

JENESYS2018 ASEAN Inbound Program 22nd Batch Program Report

Exchange for Improvement of Atmospheric Environment

5 Mekong countries

1. Program Overview

27 Young officials from 5 Mekong countries (Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Lao PDR) visited Japan from February 12th to February 19th, 2019 under the scheme of “Japan Friendship Ties Programs: JENESYS2018” and participated in the program with the theme of “Exchange for Improvement of Atmospheric Environment.”

The delegation visited Tokyo, Aichi and Mie prefectures. They attended the lectures by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Environment, and conducted an observation on the theme related sites. They also observed historical buildings and experienced Japanese culture. Through those observations, they deepened knowledge of Japan in various ways and fostered the friendship between the delegation and the Japanese people. While staying in Japan, they shared their individual interests and experiences through Social Media. Based upon their findings and learning in Japan, each country of delegation made a presentation in the final session and reported on the action plans to be taken after returning to their home countries.

【Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants】

Mekong 5 countries, 27 participants

(Cambodia 6, Thailand 6, Vietnam 5, Myanmar 4, Lao PDR 6)

【Prefectures Visited】 Tokyo, Aichi, Mie

2. Program Schedule

- Feb.12 (Tue) Arrival in Japan, **【Orientation】**
- Feb.13 (Wed) **【Keynote Lecture, Opinion Exchange】**
 - Ministry of the Environment
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs**【Cultural Observation】** Sensoji temple
- Feb.14 (Thurs) Move to Aichi from Tokyo
 - 【Observation of Regional Industry】** Toyota Ecoful Town, Yokkaichi-Port Building
- Feb.15 (Fri) **【Observation of Theme-related site】** International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer,
 - 【Lecture on the Region】** Mie Prefecture
 - 【Cultural Observation and Experience】** Iga Ueno Castle, Ninja MUSEUM of Igaryu, Making Traditional KUMIHIMO(Braid)
- Feb.16 (Sat) **【Observation of Theme-related site】** Yokkaichi Pollution and

Environmental Museum for Future Awareness, 【Workshop】
Feb.17 (Sun) Return to Tokyo, 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】
The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation”Miraikan”
Feb.18 (Mon) 【Observation of Theme-related site】 Shin Koto Cleaning Center
【Reporting Session】
Feb.19 (Tue) Departure

3. Program Photos

	
Feb.13 【Keynote Lecture, Opinion Exchange】 Ministry of the Environment	Feb.13 【Keynote Lecture, Opinion Exchange】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	
Feb.14 【Observation of Regional Industry】 Toyota Ecoful Town	Feb.15 【Observation of Theme-related site】 International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer
	
Feb.15 【Lecture on the Region】 Mie Prefecture	Feb.15 【Cultural Observation and Experience】 Iga Ueno Castle, Ninja MUSEUM of Igaryu

	
<p>Feb.15 【Cultural Observation and Experience】 IMaking Traditional KUMIHIMO (Braid)</p>	<p>Feb.16 【Observation of Theme-related site】 Yokkaichi Pollution and Environmental Museum for Future Awareness</p>
	
<p>Feb.18 【Reporting Session】</p>	<p>Feb.18 【Observation of Theme-related site】 Shin Koto Cleaning Center</p>

4. Voice from Participants

◆ Young Official (Cambodia)

I am thankful for the Japanese people through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the precious opportunity of getting to know the Japanese people, her society (culture, values and way of life), her remarkable progress in economic development, technology and her great effort in maintaining a healthy environment for her country. Most fundamental of all, it is the value of honesty, mutual respect, friendliness of the Japanese people that the people of world should strive to be.

◆ Young Official (Lao PDR)

As for the lecture, the most significant opinion is the history or what Japan have done in the past and show about the important thing to take care environment, the way that Japan solve the problem of environment. As for the exchange, Toyota Ecoful Town is most significant which makes me know all new innovation that Japan is developing and it is useful for the world to use clean energy. When we visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs that make me know more the way the Japanese government support my country by ODA and know more the important project that is ongoing and planned for support in the future. Living in main city and local city are the great experience to know lifestyle of Japanese and see the products of economic growth.

◆ Young Official (Myanmar)

I am interested in all programs. During exchange program, I have chance to know and get much knowledge about advanced technology, characteristics of Japanese people, living standard, infrastructure, service, waste management system, administration of Japan Government. These are my impression of this program. I believe that I share information about Japan, and so I am effectively supportive to my country and my work. The knowledge and observation about waste management system and advanced technology I got during this program is valuable for me.

◆ Young Official (Thailand)



For lecture section, the presenters have knowledge and understanding in their presentation. The presentation is interesting topics related to the theme of this program and very useful to apply in our countries. For company/government office, there are interesting topics that were shared their experiences and technology to make a positive contribution to the world. This well-deserved honor is proof of trust and confidence that you have ability and expert. To be honest, the presenters should speak English but the coordinators can translate very well that easily to follow/ understand the presentation.

