

JENESYS2018 ASEAN Outbound 10th Batch Program Report

Theme: Japanese Culture Exchange

(Republic of Indonesia)

1. Program Overview

Under the “JENESYS2018” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 18 Japanese university students visited Indonesia from March 5 to March 13, 2019 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 Indonesian people, culture and lifestyle through the meeting with government officials, observation of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japanese affiliated company, school exchange, homestay experience and city tour. During the school exchange program, they cultivated the friendship between Japan and Indonesian 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 Indonesia and the action plans to be implemented after returning to Japan for government officials and local residents.

【School Names and Number of Participants】

Soka University 6, Tohoku University 6, Prefectural University of Hiroshima 6

【Outline of presentation】

Soka University: Japanese hospitality technology

Tohoku University: Japanese food from a scientific point of view (What’s “UMAMI”?)

Prefectural University of Hiroshima: Miyajima Virtual Tour (Introduction of history and landmarks)

Performance: Fashion Show, Dance with AKB’s song, Soran- bushi (one of the most famous traditional songs and dance in Japan, which is a Japanese sea shanty in Hokkaido)

2 . Program Schedule

March 5(Tue)	【Orientation】 ,Departure from Narita Airport Arrival at Soekarno–Hatta International Airport (Jakarta)
March 6(Wed)	【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan in Indonesia

	【Observation・Lecture】 Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Indonesia office 【Observation of Japanese-affiliated company】 PT. Amerta Indah Otsuka (Kab. Sukabumi)
March 7(Thu)	【School Exchange】 Darma Persada University
March 8(Fri)	【School Exchange】 University of Indonesia 【Homestay】 Suburbs of Jakarta
March 9(Sat)	【Homestay】
March 10(Sun)	【Cultural Experience】 World intangible cultural heritage“Batik” (Museum Tekstil Jakarta)(Traditional cloth products) 【Cultural Observation】 Textile Museum, Fatahillah Square, Istiqlal Mosque, Cathedral
March 11(Mon)	【Observation of Japanese-affiliated company】 PT. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indonesia (Kota Jakarta Utara) 【Workshop】
March 12(Tue)	【Reporting Session】 , 【Farewell party】 Departure from Indonesia
March 13(Wed)	Arrival in Japan

3. Program Photos

	
Mar. 6 【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan in Indonesia	Mar. 6 【Observation of Japanese-affiliated company】 PT. Amerta Indah Otsuka (Kab. Sukabumi)
	

Mar. 7 【School Exchange 】 Dharma Persada University	Mar. 8 【School Exchange 】 University of Indonesia
	
Mar. 9 【Homestay】	Mar. 10 【Traditional Culture Experience】 World intangible cultural heritage “ Batik “
	
Mar.10 【Cultural Observation】 Istiqlal Mosque	Mar.11 【Observation of Japanese-affiliated company】 PT. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indonesia (Kota Jakarta Utara)
	
Mar.12 【Reporting Session】	

4 . Voice from Participants

University Student (Soka University)

The “company culture” of Japanese companies doing business in Indonesia has left an impression on me. We have visited PT. Amerta Indah Otsuka and PT. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indonesia, and were able to observe employees working with a very positive attitude all over the workplace. The companies we have visited have a true understanding of religion and culture unique to Indonesia, and they have come up with employee benefits respecting those who work there, which in turn leads to employee

satisfaction towards the workplace. I have also noticed many female employees in the workplace. We have visited two Japanese companies, the Embassy of Japan and JICA Indonesia office, and I have observed that they provide an environment where female employees can display their capacities to the fullest. Although I am not sure whether I can generalize it to the whole of the Indonesian society, I say it with conviction because on days we had university exchange programs, I have met many female students who were quite active. The Goal 17 of SDGs set by the United Nations advocate the importance of gender equality, and seeing an advanced aspect of Indonesian society where women actively participate, I have felt there are things which Japan can learn from Indonesia.

University Student (Tohoku University)

During my stay in Indonesia, I came to realize that Indonesia is successful as a multiracial state. There were people of various religious backgrounds in schools and stores, and their skin colors were quite different. However it did not seem to be a problem, rather they were very friendly to us Japanese who came from a totally different country. At the square, children came to chat with us; when thinking of this incident, I felt it is because they have had contact with different kinds of people since when they were small. In Japan, there is little opportunity to get in contact with people of different religion or race, which makes the Japanese at best “shy” or at worst “exclusive”. Throughout the program, I strongly felt that “values totally differ depending on a person or a country”. We are often taught this fact, but in order to truly understand it, I felt that one must go there, see their lifestyles with one’s own eyes and directly speak with the locals. I also came to understand that even if values and cultures may differ from place to place, there is no right or wrong. My host family told me that it is a good aspect of the Japanese culture that we visit Shinto shrines at different seasons but at the same time have fun during Halloween and Christmas. As one can see, each country has its own charm, so rather than forcing one’s values onto others, we should respect the other’s values and culture.

