

JENESYS2019 ASEAN Outbound Program 8th Batch Program Report

Theme: Japanese Culture Exchange

Country: Lao P.D.R.

1. Program Overview

As part of JENESYS2019, 16 Japanese university students, who could effectively deliver messages about Japanese culture in Lao or English during each program, visited Laos for nine days from February 18 to 26. Under the theme of “Japanese Culture Exchange”, they participated in each program in order to promote an understanding of Japan with regard to politics, economics, society, culture, history and actively spread information about the appeal of Japan. During their visits to Laos, they visited the Embassy of Japan in Laos, the ODA sites and Japanese companies, then also learned and deepened the relationship between Japan and Laos and the knowledge of Japanese economy and technology by the official development assistance and Japanese contribution to Laos. In addition, they learned that Japan has a significant social and economic impact and contribution to Laos. They also got a better understanding of culture and society of Laos through the experience of school exchange and home-stay. During this program, they posted their concerns and experiences in Japan on SNS to promote an understanding of Japan in Laos and strengthen for promoting the base of trusting relationship for the two countries. They by group presented a plan for actions to take after returning to Japan with making use of their experience in this visits, at reporting session before their leaving Laos.

【Participants】 5 students from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 5 students from University of Niigata Prefecture and 5 students from Waseda University

2. Itinerary

February 18th (Tue)

【Arrival】 Arriving in Laos

February 19th (Wed)

【Orientation】

【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of Japan in Laos

【Courtesy Call】 Laos Youth Union

【City Observation】 Japan’s ODA Sites:

Vientiane Capital Water Supply Expansion Project by JICA

February 20th (Thu)

【Lecture】 JETRO Vientiane Office

【Observation】 Laos Midori Safety Shoes Co.,Ltd

February 21st (Fri)

【School Exchange】 National University of Laos

February 22nd (Sat)

【Home-stay】

February 23rd (Sun)

【Home-stay】

【Observation】 COPE Visitor Centre Laos

February 24th (Mon)

【Observation】 Houey Hong Vocational Training Centre

【Workshop】 Preparation for the Reporting Session

February 25th (Tue)

【Reporting Session】

【Departure】 Departing from Laos

February 26th (Wed)

【Return】 Arriving in Japan

3. Photos of the Program



February, 19 【Orientation】



February, 19 【Courtesy Call】
Embassy of Japan in Laos



February, 19 【Courtesy Call】
Laos Youth Union



February, 19 【City Observation】
Japan's ODA Sites: Vientiane Capital
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February, 20 【Lecture】
JETRO Vientiane Office



February, 20 【Observation】
Laos Midori Safety Shoes Co.,Ltd



February, 21 【School Exchange】
National University of Laos



February, 21 【School Exchange】
National University of Laos



February, 22 【Home-stay】



February, 24 【Observation】
Houey Hong Vocational Training Centre



February, 25 【Reporting Session】

4. Comments from the Participants (Extract)

◆ Student from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

It was good that I could learn about the history and society of Laos in the embassy of Japan and JICA where I was never be able to visit for sightseeing. At JETRO, I could solve the problems which I was wondering and the things I didn't know about in my regular university classes and studies, because the session time for questions and answers which was very substantial, not to mention lectures. I think I got to know Laos more deeply. Additionally, I could have an experience to touch

Laotian national character and their life through my home-stay and it was meaningful to discuss about our cultural difference and the same things between Japan and Laos with the students at National University of Laos during exchange program.

◆ Student from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

I am really glad and honored to be able to connect with the people in local companies and the students in the university where I visited, because I would like to do a job which related to Laos in the future. It was a very valuable experience for me, as I think, for my future job, I can use the knowledge and experience which I gained through my visiting at various places. Especially in Laotian agricultural economy, I have gotten the knowledge about new varieties which were accepted much easier than other developing countries due to the influence from a neighboring Thailand. It was helpful in my study of development economies.

◆ Student from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

I was most impressed with Laotian warm-hearted character and their hospitality, their much more than Japanese. This time, I visited the embassy of Japan and Japanese companies to learn their assistance and contribution to Laos and then, I felt like I would like to be a person who could be involved in Laos as Laotian rather than as a foreigner. Laos is called last unexplored region in Southeast Asia. Although now in the capital Vientiane and it's around, they are under the development in progress, it would be better if the development proceed to the extent necessary without destroying Laotian charms now, I thought.

◆ Students from University of Niigata Prefecture

It was a good experience to communicate with students at the National University of Laos during exchange program. There were not only the presentations by each student, but also various events such as game recreation and dance presentation which had been prepared. They made us easier to communicate and helped to deepen our relationship, I thought.

◆ Students from University of Niigata Prefecture

I could learn a lot about the economic development of Laos and their education. Every time I interacted with the local people, I found that Laotian character was good. I was surprised to see the big difference between the center and its suburbs even in the capital Vientiane and I felt there was still not enough development from this aspect. Additionally, through my home-stay experience, I was glad to feel their hospitality and accept me pleasantly which got through to Japanese mind. After I return to Japan, I would like to spread the good points about Laotian character and Laos.

