

JENESYS2018 ASEAN Outbound 2nd Batch Program Report
Theme: Sports Exchange (Football)
(Kingdom of Cambodia)

1. Program Overview

Under the “JENESYS2018” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 18 Japanese youths and supervisors visited Cambodia from October 29 to November 6, 2018 to participate in 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 “Sports Exchange (Football)”

The delegation enhanced their knowledge about the relationship between Japan and Cambodia, Cambodian people, culture and lifestyle, through the meeting with government officials and football federation, observation of Japanese company and ODA site, school exchange, home-visit experience, and city tour. During the sports exchange program, they cultivated the friendship between Japan and Cambodian youths, and they delivered a presentation of the attractiveness of Japan including Judo spirit and techniques, “2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games”. They shared their individual discovery, interests and experiences through social media. In the final reporting session, they reported about both the discovery in Cambodia and the action plans to be implemented after returning to Japan for government officials and local residents.

【School Names and Number of Participants】 Futaba Mirai Gakuen High School (JFA Academy Fukushima) in Fukushima prefecture 18

【Outline of presentation】 Outlines of Japanese High School, High School Life, Japanese Culture (Sumo, Football)

2. Program Schedule

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| Oct.29 (Mon) | 【Orientation】 Departure from Narita International Airport,
Arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport
【Visit and Self Training】 Olympic stadium |
| Oct.30 (Tue) | 【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan in Cambodia
【Courtesy Call】 Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
【Courtesy Call】 Football Federation of Cambodia
【Visit and Self Training】 Olympic stadium |
| Oct.31 (Wed) | 【Observation・Lecture】 Japan International Cooperation Agency
(JICA) Cambodia Office
【Cultural Observation】 Toul Sleng Genocide Museum, Tuol Tum |

	Poung (Russian) Market
	【Exchange Party with FFC*Academy youths】 *FFC; Football Federation of Cambodia
	【Sports Exchange①】 Friendly Football Match with U-18 FFC Academy team (Venue: Phnom Penh Olympic Stadium)
Nov.1 (Thu)	【Cultural Observation】 Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, National Museum of Cambodia, 【Workshop】
	【Sports Exchange②】 Friendly Football Training at Olympic stadium
Nov.2 (Fri)	【School Exchange】 Bak Touk High School, 【Workshop】
	【Sports Exchange③】 Friendly Match with Visakha FC Team at Olympic Stadium
Nov.3 (Sat)	【Home-visit】 Phnom Penh City
Nov.4 (Sun)	【Cultural Observation】 Wat Phnom
	【Observation of Japanese company】 AEON Mall Phnom Penh
	【Workshop】
Nov.5 (Mon)	【Reporting session】, 【Farewell Party】
	Departure from Cambodia
Nov.6 (Tue)	Arrival in Japan

3. Program Photos

	
Oct.30 【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan in Cambodia	Oct.31 【Observation・Lecture】 JICA Cambodia Office
	
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Nov.5 【Reporting session】	

4. Voice from Participants

◆ Football Youths (JFA Academy Fukushima)

When we visited JICA, we learnt that there were many exchange programs as well as projects to assist Cambodia. I understood that the bridge called “Kizuna bridge” was built by cooperation given by Japan. This bridge connects two rivers and contributes to the more convenient life for Cambodian people. What impressed me most was Home visit. Through this program, I found Cambodian people very kind and friendly. I was a little surprised that they spoke better English than us. So I decided to study English much harder than before. I learnt that many of Cambodian people loved Japan. I was surprised to see Aeon Mall in Phnom Penh. It was much bigger than ordinary Aeon Malls often found in local cities in Japan. I was also surprised to see many Japanese companies doing business in Cambodia. I learnt that many Japanese companies have been expanding their business in overseas countries. As for football, through friendly match with FFC Academy and Visakha FC, I learnt that the most important thing was to have

strong will not to give up until the very end of the game. Through the whole program in Cambodia, I gained so many things which would help me realize my dreams.

