

## JENESYS2018 ASEAN Outbound 4th Batch Program Report

### Theme: Japanese Culture Exchange (Kingdom of Thailand)

#### 1. Program Overview

Under the “JENESYS2018” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 18 Japanese high school students and supervisors visited Thailand from December 11 to December 19, 2018 to participate in the program aimed at promoting the understanding of Japan with regard to its politics, economy, society, culture, history, and foreign policy. This batch is held under the theme of “Japanese Culture Exchange”.

The delegation enhanced their knowledge about the relationship between Japan and Thailand, Thai people, culture and lifestyle through the meeting with government officials, observation of Japanese company, Japan’s ODA site and JOCV activity, school exchange, home-stay experience and city tour. During the school exchange program, they cultivated the friendship between Japan and Thai youths, and they delivered a presentation of the attractiveness of Japan. They shared their individual discovery, interests and experiences through social media. In the final reporting session, they reported about both the discovery in Thailand and the action plans to be implemented after returning to Japan for government officials and local residents.

#### **【School Names and Number of Participants】**

HAYASHINO Senior High School 18

#### **【Outline of presentation】**









Outline of Mimasaka city, Okayama prefecture, Introduction of Hayashino Senior High School, Yoshiigawa Funauta Odori (Dance), Information on Japanese traditional art (Kendo, Karate, Shodo, Sado)

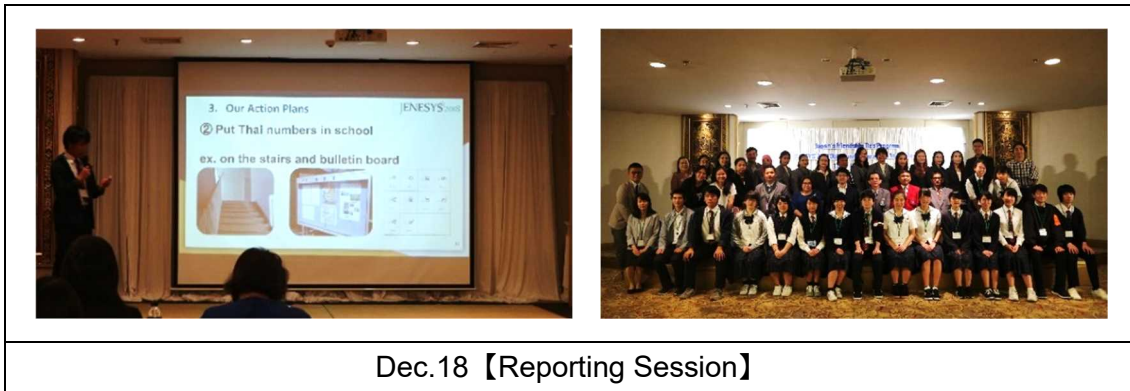
#### 2. Program Schedule

Dec. 11 (Tue)	<b>【Orientation】</b> , Departure from Narita International Airport, Arrival at Thai Suvarnabhumi International Airport
Dec. 12 (Wed)	<b>【Courtesy Call】</b> Embassy of Japan in Thailand Department of Children and Youth, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (DCY) <b>【Observation・Lecture】</b> Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Thailand Office
Dec. 13 (Thu)	<b>【School Exchange①】</b> Satri Watrakang School
Dec. 14 (Fri)	<b>【School Exchange②】</b> Bangpakongwittayakom School

	【Homestay】 in Bangkok
Dec. 15 (Sat)	【Homestay】
Dec. 16 (Sun)	【Observation of World Heritage】 Ayutthaya
Dec. 17 (Mon)	【Observation】 Thanyaburi Home for the Destitute (Women) 【Workshop】
Dec. 18 (Tue)	【Reporting Session】 , 【Farewell Party】
Dec. 19 (Wed)	Arrival in Japan

### 3. Program Photos

	
Dec.12 【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan in Thailand	Dec.12 【Observation・Lecture】 JICA Thailand Office
	
Dec.13 【School Exchange①】 Satri Watrakang School	Dec.14 【School Exchange②】 Bangpakongwittayakom School
	
Dec.14~15 【Homestay】	
	
Dec.16 【Observation of World Heritage】 Ayutthaya	Dec.17 【Observation】 Thanyaburi Home for the Destitute (Women)



Dec.18 【Reporting Session】

#### 4. Voice from Participants

##### ◆ High School Student (HAYASHINO Senior High School)

I really felt the warmth of the people while staying in Thailand. Throughout the schedule, starting with visiting the Embassy of Japan on the first day followed by exchanges at schools, doing homestays, implementing the reporting session and attending the farewell party, people in Thailand always talked to me with an open smile. Even though we speak different languages and grew up in different cultures, I understand that the warmth of Thai people makes it possible to get over such matters to respect each other. I stayed in a country whose culture is totally different from Japan's, but I was able to have a great time feeling the warmth, cheerfulness and kindness of my host family and the high school students that I met there.

##### ◆ High School Student (HAYASHINO Senior High School)

I really feel that it was a good opportunity for me to take part in this program. I met such nice people and got to know about the culture of Thailand, which prompted me to think again about my own country, Japan. I would like to lead my life keeping in mind the importance of cross-cultural exchanges and the rewards of the Japanese environment that I learned through this program. If I have a chance to visit Thailand again, I would like to be better prepared to promote Japan and Thailand to the world. As the huge first step toward carving out my own future, I think that this was a valuable experience from which I really learnt a lot.

##### ◆ High School Teacher (HAYASHINO Senior High School)

I took part in the “JENESYS2018” High School Exchange Program in Thailand as a supervisor. Through learning about Thailand and conveying the attraction of Japan along with our students, I have once again realized that “experience is the best form of learning.” Current high school students are living in modern times where they can easily find answers by doing a simple internet search. They were able to experience “learning the real thing” through seeing, feeling and tasting firsthand and also speaking with Thai people directly. I think that it was a quite invaluable experience for them. What they were able to learn through various exchanges with Thai people will become their lifelong assets. I would like to continue to proactively convey the attractions of both Thailand and Japan.

## 5. Voice from local people



### ◆ School (Bangpakongwittayakom School)

Today is a very fun day. Presentations make me know about Japan better. I could know more about Japanese culture through cultural exchange. I want to have another program like this and I want to meet everyone again. All Japanese students are cute.


### ◆ School Student (Satri Watrakang School)

Japanese students are so friendly and cute. Everyone is so fun and love Thailand. I have met new friends. I exchange contact with my friend. Hope we still be friend. Presentation of Japanese students is so good and I like and I can learn something from Japanese student.

## 6. Dissemination by participants

 <p>shuka1231さん、他40人が「いいね！」しました</p> <p>mizuho.0930 We went to SATRI WATRAKANG SCHOOL. We had a presentation there. Also, we learned Thailand's number and we tell they Japanese number. I did a lot of other things.</p> <p>#thailand #itwasfun</p>	 <p>0509mizukiさん、他39人が「いいね！」しました</p> <p>mizuho.0930 We went to Nihonjin-mura and Ayutthaya. It was very big. Also, I understood about what Yamada Nagamasa was doing in Nihonjin-mura.</p> <p>#thailand #ayutthaya</p>
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## 7. Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Create the common social media account and continue to introduce Japanese charms and attractions.</li> <li>② Introduce Thai culture such as numbers in Thai language by the school bulletin board.</li> <li>③ Implement the "JENESYS Exhibition" using photos and videos.</li> </ol>
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