

JENESYS2018 ASEAN Inbound Program 3rd Batch Program Report Exchange for Political and Railroad officials, Country: Malaysia

1. Program Overview

20 youths from Malaysia visited Japan from September 25th to October 2nd 2018 under the scheme of “Japan's Friendship Ties Program JENESYS2018” and participated in the program with the theme of “Exchange for Political and Railroad officials”.

This group visited Tokyo, Saitama, and Miyagi, attended a lecture to better understand Japan and another lecture related to the theme of the program, visited railroad-related facilities, and exchanged opinions with representatives. They also gained deeper understandings of Japan and its people, and nurtured friendship through homestay and exchanges meetings with representatives and local people. At the reporting session before leaving Japan, they announced their plans to spread information through social media about their experiences in Japan and what they found interesting during their stay. They also presented their action plans making use of their experiences in Japan, which are to be implemented on their return to their home countries.

【Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants】 Malaysia 20

【Prefectures Visited】 Tokyo, Saitama, Miyagi

2. Program Schedule

Sept. 25th (Tue) Arrival in Japan, **【Orientation】**

Sept. 26th (Wed) **【Keynote Lecture】** Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 The Railway Museum

【Experience of a bullet train】 Shinkansen “Komachi”

Move to Miyagi from Tokyo

Sept. 27th (Thu) **【Observation of Theme-related Facility】** JR East Shinakansen Rolling Stock Maintenance Center

【Theme-related Lecture】 Railway Department, Tohoku Regional Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Sept. 28th (Fri) **【Cultural Experience】** Kokeshi Doll Painting

【Observation of Theme-related company】 Hitachi Solutions East Japan, Ltd, **【Homestay】** Kami-cho, Miyagi prefecture

Sept. 29th (Sat) **【Homestay】**

Sept. 30th (Sun) **【Homestay】**, **【Farewell Party with local residents and representatives】**, **【Cultural experience】** Japanese drums, **【Workshop】**
【Experience of a bullet train】 Shinkansen “Komachi”

Return to Tokyo

Oct. 1st (Mon) 【Observation of Theme-related Institution】 ASAN - JAPAN CENTRE
 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 Traffic Control Center,
 Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department, 【Reporting Session】
 【Experience of a monorail】 Yurikamome (New Transit System)
 Oct. 2nd (Tue) Departure

3. Program Photos

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| <p>Sept.26th 【Keynote Lecture】</p> | <p>Sept.26th 【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 The Railway Museum</p> |
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| <p>Sept.27th 【Observation of Theme-related Facility】 JR East Shinakansen Rolling Stock Maintenance Center</p> | <p>Sept.27th 【Theme-related Lecture】 Railway Department, Tohoku Regional Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism</p> |
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| <p>Sept.28th 【Cultural Experience】 Kokeshi Doll Painting</p> | <p>Sept.28th 【Observation of Theme-related Company】 Hitachi Solutions East Japan, Ltd</p> |

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| <p>Sept.29th 【Homestay】</p> | <p>Sept.30th 【Farewell Party with local residents and representatives】</p> |
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| <p>Sept.30th 【Workshop】</p> | <p>Sept.30th 【Cultural Experience】 Japanese drums</p> |
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| <p>Oct. 1st 【Observation of Theme-related Institution】 ASAN - JAPAN CENTRE</p> | <p>Oct.1st 【Observation of Cutting-Edge Technology】 Traffic Control Center, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department,</p> |
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| <p>Oct.1st 【Reporting Session】</p> | |

4. Voice from Participants

Employee of a Malaysian railroad company

The lectures I attended during the program were very rich in contents; I learned things that people usually do not and would not know. It was fulfilling to learn a lot about Japanese transportation and the manufacturing industry. At companies and factories in Japan, they adapt the way they work to the circumstances, in a timely manner. I think this way of working can be introduced in Malaysia too, to improve work efficiency. Every member of my host family was very friendly and courteous; I made some lifelong memories.

Malaysian journalist

I gained a lot of knowledge from the lectures. I managed to fully understand the various subjects related to the theme of the program, especially Japanese technology and Shinkansen. They offered detailed explanations at the companies we visited, which deepened my understanding. I also learned a lot about the composition, components, and equipment of Shinkansen. The homestay provided us a good opportunity to learn about Japanese culture and lifestyle. We had an excellent time listening to the lecture at Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, where we gained valuable information.

5. Voice from Japanese Locals



Host Family

As one of the participants could speak Japanese, we managed to enjoy the three days without using a tablet translator this time. Although they had a busy schedule packed with activities such as cooking, tea ceremony, Kimono-wearing, pottery, trying a Japanese meal with rice cakes, miniature golf, and shopping, the participants from Malaysia seemed to be very happy. We treated them like our own daughters, and were tearful when we had to say good bye to them. I said to them “next again (see you again)” as they were leaving.