◆ Young Official (Vietnam)

Even though the JENESYS 2018 only lasts for 1 week, a lot of interesting activities and events were organized. I am really impressed with the strict commitment to the program schedule so that the things go smoothly. Japanese people are very hospitable and friendly, also polite and warm which gave me the comfort during the time I am in Japan. The lectures that I attended are well-prepared and very useful for the participating countries. The lessons we obtained from them more or less helps to change our way of living to improve the quality of life, mainly on trying to reduce the environmental impact. I wish the program could arrange another activity which is to visit the pollution treatment part to share more about solution for environmental remedy. That would be perfect. Anyway, I have learned a lot of intriguing things by participating in this program. Thank you so much for your effort and kindness to share.

5. Dissemination by the participants

	
<p>February 16, Visit the Yokkaichi Pollution and Environmental Museum for Future Awareness</p>	<p>February 15, Learn about Yokkaichi Pollution in detail at ICETT</p>

	
<p>February 14, Visit Toyota Ecoful Town</p>	<p>February 16, Goodbye and thank you, Mie. See you again everybody in Mie.</p>

6. Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session

【Cambodia】 Theme: "Smart Citizens, Good Environment"



We were inspired by Yokkaichi experience in which they have overcome serious pollution by the joint efforts of the government and citizens, and planned "clean-up activities along the Basak River bank" where dumping garbage creates serious problems. JENESYS Mekong-5 participants will take an initiative and implement the clean-up

activities with the participation of media, Japanese embassy and Japanese companies, in addition to the Ministry of the Environment and private companies. We also plan to educate vendors, students, and private sectors on the importance of environmental preservation by spreading the idea through media.

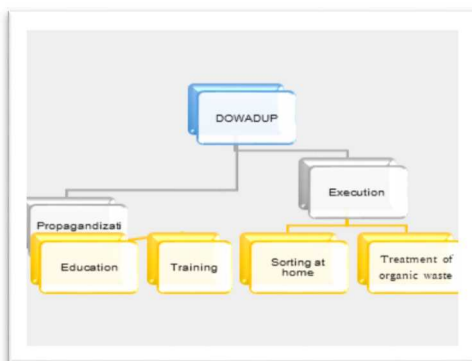
【Thailand】 Theme: "Sustainable Thinking and Environment Awareness By Social Movement"



The objective of our action plan is to stop the expansion of pollution through the cooperation of all the stakeholders concerned, and hand out a beautiful environment to the next generation.

After preparing related leaflets and articles, in April and May we will give lectures etc. to share various information we got during our stay in Japan to government officials. We will also implement environmental campaigns and consultation sessions widely and strive to improve environmental awareness.

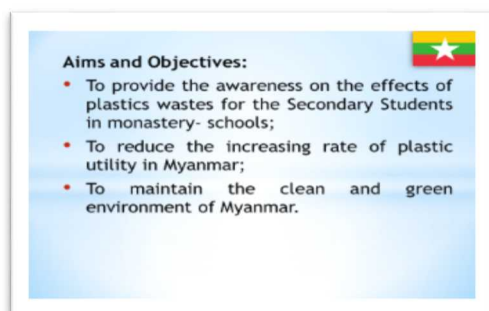
【Vietnam】 Theme: "DOWADUP Project - Municipal waste reduction campaign"



Inappropriate disposal of general waste has caused various problems. Therefore, we aim to reduce waste through 3R and proper garbage classification through awareness raising. We conduct environmental education for students and training for general citizens. JENESYS participants work from their own homes including environmental education to

their children. We also promote composting of organic waste in the participant's prefecture. In order to change the world, I will practice Gandhi's words "If you want to change the world, start with yourself first."

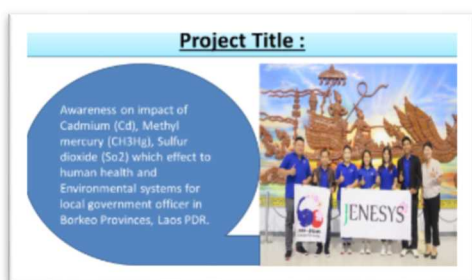
【Myanmar】 Theme: "Awareness-raising on Reduction of Plastics Wastes"



The purpose of the Action Plan are to teach students at three monastery secondary schools in Naypyidaw about environmental impact of plastic waste in March, to reduce the rate of increase in plastic use in Myanmar, and to maintain a clean and green environment.

In addition to teach the negative impacts of plastic waste to students in monastery schools, develop neighborhood clean-up activities with students and volunteer groups.

【Lao PDR】 Theme: "Awareness on impact of Cadmium (Cd), Methyl mercury



(CH₃Hg), Sulfur dioxide (So₂) which effect to human health and Environmental systems for local government officer in Borkeo Provinces, Laos PDR". Economic special zone is to be established in the near future in Borkeo Province, and it is expected that various enterprises, including chemical

plants, will advance to completion. For the purpose of raising awareness about environmental conservation, JENESYS participants will develop activities focusing on municipal officials in Borkeo Province to promote understanding of the impact of hazardous chemicals including Cadmium (Cd), Methyl mercury (CH₃Hg), Sulfur dioxide (So₂) on people's health and living environment.