- ◆ Students from University of Niigata Prefecture
I felt that it was important to grasp the situation well in Southeast Asia for Japanese, as Southeast Asia is close to Japan. I was also pleased to know that the expansion into Laos by Japanese companies which greatly contributed to Laotian economic growth. By understanding this advantage widely, I hope they will become richer, at the same time, we must know that the richness of life with materials is not equalized with people's happiness and the works, which developed countries want developing countries to do, are low priority for developing countries.

- ◆ Students from Waseda University
During my home-stay, it was good that I could have a glimpse of Laotian national character and their beliefs through visiting historical and traditional facilities such as Patusai and other temples. Furthermore, in the situation of making friends with local people by visiting schools, I think that we could hear deeper facts and understand superficially as well as consider deeply.

- ◆ Students from Waseda University
As I had no travel experience in Southeast Asia, I had a vague image just a developing country, however, when I actually stayed there, I was surprised that there were regions which were growing comparable with Japan in some places. Southeast Asia, where is the land with the prospect and potential in a such growth, is expected to be the key region for the business developments in the future.

- ◆ Students from Waseda University
This program gave me a chance to get to know Laos deeply. For example, I could understand that the differences in economic power and the quality of education was a major problem when we discussed social issues in Laos, and I have realized what a comfortable life I have been living. I would like to keep interest and concern in developing countries.

5. External Communication from the Participants (Extract)

- ◆ Embassy of Japan in Laos
They seemed to have a high interest in Japan's attacks in work to Laos so there were many questions from them about Laotian economy, its growth rate and the current prices accompanied with it.

- ◆ Laos Youth Union
They asked questions about Laotian government's treatment, arrangement and method to find a job for the younger generations



◆ Vientiane Capital Water purification plant

There were many concerns and questions about JICA's efforts throughout Laos as well as the capital Vientiane, and the differences in their efforts with payment or not.

◆ COPE Visitor Centre Laos

They listened to the current state of landmines, unexploded bombs and its related accident, and also the support and treatment for those who became to have artificial legs/hands by the accident. They took a serious look at each exhibit and material. They heard that many Laotians still don't know the details, so that there were many questions from them about information control in a socialist state and how children learn history and truth in education.

6. External Communication from the Participants

 <p>2月19日 23:17</p> <p>Day 1 jenesys Laos 2019</p> <p>We visited the purification plant of JICA. There they pump water from Mekong river, and purify it. The woman who is in charge of there is so kind to us and she explained us about their jobs in Japanese.</p> <p>ພວກເຂົາໄປປ່ອນນໍ້າຕາຍງ່າ, ເຊິ່ງຖືກເຮັດທຸລະກິດJICA. ຜູ້ບໍລິຫານບໍລິຫານແມ່ນຄົນຂອງ ແລະ ຕາຍງ່າ. ແມ່ຍິງຜູ້ເຮັດບໍລິຫານມີປັນໃຈໃຫ້ເຂົາ ແລະ ອະທິບາຍກ່ຽວກັບວຽກຂອງເຂົາເຈົ້າຄົວໄພ ພາສາຍີ່ປຸ່ນ. ... ຕັ້ງແຕ່ເບິ່ງ</p> <p>翻訳Rを見る</p> <p>いいね! 18</p> <p>コメント15件 シェア1件</p> <p>いいね! コメント シェアする</p>	 <p>2月23日 22:43</p> <p>さんはCope Visitor Centre(こいます。</p> <p>2月23日 22:43</p> <p>ウィエンチャン (ラオス・ウィエンチャン都)</p> <p>Day 5</p> <p>We visited the COPE visitor center, where is the museum of UXO and prosthetic in Lao. We watched a video about prosthetic project. In fact there are a lot of things we don't know about this problem. We have to continue to think about it more.</p> <p>ເຂົາໄປCope ເຊິ່ງເປັນພິພິດພາດພັນກ່ຽວກັບລູກຄວາມເປັນທີ່ຍິ່ງບໍ່ທັນແຕກແລະprosthetic ຢູ່ລາວ. ເບິ່ງວິດີໂອກ່ຽວກັບການເຮັດອະທິບາຍຜູ້ຮັບຜິດຊອບ. ຄວາມສົງໄສເລັກເລັກເຮັດເຮັດຊຸບຮັບໃບ. ຕັ້ງແຕ່ເບິ່ງ ແລະຄິດ. ... ຕັ້ງແຕ່ເບິ່ງ</p> <p>いいね! 0</p> <p>コメント</p> <p>いいね! コメント シェアする</p>
<p>【Observation】 Posted for JICA・Japan's ODA Sites</p>	<p>【Observation】 Posted for COPE Visitor Centre Laos</p>

<p align="center">【Observation】 Posted for Laos Midori Safety Shoes Co.,Ltd</p>	<p align="center">【School exchange】 Posted for National University of Laos</p>

7. Presentation of a Plan for the Actions to take after Returning to Japan at Report Session (Extract)

<p>Presentation of a Plan for the Actions : Tokyo University of Foreign Studies</p> <p>Events in Japan.</p> <p>① Planning to hold a session 「Experience Report in Laos through JENESYS2019」</p> <p>② Planning events for cultural experience and a tourist spot visiting to Laotian students in Japan (Tokyo)</p>	<p>Presentation of a Plan for the Actions : University of Niigata Prefecture</p> <p>Presentation in our college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ We regard to interact with Asian people frequently as important. <p>→By spreading the information in college, bring out student's concern to offer information.</p>

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