

JENESYS 2020 Japan-Lao PDR Online Exchange (Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Village) Report

1. Program Overview

【Objective】 This program was conducted with the main purpose of having Lao youth visit rural areas in Japan, inspect production sites, and interact with agricultural cooperatives as well as producers in processing businesses. The aim is to deepen their understanding of the advanced efforts and technologies of Japan.

【Participants】 Total: 47 technical school students, undergraduate students, graduate students, and government officials engaged in agricultural policy in Lao PDR

【Location】 Mie Pref., Tokyo, Okinawa Pref., Nagano Pref.

【Program Schedule】

Date Location	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
Number of participants for the following 2 days: 42		
June 2, 2021 Ise City, Mie Pref.	<p>(Jointly with another program) 【Webinar, Q&A Session】</p> <p>1. Lecture, Q&A session “Exchange between Lao PDR and Ise City” Lecturer: Mr. YAMASHITA Tomoya, Senior Specialist / Unit Chief City Promotion Unit, Planning and Coordination Division, Information and Strategy Bureau, Ise City</p> <p>2. Lecture, Q&A session “Agriculture and Fishery Initiatives” Lecturer: Mr. YAMANAKA Tsuyoshi, Unit Chief, Agriculture Promotion Unit, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Division, Industry and Tourism Department, Ise City Mr. NAKANISHI Ken, Senior</p>	<p>Ise City, where agricultural and fishery products are famous as specialty products, introduced how they promote and sell certain products outside the city and overseas such as vegetables, seaweed and shellfish, which can be harvested in Lao PDR, and introduced the kind of measures set in place in regards to the decrease in specialty products due to less providers and more environmental issues. Participants from Lao PDR said that they learned much from Ise City, which is dedicated to protect the environment, including how to promote seaweed which can be harvested in the Mekong River, and participants said that it was a meaningful lecture for the future development of Lao PDR.</p>

