

JENESYS2018 ASEAN Outbound 7th Batch Program Report

Theme: Sports Exchange (Judo) (Brunei)

1. Program Overview

Under the “JENESYS2018” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 18 Japanese university students, graduates and supervisors visited Brunei from January 22 to January 30, 2019 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 (Judo)”

The delegation enhanced their knowledge about the relationship between Japan and Brunei, Brunei people, culture and lifestyle through the meeting with government officials, Judo federation, and observation of Kampong Ayer, homestay experience. During the Judo exchange program, they cultivated the friendship between Japan and Brunei 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 Brunei and the action plans to be implemented after returning to Japan for government officials and local residents.

【 School Names and Number of Participants 】

Kodo-kan 1, Osaka Kyoiku University 11, Setsunan University 6

2 . Program Schedule

Jan. 22 (Tue)	【 Orientation 】 , Departure from Kansai Airport Arrival at Brunei Bandar Seri Begawan
Jan. 23 (Wed)	【 Courtesy Call 】 Embassy of Japan 【 Courtesy Call 】 Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports 【 Courtesy Call 】 Ministry of Education
Jan. 24 (Thu)	【 School Exchange 】 Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan
Jan. 25 (Fri)	【 Cultural Observation 】 Kampong Ayer and Mangrove Forests 【 Courtesy Call 】 Brunei Judo Federation 【 Sports Exchange 】 Judo Practice
Jan. 26 (Sat)	【 School Exchange 】 Sports School 【 Homestay 】 (Bandar Seri Begawan)

Jan. 27 (Sun) **【Homestay】**
 Jan. 28 (Mon) **【Cultural Experience】** Honey Farm, **【Workshop】**
 Jan. 29 (Tue) **【Reporting Session】**
 Jan. 30 (Wed) Arrival in Japan

3. Program Photos

	
<p>Jan. 23 【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan in Brunei</p>	<p>Jan. 23 【Courtesy Call】 Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports</p>
	
<p>Jan. 24 【School Exchange】 Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan</p>	<p>Jan. 25 【Sports Exchange】 Judo Practice</p>
	
<p>Jan. 26 【School Exchange】 Sports School</p>	<p>Jan. 26 【Homestay】</p>
	
<p>Jan. 26 【Homestay】</p>	<p>Jan. 28 【Cultural Experience】 Honey Farm</p>



Jan. 29 【Reporting Session】

4. Voice from Participants

◆ University Student (Osaka Kyoiku University)

On the occasions of school visit and people to people exchange through Judo, people in Brunei seemed to have strong interest in Japanese. One of the reasons is that Bruneians widely consume various Japanese products including pop culture, automobiles, outboard motors produced by Yamaha Corporation in their daily living. Bruneians are mild-tempered. I had no chance to see someone who was angry or vexed while I was staying there. They seemed to be relaxed even they were at work. What impressed me very much was they smiled at me in return for my smile. The monarchy has been long lasting without a single time of being disconnected. That made me rethink the Japan's imperial system that works as a symbol of our nation. It was also impressive for me that pictures of the king and the queen were displayed almost everywhere, such as in restaurants, individual houses, and many other buildings.

◆ University Student (Osaka Kyoiku University)

Now I have come to think of it, Judo could be popular in Brunei if its surrounding environment improves, because people practice hard and many of them seem to like Judo. The program in Brunei gave me a good opportunity to know that I could communicate with people even by gesture through Judo. I was very happy to be treated well, too. It was fun to know local foods and lifestyles of people there. I could see a lot of their hospitality like that of Japan. Luckily, I had a chance to attend a local wedding ceremony while I had a homestay. To my surprise, the wedding was to be held for two consecutive days, and the ceremony on the first day was arranged in different venues by the bride and the groom separately, which was entirely new to me, and unique. I think many Bruneians have interest in Japan. Some of them said they would like to visit Japan someday. I'm sure they will help us create good relationships further.

◆ University Student (Setsunan University)

What impressed me most were kind and hard-working people. We had a chance to visit two schools through this Judo exchange program. During a facility tour at both schools, I saw no one dozed off in the class, but every student who was very active, expressing one's own opinion, which is quite different from what is happening in schools in Japan. When we had training sessions of Judo, Bruneian students worked hard to seek new skills even the gymnasium was rather hot. They showed tolerance of an unfavorable

environment for physical practices. I was inspired by their willingness to study and the attitude to acquire new skills. People are kind in this country; not only the female student who kindly escorted and took care of me always asking “Are you OK?” when we had a school tour, but also the members of my host family who are open minded and cheerful. I had a great time with them. What I have experienced and learned in Brunei is something precious that I can’t earn in everyday life in Japan. Tours of a wild mangrove forest, the water village, and magnificent mosques were also impressive. In addition to that, Brunei is safe. I strongly hope to visit this country again.

5 . Voice from local people

◆ **Student** (Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan)

The Japanese are really good-mannered. I adore their kindness and sincerity. I learned to communicate more comfortably and efficiently. I learned that no matter how different we are in terms of culture, we can still be good friends.



◆ **Student** (Sports school)

I love Japan because the people are responsible and friendly also kind. They are so talented in Judo and I feel like I want to join any judo team in Japan so much. But maybe soon. So happy and enjoyable! I hope I can go to Japan to learn judo and study there also can learn there at Osaka Kyoiku University and Setsunan University.

◆ **Student** (Sports school)

It was an amazing performance! I was very thrilled and I would like to see more in the future. I really love the exchange program! I would love to look forward to the future exchange programs if I have the chances.

6. Dissemination by participants

	
<p>School exchange program at Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan. The students of Brunei are very kind and shows a lot of hospitality to us.</p>	<p>School exchange program at Sports School. The students are equivalent to those of junior high in Japan. They are very friendly.</p>

7 . Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session

<p>Our action plan is . . .</p> <p>Transmission of information and fund for Brunei's judo</p> <div data-bbox="268 232 738 398"> </div>	<p>【Osaka Kyoiku University】</p> <p>At the time of the Joint exercise of Judo in Osaka Univ. of Education, we will present the Judo exchange in Brunei, and Carry out the fund-raising activities for promoting Brunei Judo.</p>
<p>Operation</p> <div data-bbox="316 551 722 752"> </div>	<p>【Setsunann Daigaku】</p> <p>We will set up the on-line information box for people in Brunei and overseas to introduce practical information about Japan such as our habit, lifestyle, and tourist information.</p>

8 . Local News Published

<p>Media Permata (2019/1/24)</p> <p>Courtesy Cal on Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports</p>	<p>Pelita Brunei (2019/1/30)</p> <p>JENESYS Reporting Session</p>