◆ **Football Youths** (JFA Academy Fukushima)

I didn't know that Phnom Penh and Kita Kyushu city in Japan agreed to become sister city. Japan has been assisting Cambodia in many fields, for instance, Japan transferred its technology to purify water to make tap water in Cambodia drinkable and constructed bridges such as "Tsubasa Bridge". Japan has been assisting Cambodia in many other fields to make the life of Cambodian people more comfortable. These projects were realized by Japanese advanced technologies. I saw so many motor bicycles in Phnom Penh and in many cases, more than 3 people rode on one motor bicycle. The biggest number of people who rode on the one same motor bicycle was, as far as I knew, 5 people. Those cases are definitely against traffic law in Japan but to my surprise, it is usual in Cambodia. During Home Visit program, my host family took me out of Phnom Penh. I found much less cars and motor bicycles there. There were few high buildings in the suburban area. I understood that Phnom Penh is the most prosperous area in the country. I also realized that J-League and C- League had a close relationship. Football youths and professional footballers in Cambodia loved J-League and some of them wanted to play in J-League in the future. The fact that people other than Japanese had such dream inspired me a lot. Through the games with FFC academy and Visakha FC, I felt that they had stronger will to win over us. I think that is because they really love and want to play in J-League.

◆ **Football Youths** (JFA Academy Fukushima)

Before visiting Cambodia, I had negative images for Cambodia due to the war history. However, when I arrived in Phnom Penh, I found many high buildings, cars and motor bicycles. The city was crowded with many people. I was surprised to see such a developed city. I met many local people and found that they respected Japan very much. Their friendliness and kindness impressed me very much. I was very glad because they were very patient and tried to understand what I was trying to say using poor English. When we visited the Embassy of Japan, I learnt the diplomatic relations between Japan and Cambodia. I also learnt that many volunteers and the members of The Self Defense Forces of Japan were dispatched to Cambodia and actively working. During our visit to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, we understood their activities and future target. When we visited JICA, we received short lecture on the outline of organization, projects and their actual activities in Cambodia. Through the lecture, I understood that JICA had been implementing many projects in various different fields. Because of these assistances, the relationship between Japan and Cambodia is very good and friendly. I participated in Home visit program for the first time in my life and learnt the life style of ordinary Cambodian family. The house was so neat and clean and very different from what I had imagined. The house is western style and concrete made not wooden made. The food the host family prepared for us was very tasty and delicious. Although we

stayed there only for a short time, I really felt at home and so happy because I live in a dormitory of JFA Academy now. During Home visit program, I realized the importance of language. Cambodian host family members talked to us in English, but we didn't understand well. After my experience of Home Visit, I decided to learn more about English conversation so that I would be able to communicate with people from overseas countries.

5. Voice from local people

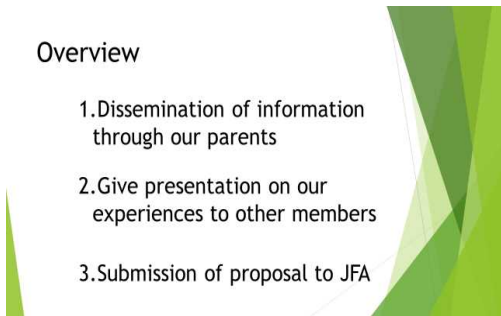
◆ Football Youths

I was really happy to meet Japanese youths who came to introduce Japanese sports, history, school life (academy life) this time. Especially, being able to learn football skills from the Japanese was special. Thank you for sharing your experiences.



◆ Football Youths

I played a game with Japanese youths and I was able to feel that the Japanese respect courtesy. Understanding of sports has deepened through exchanges. And I was really happy that we could play friendly football game together with them and show off the technology. I would like to participate again if I have such a chance again.

6. Dissemination by participants

<p>Overview</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dissemination of information through our parents 2. Give presentation on our experiences to other members 3. Submission of proposal to JFA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dissemination of our football exchange experience with Cambodian players with the support by our parents. 2. Having presentation session for our teammates, who were not able to join in this JENESYS2018, about our experiences and discovery in Cambodia. 3. We will submit the proposal for expanding this kind of youth exchanges on culture and football for your growth to Japan Football Association.
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7. Local News Published

	
<p>Cambodia Local News Paper (Nov./1/2018)</p> <p>Japan vs Cambodia Friendly football match</p>	<p>Khmer Times (Oct./30/2018)</p> <p>Japanese youngsters arrive for friendlies</p>