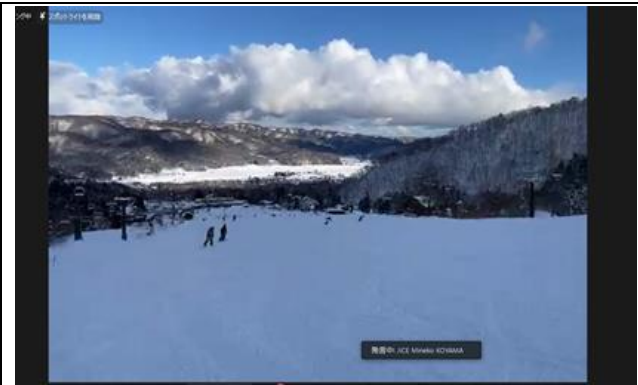

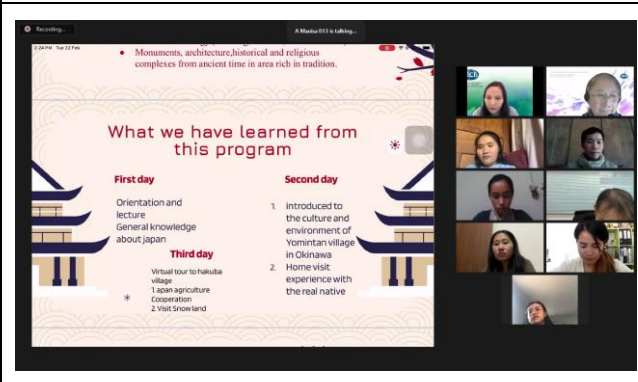
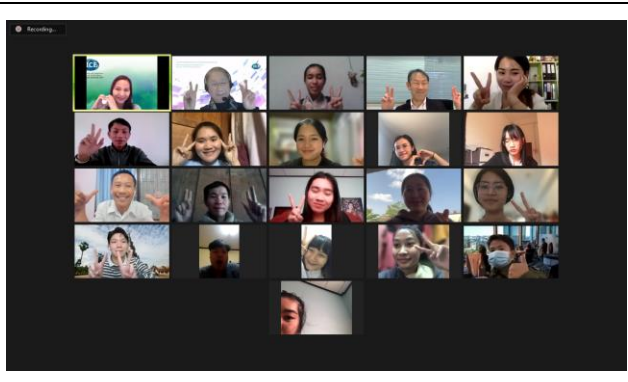
	Specialist / Unit Chief Fishery Unit, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Division, Industry and Tourism Department, Ise City	
June 28, 2021 Tokyo	【Webinar, Q&A Session】 1. Lecture on the overview of agriculture in Japan, and organizations supporting the food industry and agriculture in Japan “Agricultural Policies in Japan” Lecturer: Mr. ITO Naoki, Deputy Director, Young Farmers and Women Division, Management Improvement Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries 2. Q&A session	Participants asked questions such as how to add value, check whether food quality standards were met, and how to properly use and operate farmlands. Participants were also seen taking notes, and many were actively asking questions. The lecturer also answered each question attentively, and it was meaningful for the participants who were interested in the field of agriculture.
Number of participants during the following 6 days: 5 (Jointly with other programs)		
February 10~, 2022	【Video Viewing】 1. Virtual Home Visit 2. Message from Minamisanriku 3. Efforts of Hakuba Village toward the Environment	To foster better understanding of Japan, participants watched a video about Japan and the program before they participated in the main program.
February 16, 2022 Tokyo	【Orientation】【Webinar, Q&A Session】 1. Orientation (in groups) 2. Webinar, Q&A Session “Japan’s Attractions” Lecturer: Prof. ODA Yuichi, Institute for Excellence in Educational Innovation, Chiba University 3. Presentation by JDS Fellows from Lao PDR “Introduction to Life in Japan” Mr. Nhiavue Yevang, Hiroshima University 4. Exchanges in groups <small>* The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS): A project to receive international</small>	The lecture focused on basic information about Japan, including its geography, culture, religion, education, and advanced technology. Participants asked many questions about Japan's education system, such as the differences between the junior and senior high school education systems, education at home, and English education in Japan. The presentation by the JDS* student from Lao PDR began with a self- introduction, followed by an enjoyable introduction of his life in Japan, including his experiences and impressions of life in Japan and events with other JDS Fellows. Finally, the students were divided into groups and decided on their roles for the

	students in Japan through grant aid under the government's plan to receive 100,000 international students.	final reporting session.
February 17, 2022 Yomitan Village, Okinawa Pref.	【Home Visit, Exchange】 Location: Yomitan Village, Okinawa Pref. 1. Introduction to Yomitan Village 2. Virtual snorkeling 3. Home visit experience, Exchange 4. Photo session	Being from the landlocked country of Lao PDR, the participants were excited to see the creatures in the sea when they watched the snorkeling video. The participants were also very interested to learn that there are monthly trash pickup activities at the beach to protect the environment. During the home visit, the participants were very interested in the introduction of Okinawan traditional costumes and Okinawan cuisine. The participants from Lao PDR actively took part in the exchange, introducing their homes and other aspects of their lives. Some groups were asking each other what kind of souvenirs the locals would like if they could actually go to Okinawa.
February 18, 2022 Hakuba Village, Nagano Pref.	【Municipality Visit, Exchange】 Location: Hakuba Village, Nagano Pref. 1. Live feed from a ski resort in Hakuba Village 2. Overview of Hakuba Village, Introduction to the agriculture and tourism of Hakuba Village 3. Q&A session 4. Photo session	The participants were surprised by the live feed from the ski resort, and being from the tropical country of Lao PDR, they found the introduction of tourism and agriculture to be a new and interesting experience, as the climates of the two countries are quite different. They asked many questions such as about the tourism in summer, rules for when staying at a local home, and whether harvesting vegetables in the snow is costly despite the hard work involved.
February 21, 2022 Tokyo	【Workshop】 1. Reflection on the program 2. Action plan formulation and presentation preparation	Divided into groups, the participants developed action plans based on their learning throughout the program and prepared presentations for the reporting session.
February 22, 2022 Tokyo	【Reporting Session】 1. Presentations by the participants 2. Review	The participants made presentations in English and Japanese on their action plans to be implemented within three months after

		the program. A number of creative plans to disseminate information about Japan to a wide range of people were proposed.
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2. Program Photos

	
<p>June 2, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Lecture</p>	<p>June 2, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Group Photo</p>
	
<p>June 28, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Lecture</p>	<p>June 28, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Group Photo</p>
	