University Student (Soka University)

During our visit to the Embassy of Japan and JICA Indonesia Office, we were able to learn various things such as the relationship between Japan and Indonesia as well as the assistance Japan provides to Indonesia. Most importantly I came to understand that we mutually assist each other and that it is not a one-way assistance, through the fact that Indonesia shares its experiences regarding measures against disasters so that they can be applied in Japan. Both Japan and Indonesia are prone to disaster, thus such cooperation is essential. In order to make this relationship an even stronger one, I am confident that interaction of those belonging to our generation is crucial. When we visited universities, we had an opportunity to interact with many students who were interested in Japan. We were able to hear from them what made them become interested in Japan or what their motivations in studying Japanese are. I was truly inspired by the fact that they were fluently speaking in English and in Japanese besides their native tongue



Bahasa Indonesia. It was such a great experience participating in this program because I was able to gain knowledge which I did not have regarding Indonesia, learnt about their lifestyles, culture and way of thinking through the university exchange and homestay programs, and was able to have a deeper conversation during the exchange.

5 . Voice from the Students



Student (Darma Persada University)




To be honest, I am not expecting that the Japanese student will presenting the presentation in English. I am so amazed by their presentation, their English amazing good different with my expectation, and deliver a good message. The value of their presentation so interesting, and was good. Their presentation introduced Japan culture by the clothing of different in Japan, dancing and singing. The whole program is very fun and useful for me. Through this program, my knowledge of Japan expanded. I also got many new friends and hopefully will strengthen relations between Indonesia & Japan in the future! Thank you for your visit! Let's meet again!

6. Dissemination by participants

 <p>Now we have stayed Indonesia for four days. Today we are interacting with students in University of Indonesia. They welcomed us kindly, and had valued experiences. We will stay with Indonesian family tonight and tomorrow. We cannot wait for it!</p>	 <p>We visited the embassy of Japan in Indonesia on Mar. 6th. We could understand that the relationship between Japan and Indonesia. The 60th anniversary of the restoration of diplomatic ties in 2018. We would like to build up the bond continuously from now on.</p>
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7 . Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session

	<p>【Soka University】</p> <p>Using Social Networking Service, we will spread the Japanese information once or twice a month, to reach unspecified large number of people so as to promote affinity towards Japan.</p> <p>Workshop aiming to share our experiences of JENESYS program will be held for university students and international students both at Soka University and International Christian University.</p> <p>Five of us will be studying abroad as of September 2019, they will spread the good points of Japan to a wide range of people in other countries to enhance recognition of Japan.</p>
	<p>【Tohoku University】</p> <p>Holding a presentation and conducting a simple networking activity for exchange students as well as the Japanese students so as to giving them better understanding of Japan.</p> <p>A workshop for foreign students and Japanese students will be held to discuss differences in values. Face-to-face communication is important in gaining mutual respect for each other's values.</p> <p>Establishing a blog that includes our experience during the program, Japanese lifestyle, hobbies, food, international issues and so on.</p> <p>We will contact to a local radio station or a newspaper company for getting their support so that we can provide our activity to other people outside of campus.</p> <p>We would like to support the big international festival in Sendai, when it will be held in the future so that ordinary people will experience the same kind of joyful activities, which we experienced in Indonesia.</p>

<div data-bbox="256 185 547 353"> <p>Action plan 1</p> <p>We will establish YouTube channel to disseminate the charm of Chugoku / Shikoku region!</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="256 421 555 589"> <p>Action plan 2</p> <p>We will sell Satey at the PUH school festival !!</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="256 645 560 846"> <p>Action plan 3</p> <p>The report session on campus about our experience</p> <div data-bbox="280 712 539 790"> <p>① To spread this program</p> <p>② To convey our thankfulness</p> <p>③ To communicate directly with our own words</p> </div>  <p>There will be more students interested in the JENESYS program !!</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="619 159 1150 197"> <p>【Prefectural University of Hiroshima】</p> </div> <div data-bbox="608 208 1362 387"> <p>Making the most of our experiences of the JENESYS program has 3 action plans. Project title “Hati Project” which aims to tell foreigners the appeal of Japan and also tell Japanese people of the Indonesian culture.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="655 398 1362 674"> <p>Establishing a YouTube channel within 3 months to disseminate the charm of Chugoku Shikoku region. The video will be in Japanese but will have subtitles in English, Chinese, Korean and French, and eventually we will cooperate with our Indonesian friends to include Indonesian subtitles.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="655 685 1362 913"> <p>Selling sate to guests visiting the Prefectural University of Hiroshima’s school festival to be held on Oct. 14th this year, so that they will get a taste of Indonesian food. Hati Project and YouTube activity will also be advertised at this time.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="655 925 1362 1153"> <p>Holding a report session about the 8 days experience in Indonesia by the end of June, in a lecture room on campus. JENESYS program will be introduced to as many students as possible, to promote interests in the students about the program.</p> </div>
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