Science and Innovation)
- March 15 (Thu) Departure

### 3. Program Photos

	
<p>3/7 【Lecture on Japanese Culture/Key Note Lecture】 "For the Future of Asia"</p>	<p>3/8 【Sports Exchange】 Exchange matches</p>

	
<p>3/9 【Observation of Historical Landmark】 Aoshima-jinja shrine, Aoshima</p>	<p>3/11 【Sports Exchange】 Exchange matches</p>
	
<p>3/13 【Courtesy Call】 Mr. Mitsunari Okamoto, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>3/13 【Reporting Session】</p>
	
<p>3/13 【Observation】 JFA Museum</p>	<p>3/14 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 Miraikan</p>

#### 4. Voice from Participants (abstract)

##### ◆Indonesia, Student

I am very glad to have had an opportunity to visit Japan. In addition to the fact that Japan has generally cooler weather than Indonesia, I noticed a number of other more subtle differences between the two countries. For example, in Japan, eco-friendly vehicles are operated in public transportation. The driver of the bus I got on turned the engine off every time the bus stopped at a red light, and didn't turn it back on until making sure that all passengers were seated. I also learned about discipline and beautification. Since public places don't usually have garbage cans, we had to take all of our garbage home to throw it away. Through this program, I was able to get a deeper understanding of Japan, which was meaningful.

##### ◆Cambodia, Student

I am happy to have had an opportunity to become more familiar with Japanese life and culture. In Japan, people have good manners and everything is clean. More than anything, I got the impression that Japanese people were polite and helpful to one another. I would like to be more like that myself when I go back home.

**◆Singapore, Student**

The whole trip and program conducted have been fruitful and wonderful experience. Learning about how the Japanese people work and live the lives are some of the things that we from other parts of the world can implement in our country to improve the way of living.

**◆Thailand, Student**

I felt that I wanted to go back to Japan someday to participate in JFA's (Japan Football Association's) work training program. I also really want to make the most of the knowledge I gained in Japan this time back home at the Football Association of Thailand. I was very impressed with JFA's lecture because it showed me how professional they are. It was also inspiring to talk and exchange ideas about football with other participants from other countries. I thought that they cared about the players and had a wonderful spirit of teamwork.

**◆Timor-Leste, Student**

What impressed me the most about the program was that I was able to learn about Japanese culture, particularly, the orderliness of Japanese people. It also meant something to me to have been able to learn about football from people from both Japan and other countries. Overall, it was a great experience for me to have participated in the JENESYS program with other fellow East Timorese.

**◆the Philippines, Student**

The most significant thing about the program besides the football was the cultural experience. It started off with sleeping in traditional Japanese rooms which provided to be quite a fun experience mostly because it is something new and different and is what we never experience in the Philippines. The second is the hot springs. Though it seemed to be quite awkward because we are not used to being fully naked as a group, it was a fun experience. Lastly, the visit to the shrine and Aoshima Island provided to be very fun. Besides the amazing scenery of the island, it was truly an experience we learned from.

**◆Brunei, Student**

Actually I learn many things from JENESYS Program and gave us the chance to chance to watch professional football match between Kashima Antlers verses Sydney FC. When I go back to Brunei, I will share this experience with all my friend in Brunei. If I have a chance to come to Japan, I will come with my family and learn more experience and new things in Japan. The exchange program was so fun and good because we can talk with participants from other countries and become friends. The people in Japan are friendly and kind. They always helped us. They have responsibility and respectful people.

#### ◆Vietnam, Student

When I got to Japan, I was surprised at how modern it is. Japanese people were very kind and always gave me help when I needed it. They were always punctual, disciplined, and worked in an orderly manner. Also, everywhere in Japan is clean and there is no garbage on the road. I am going to tell my friends and family about that when I go back to Vietnam.

#### ◆Malaysia, Student

Sharing knowledge and culture with Japan also other ASEAN countries is most helpful to improve our side when back to our country. Visiting JFA Museum, Football Stadium and watching a match give motivation, inspiration also help us to work hard and improve ourselves. This program gives opportunity to all members to learn culture, society, people and tradition how we must always work hard, helping, respect, supporting and build sportsmanship during football exchange matches. We hope this program will continue and still invite our country to share more knowledge in future and build up good relationship with all counties, especially Japan.

#### ◆Lao PDR, Student

I was impressed and honored to have been able to experience a new environment through this program. Although it was very cold in Japan, Japanese people were still very warm-hearted, kind and punctual. They have a sense of hesitation and respect towards others when interacting with other people. Lastly, the national football team of Laos and I learned not only about football, but also about Japanese culture and discipline. We were able to gain wonderful experiences in Japan through this JENESYS program.

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

#### ◆ Japanese student participated in the exchange event





It was a very good learning opportunity to get the chance to come into contact with a number of other cultures of various countries. I think these kinds of interactions will encourage more people to visit Japan, and provide opportunities to learn about countries that we are not familiar with.

#### ◆ Japanese student participated in the exchange event

I enjoyed the event very much after I realized that I was able to communicate with other participants by using gestures and simple English. Performances in the exchange party were very interesting, and gave us an opportunity to learn about the culture and characteristics of the country.



## 6. Dissemination by the participants

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<p>(Indonesia) About soccer match (Instagram) The first trophy of 2018 for Indonesia!</p>	<p>(Singapore) About Aoshima (Instagram) A visit to Aoshima Island. One of the schedule program in this JENESYS 2017 event. Lots of fun, enjoying the beautiful scenery.</p>
 <p>PHILS U16/15 Born 2002 Youth Team - 2017</p> <p>Watching and enjoying AFC Champions League. Kashima Antlers vs Sydney FC. #jenesys2017 #japan — with JoshandNessy NessyandJosh and 2 others.</p> <p>2018/03/13 19:33</p>	 <p>alif_mutalib</p> <p>いいね! 469件</p> <p>alif_mutalib wish us luck for tomorrow againts JAPAN 🇯🇵 🙏🏻</p> <p>コメント10件すべてを表示</p> <p>malayantiger.my come on 🙏🏻</p>
<p>(the Phillipines) About the professional soccer match (Facebook) Watching and enjoying AFC Champions League. Kashima Antlers vs Sydney FC.</p>	<p>(Malaysia) About soccer match (Instagram) Wish us luck for tomorrow against Japan!</p>

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

<p><b>Action Plan 1 (Singapore)</b></p> <p>The Japanese people are kind and smile when they greet. This attitude comes from the fact that they pay respect to other people. Not only to people, but to the environment as well. As a result, Japan has realized eco-friendly society. We, Singapore team would like to emulate this – be kind to others and the environment. We believe this will develop us as a person. We plan to do it to all people around us on a daily basis.</p>	<p><b>Action Plan 2 (Timor-Leste)</b></p> <p>(1) Participants will disseminate information acquired in the program, including Japanese culture, climate, and life through SNS.</p> <p>(2) Participants will hold the U15 national football festival in order to secure talented players and develop their capabilities.</p>
<p><b>Action Plan 3 (Brunei)</b></p> <p>Participants will expand and share their experience and attractive knowledge acquired on Japan, through SNS or by talking directly with school friends, their families, and people in Brunei, to encourage them to visit Japan during holidays</p>	<p><b>Action Plan 4 (Malaysia)</b></p> <p>Participants will organize “Time Punctuality Campaign” at their school and a football academy. By conducting the campaign, they expect that the Malaysian will change their mind into a well-organized daily routine.</p>