

JENESYS2018 ASEAN Inbound Program 15th Batch Program Report Exchange for Young Politics-Oriented Country : Cambodia

1. Program Overview

10 young politics-oriented Cambodians visited Japan from December 2 to December 8, 2018 under the scheme of “Japan Friendship Ties Programs: JENESYS2018” and participated in the program with the theme of “Exchange for Young Politics-oriented Cambodian (Multi-party Democracy in Japan)”.

The delegation visited Tokyo, Ibaraki prefecture and they respectively made courtesy call to the governments, and interacted and exchanged opinions with representatives in the theme related firm. Through interacting with Japanese people, the participants deepened understanding of Japan and shared their individual interests and experiences via Social Media. Based upon their findings and learning in Japan, each group of participants 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】 Cambodia 10

【Prefectures Visited】 Tokyo, Ibaraki prefecture

2. Program Schedule

Dec.2 (Sun) Arrival in Japan, 【Orientation】

Dec.3 (Mon) 【Keynote Lecture】Prof. Shiro SAKAIYA, Tokyo Metropolitan University
 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, Miraikan
 【Courtesy Call】
 ・Mr. Taro KONO, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, (MOFA)
 ・Japan-Cambodia Parliamentary Friendship Association

Dec.4 (Tue) 【Observation of Theme-related site】National Diet (House of the Representatives)
 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】Toyota Mega Web
 【Cultural Observation】Edo-Tokyo Museum

Dec.5 (Wed) 【Observation of Theme-related Offices and Opinion Exchange】
 ・Election Administration Commission Secretariat of Ibaraki Prefecture
 ・Election Administration Commission Secretariat of Mito City
 【Cultural Observation】 Kairakuen (Three Great Gardens of Japan), Tokugawa Museum

Dec.6 (Thu) 【Courtesy Call】 Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Chairman of the International House of Japan

【Observation of Theme-related site and Opinion Exchange】Meeting with the Japanese media

Dec.7 (Fri) 【Workshop】，【Reporting Session】

【Cultural Observation】Sensoji Temple, Asakusa

Dec.8 (Sat) Departure

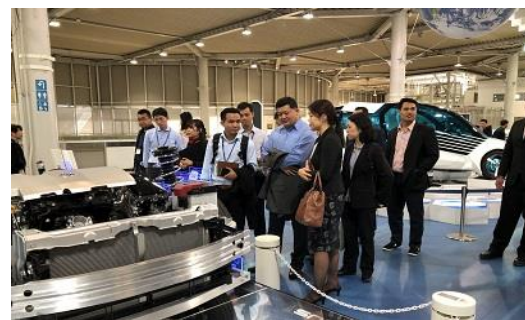
3. Program Photos



Dec.3 【Courtesy Call】Mr. Taro KONO, Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
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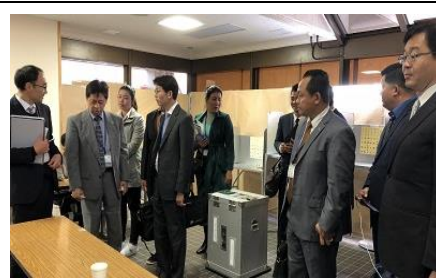
Dec.3 【Keynote Lecture】








Dec.4 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】Toyota Mega Web



Dec.5【Observation of Theme-related site】
 Election Administration Commission
 Secretariat of Ibaragi Prefecture



Dec.5 【Observation of Theme-related site and Opinion Exchange】 Election Administration Commission Secretariat of Mito City

	
<p>Dec.5 【Cultural Observation】 Kairakuen (traditional Japanese park)</p>	<p>Dec.5 【Cultural Observation】 Tokugawa Museum</p>
	
<p>Dec.6【Courtesy Call】 Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Chairman of the International House of Japan</p>	<p>Dec.7 【Cultural Observation】 Sensoji Temple, Asakusa</p>
	
<p>Dec.7 【Reporting Session】</p>	

4. Voice from Participants

◆ Young Politician

Through the participation in this JENESYS2018 program to learn about Japan, I have acquired knowledge and experience in Japan's multiparty democracy, which was also very valuable and useful for me. Various visits and exchange programs made me interested in the fast-growing democracy, human rights, and development of Japan. It was especially impressive that the Japanese were punctual and they respected each other. I understood Japanese mature democracy and the advantage of democracy, which is the base of fast-growing economic growth. At the same time, I learned about the independence of Japanese civil servants, election administration commissions, and the

media. I was amazed by social learning about society, economy, and political technology for children. In Tokyo and other areas, I realized that the urban planning in consideration of the landscape, order, and safety of the city was quite notable.


◆ **Young Politician**


Since it was my first visit to Japan, a beautiful country, I had interest in everything in Japan from the moment I got off the plane. I would like to tell Cambodian people that Japan has not only excellent social infrastructure, high-rise buildings, delicious food, and quiet environment, but also friendly and polite people. Through this visit, I have learned a lot about Japanese companies, local administration, traditional culture, and national administration. I have also improved my understanding of the Japanese parliamentary cabinet system, election system, education, and the importance of the media. I found that Japanese civil servants and citizens take the construction of the nation, instead of power, as the benefit of all. What impressed me most were the words from the people we met during our courtesy calls. We met Minister for Foreign Affairs Kono, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, and a lot more other prominent people, all of who make efforts for Cambodia. Mr. Akashi has made great efforts for peace, human rights, and democracy, and the implementation of the first general election in Cambodia. I was moved by their talks, and my heart was totally overwhelmed with gratitude.

◆ **Young Politician**

It was a great honor to have an opportunity for a courtesy call on the Minister for Foreign Affairs, prominent officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Yasushi Akashi. The courtesy call on the Parliamentary Association for Friendship between Japan and Cambodia, and the explanation on the parliamentary cabinet system provided by an International Cooperation official of the House of Representatives left the biggest impression on me, and interested me most. The visits to museums of science technology and diverse culture allowed me to have a new experience, and to learn about a centuries-old relationship between Japan and Cambodia.

5. Dissemination by the participants

	<p>At the observation of the House of Representatives member, we were able to deepen our understanding of the Japanese Parliamentary System.</p> <p>When we sat in on the Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Committee, I thought that the National Diet Building looked like Angkor Wat.</p>
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	<p>We paid a courtesy call on a former UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Yasushi Akashi. Mr. Akashi has made great efforts for peace, human rights, and democracy, as well as the implementation of the first general election in Cambodia. On behalf of the GDP, I would like to thank him. He told us that he had faced a lot of difficulties in the peace and reconciliation of Cambodia while he was working in Cambodia. He also told us that he expected Cambodia itself could establish peace, and enhance democracy and respect for human rights, and that, although there exists no perfect democracy in the world, it can be enhanced.</p>
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6. Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session

Japan has beautiful colored leaves and flowers in bloom, and advanced science technology. People work hard, maintain quiet living environment, respect human rights, and strictly observe traffic rules. Politicians fight only in terms of their policies, and take action together for the development of the nation as their common view. I have realized that Japan has a matured democracy. I felt that the Japanese citizens and Japanese government wish for the development of Cambodia, and that they are our good friends with strong affection. I would like to share these experiences with a lot of people after I go back home. Furthermore, I would like to make use of my experience in this visit for my future work.