<p>February 16, 2022 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Lecture</p>	<p>February 17, 2022 【Home Visit, Exchange】 Introduction to Yomitan Village</p>

	
<p>February 18, 2022 【Municipality Visit, Exchange】 Ski experience at Hakuba Village</p>	<p>February 18, 2022 【Municipality Visit, Exchange】 Introduction to the high value-added agriculture in Hakuba Village</p>
	
<p>February 22, 2022 【Reporting Session】 Action plan presentation</p>	<p>February 22, 2022 【Reporting Session】 Groupphoto</p>

3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

◆ Undergraduate Student

This program is very interesting, made me know about agriculture, fishery, tourism and other things of Ise. Ise is a city worth visiting and of course I will get there if I have the chance.

◆ Undergraduate Student

It's a great chance to know more about Japan today. Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and those kind people from Ise. I am looking forward to meet them face-to-face ASAP.

◆ Undergraduate Student

Thank you so much for sharing the situation of Japan's agriculture. It is essential for us to adapt in Lao PDR.

◆ Working Youth

I learned much about Japan.

4. Voice from Japanese Locals (excerpt)

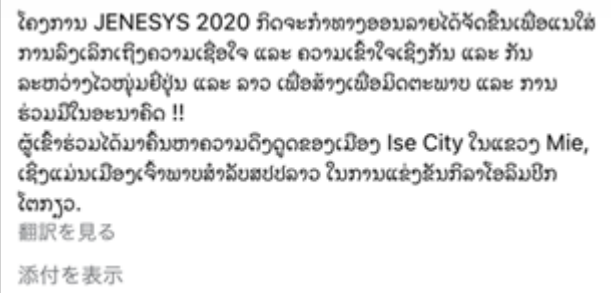
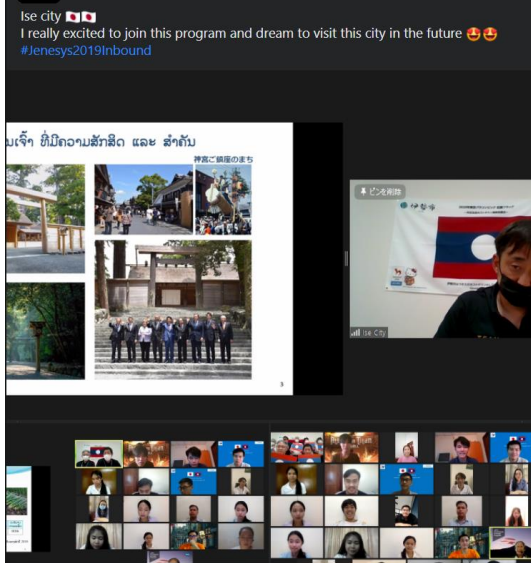
◆ Lecturer from the Accepting Local Government

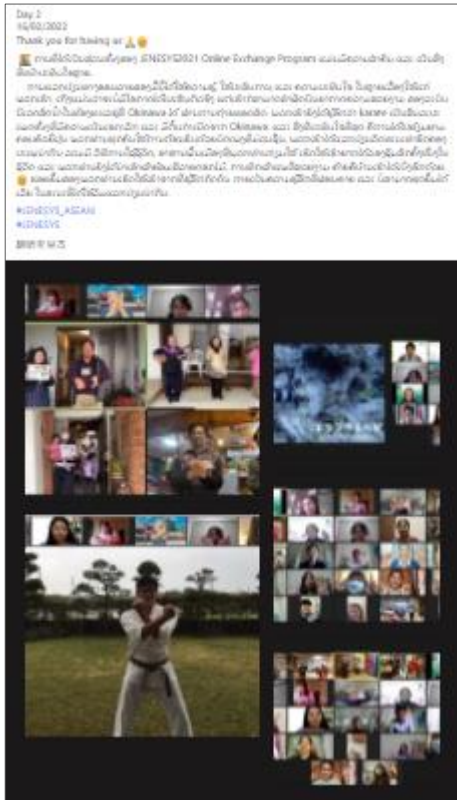
There was much to explain during the lecture, and the Q&A session was cut a little short, but we were thrilled to receive so many questions in that limited amount of time and to hear how passionately the participants wanted to visit Ise. Having become a Host Town, we believe this was an amazing opportunity, sure to help promote future international exchanges. We hope that when the participants can visit Japan, they will also come visit Ise City.

