

# JENESY2020 Japan-ASEAN Online Exchange (ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific: AOIP) Report

## 1. Program Overview

[Objective] The program was conducted to have youths from ASEAN countries deepen their understanding of AOIP (ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific) promoted by the region, and FOIP (Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy) launched by Japan with the aim of fostering goodwill between Japan and participating countries/regions and instilling FOIP in the international community by having participants think about what they can do to further cooperation and peace in the Asia-Pacific region.

[Participants] University/Graduate students from ASEAN countries Total: 547participants
ASEAN countries (10 countries): Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines,
Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Lao PDR

# [Program Schedule]

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Date	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
Location		(number of participants)
Dec. 9,	[Webinar · Q & A session]	There were questions on "the effects, if
2020	Cooperation on the ASEAN Outlook on the	any, of COVID-19 on AOIP and FOIP",
Tokyo	Indo-Pacific (AOIP)	"foreign policies of Japan", and
	Lecturer : Mr. HAYASHI Hirotake	"challenges for the future". On the online
	Principal Deputy Director, Regional Policy	chat, participants from various countries
	Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau,	actively interacted saying, "it was a
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)	lecture rich in content", among other
		comments. (389 participants)
Dec 16,	[Webinar · Q & A session]	Participants were interested in, and
2020	Efforts to achieve the SDGs conducting in	asked about "the issues to achieve the
Okinawa,	the world leading tourist resort	SDGs in Onna Village and taken efforts"
Onna	Lecturers : SDGs promotion office of Onna	and "methods to accustom SDGs
Village	Village Mr. MATSUBARA Hiroyuki & Ms.	dissemination activities to citizens." (145
	TSUMITA Suika	participants)
Dec 17,	[School Exchange & Exchange meeting]	There were many questions about
2020	Okinawa Institute of Science and	"research activities by international
Okinawa,	Technology Graduate University (OIST)	students and student life in Japan".
Onna	1. Explanation of the university outline and	Participants worked together to
Village	virtual campus inspection tour	complete tasks during the exchange,

2. Introduction of research contents and student life by Japanese and international students

3. Group-by-group exchanges

and some after the event commented, "I want to stay connected with the new friends I met today." (13 participants)

# 2. Program Photos

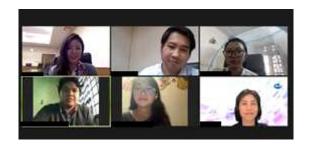




Dec 16, 2020 [Webinar • Q & A session]

Cooperation on the ASEAN Outlook on the IndoPacific (AOIP)

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Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST)

## 3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

## Undergraduate student (Philippines)

By participating in this online event, <u>I learned about Japan and what kind of activities Japan is doing to improve the lives of people in ASEAN countries</u>. I feel lucky to have been part of this online event. <u>I would like to visit Japan in the future</u> and experience Japanese culture, traditions, beliefs, and the various other amazing attractions.

#### **♦** Undergraduate student (Malaysia)

Interacting with Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) was the most fruitful experience for me. I thought it would be a great idea if I could keep in contact

with people I meet at online events like this, by building platforms on Facebook and WhatsApp.

## **Undergraduate student (Vietnam)**

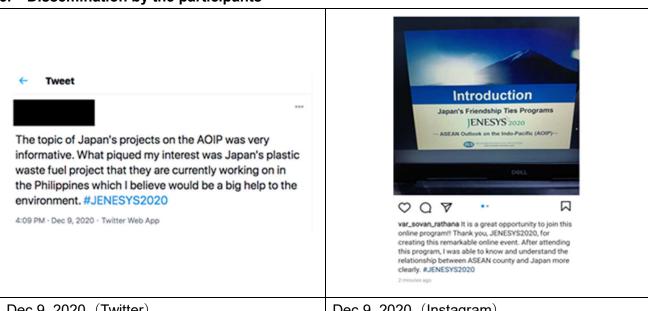
I learned a lot from this online event. Much of the information I obtained during the event is difficult to find on the Internet or in the newspapers. I felt it would have been good if there were activities that participants could actively partake in more, such as quizzes about Japan and ASEAN.

### 4. Voice from Japanese Locals(excerpt)

## **Onna Village Lecturer**

It was such an honor to have this opportunity. Japan is a developed and safe country, and of course being part of Japan, Onna Village is too, allowing visitors to enjoy many natural activities such as the sea. In particular, Onna Village is actively engaged in accepting foreigners, and is promoting the development of activities that take advantage of their regional characteristics, and are environmentally friendly. Please come on by once COVID has calmed down.

# Dissemination by the participants



Dec 9. 2020 (Twitter)

The topic of Japan's projects on the AOIP was very informative. What piqued my interest was Japan's plastic waste fuel project that they are currently working on in the Philippines which I believe would be a big help to the environment.

Dec 9, 2020 (Instagram)

It is a great opportunity to join this online program! Thank you JENESYS2020, for creating this remarkable online event. After attending this program, I was able to know and understand the relationship between ASEAN country and Japan more clearly.



Dec 16, 2020 (Twitter)

Wonderful presentations on the SDGs promotion office of Onna Village. Hoping their initiatives will be continued in future too and they'll manage to fulfil the SDGs plan.

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