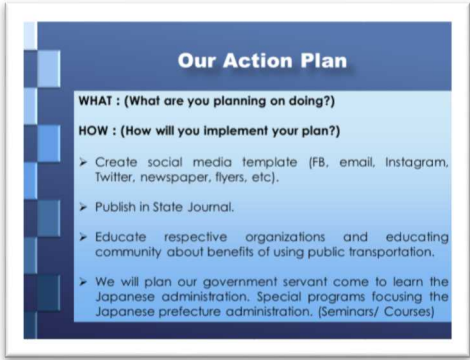
Representative from the participants-accepting institution

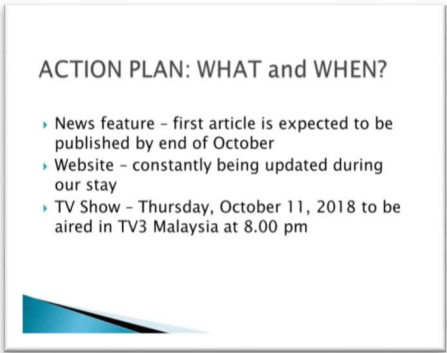
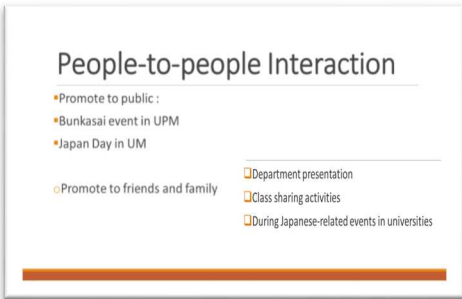
I am glad that the participants from Malaysia seemed to have learned a lot from their visit to railroad-related facilities, and have already started to post much information on Social Media back in their country.

6. Dissemination by the participants

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|  <p>28 Sept 2018. Day-4 of #JENESYS2018. 1) Akiu craft center. All participants had the opportunities to paint their own Kokeshi dolls, a wooden-doll which come in different sizes and characters. 2) Lecture at Hitachi Solutions East (HSE) Japan which highlighted on the technology use in railway services including their machines and applications.</p> <p>#JENESYS2018 #JICE #MALAYSIA #JAPAN</p> | <p>JENESYS 2018, DAY 2: My Shinkansen Experience</p>  |
| <p>(Sendai City) At Akiu Craft Park, I painted my own designs on kokeshis of different sizes. At Hitachi Solutions East Japan, we were given a lecture on the technologies and equipment adopted for railroad operation.</p> | <p>JENESYS 2018 The second day of the stay. I My Shinkansen experience.</p> |

7. Action Plan Presented by Participants at the Reporting Session

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|  <p>Our Action Plan</p> <p>WHAT : (What are you planning on doing?)</p> <p>HOW : (How will you implement your plan?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Create social media template (FB, email, Instagram, Twitter, newspaper, flyers, etc). ➢ Publish in State Journal. ➢ Educate respective organizations and educating community about benefits of using public transportation. ➢ We will plan our government servant come to learn the Japanese administration. Special programs focusing the Japanese prefecture administration. (Seminars/ Courses) | <p>【Presentation by a government official】</p> <p>The following is the action plan making use of my experiences in Japan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Post information on SNS including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as via e-mail, as well as in newspapers and advertisements. · Provide information to publication outlets (such as newspapers) in Malaysia · Educate relevant people on user-friendliness of public transportation and other related subjects. · Implement training programs to government servant about Japanese public administration. |
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|  <p>ACTION PLAN: WHAT and WHEN?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> News feature – first article is expected to be published by end of October Website – constantly being updated during our stay TV Show – Thursday, October 11, 2018 to be aired in TV3 Malaysia at 8.00 pm | <p>【 Presentation by a group consisting mainly of journalists 】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post an article on a news website run by the company we belong to by the end of October, to introduce our experiences in Japan, including the appeals of the trains. Post articles on the website about our experiences in Japan Report the situation of Japan on a Malaysian TV program (TV Channel 3), at 20:00 on October 11th (Thu) |
|  <p>People-to-people Interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote to public : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunkasai event in UPM Japan Day in UM Promote to friends and family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department presentation Class sharing activities During Japanese-related events in universities | <p>【 Presentation by a group including university students 】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About human exchange <p>Promote friendship between Japan and Malaysia at the cultural festival, Japan Day and so on at the University.</p> Give presentations on our experiences in Japan to our departments and classes, and at Japan related events. |