◆ Cooperating Organization

By sharing various cultural and historical information about Lao PDR with the host family from the preparation stage, we were able to obtain current information about Lao PDR that we had not been aware of before. We were also able to learn that a relative of the host family had previously stayed in Lao PDR, which became a great topic to kick off the international exchange. During the online exchange, participants from Lao PDR actively introduced their country's food, architecture, and other charms.

5. Dissemination by the participants

 <p>ໂຄງການ JENESYS 2020 ກິດຈະກຳຫຼາກອອນລາຍໄດ້ຈັດຂຶ້ນເພື່ອແນໃສ່ການລົງເລິກເຖິງຄວາມເຊື່ອໃຈ ແລະ ຄວາມເຂົ້າໃຈເຊິ່ງກັນ ແລະ ກັນລະຫວ່າງໄວໜຸ່ມຍີ່ປຸ່ນ ແລະ ລາວ ເພື່ອສ້າງເພື່ອມິດຕະພາບ ແລະ ການຮ່ວມມືໃນອະນາຄົດ !!</p> <p>ຜູ້ເຂົ້າຮ່ວມໄດ້ມາຄົ້ນຫາຄວາມດຶງດູດຂອງເມືອງ Ise City ໃນແຂວງ Mie, ເຊິ່ງແມ່ນເມືອງເຈົ້າພາບສຳລັບສປປລາວ ໃນການແຂ່ງຂັນກິລາໂອລິມປິກໄຕກງວ.</p> <p>翻訳を見る 添付を表示</p>	 <p>Ise city 🇯🇵 I really excited to join this program and dream to visit this city in the future 🥰 #Jenesys2019Inbound</p> <p>ນເຈົ້າ ທີ່ມີຄວາມສັກສິດ ແລະ ສຳຄັນ</p> <p>神宮の御苑のまち</p>
<p>June 2, 2022 (Facebook)</p> <p>JENESYS 2020 An online activity organized to deepen trust and understanding between Japanese youth and Lao PDR to create friendship and future cooperation!</p> <p>Organized by the Lao PDR at the Olympic Games, participants came to find the sites of Ise City in Mie Prefecture.</p>	<p>June 2, 2022 (Facebook)</p> <p>Ise City.</p> <p>I'm really excited to join this program and dream to visit this city in the future.</p>



February 17, 2022 (Facebook)

My participation in the JENESYS Online Exchange Program was both very meaningful and memorable.

I gained much knowledge, experience, and inspiration from today's online exchange. Even though I could not physically be there, I was able to experience the beauty of Okinawa's marine ecosystem in real-time, and I also learned that karate is a unique martial art that originated in Okinawa.

The most memorable part of the trip was visiting the home of a Japanese family. They welcomed us with joyful songs and shared with us their lifestyle and other aspects of their traditional culture. They also prepared traditional food for us, which I hope to taste at least once in my life. Also, the beautiful floral dyed fabrics and unique textiles were very similar to the fabrics of our country.

Everyone's smiling faces made me feel very



February 20, 2022 (Facebook)

I am so grateful for the opportunity to visit the beautiful village of Hakuba (online), with its beautiful "snow-covered" mountains in the winter and lush nature in the summer. Before participating in this exchange program, I had no idea that Hakuba was such a charming and beautiful village. Through this experience, Hakuba has become one of the villages we would like to visit in the future.

We became fascinated with the village's wonderful and exceptional agriculture. Despite being in a cold and snowy area, the village had found a unique way to grow vegetables efficiently and with a sweet flavor. They grow root vegetables, for example, carrots and radishes, as well as cabbages and apples. They also grow rice and wasabi in the summer.

If you have a chance to visit this city, the first thing you should do is try the wasabi ice cream, which is made using locally grown wasabi.

relaxed and stress-free. We really could not stop smiling while we talked.

6. Action plan presentations at the final reporting session



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■ Why:

To disseminate information on stable crop cultivation, referring to the agricultural efforts in Hakuba, Japan.

■ When: March to June, 2022

■ How:

We will use Facebook to share crop cultivation and research techniques on how to add value to the vegetables people grow and differentiate them from other areas.

Implementation agency : Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)