

JENESYS2020 Japan-Thailand Online Exchange Japanese Communication/Japanese Culture Exchange (Subtopic: Science and Technology) 2nd Batch Report

1. Program Overview

[Objective] The main objective of this program is to strengthen the dissemination of information about Japan by providing students who are interested in Japan and the Japanese language in Thailand to learn about the culture, language, and the cutting-edge science and technology of Japan.

[Participants] Total: 115 high school students, undergraduate students from Thailand

【Location】 Kagoshima Pref., Miyagi Pref., Tokyo, Aichi Pref., Hokkaido

[Program Schedule]

Date	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
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Number of participants for the following 2 days: 92		
May. 16,	(Jointly with another programs)	There were many questions including about
2021	【Webinar, Q&A session】	the plans for exchange after the Olympic
Kagoshi	The charm of Kanoya City and the Host	Games, the Kanoya City festival, and the
ma,	Town Project	means of transportation when visiting the
Kanoya	Lecturer: Ms.Kerdpraphob Pitcha, CIR	city.
City	(Coordinator for International	
	Relations), Kanoya City, Kagoshima	
	1. Lecture	
	2. Q&A	
May 31,	【School Exchange】	Students studying Japanese were able to
2021	Miyagi Prefectural Sendai Nika Senior	interact actively in Japanese. Participants
Miyagi,	High School 25 participants	were given the opportunity to introduce not
Sendai	1. School introductions and Q&A from	only their schools but also the areas they
City	both the Kingdom of Thailand	live in, and everyone showed interest in
	Woranarichalerm school, and the	each other's culture and lifestyles.
	Miyagi Prefectural Sendai Nika Senior	Japanese high school students commented
	High School.	that they were impressed that many people
	2. Participants are split into groups of	of their generation from other countries

	approx. 7, to introduce themselves	were studying Japanese, and they seemed
	and exchange within the groups.	to have a meaningful exchange.
	3. 1 student from Thailand and Japan	
	shared their thoughts on the school	
	exchange.	
Number of	participants during the following 6 days: 23	(Jointly with other programs)
January	[Video Viewing]	To foster better understanding of Japan,
22~,	1. Welcome Address	participants watched a video about Japan
2022	2. Home visit experience	and the program before they participated in
	3. Hiroshima peace tour	the main program.
	4. Learning Japanese	
January	[Orientation] [Webinar, Q&A session]	After the lecture, there were many
25, 2022	"Japan's Attractions"	questions about Japanese culture, such as
Tokyo	Lecturer: Prof. ODA Yuichi, Institute for	"What is the most distinctive Japanese
	Excellence in Educational Innovation,	culture?" The participants also asked the
	Chiba University	lecturer questions about his favorite things
	1. Lecture, Video	in Japan, and there was active
	2. Q&A	communication between the lecturer and
		the participants.
January	[Culture Experience]	The participants had many comments and
26, 2022	"Osu Shopping District Visit"	questions about the cleanliness of
City of	1. Virtual observation	Japanese cities, food, and subcultures such
Nagoya,	2. Q&A	as anime and manga.
Aichi		
Pref.		
January	【Local Observation, Exchange	The participants were very enthusiastic and
27, 2022	Session]	seemed to enjoy seeing the view from Mt.
City of	"Virtual tour of the City of Hakodate,	Hakodate and the terrain of Hokkaido
Hakodat	Hokkaido"	online. During the exchange session,
e,	Hokkaido International Foundation	participants asked questions about
Hokkaido	1. Observation	Hokkaido's industry and lifestyle.
	2. Exchange sessions in groups	
January	[Workshop]	Divided into groups of seven to eight, the
28, 2022	1. Reflection on the program	participants developed action plans based
Tokyo	2. Action plan formulation and	on their learning throughout the program
	presentation preparation	and prepared presentations for the
		reporting session.
January	【Reporting Session】	The participants made presentations in

31, 2022 Tokyo

- 1. Presentations by the participants
- 2. Review

Mr. YAMASHITA Ryusei Second Secretary, Japan Information Service (JIS), Embassy of Japan in Thailand 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.

2. Program Photos





May 16, 2021 [Webinar, Q&A session]

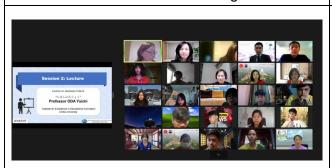
May 16, 2021 [Webinar, Q&A session]





May 31, 2021 [School Exchange] Miyagi Prefectural Sendai Nika Senior High School

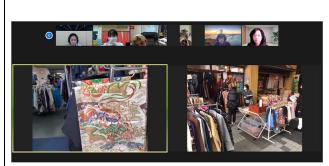
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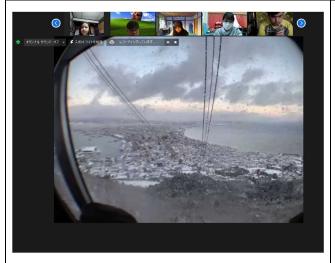
January 25, 2022 [Webinar, Q&A session] Lecture

January 25, 2022 [Webinar, Q&A session] Q&A session



January 26, 2022 [Culture Experience] Osu Shopping District

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Commemorative photo with a maneki-neko (beckoning cat)





January 27, 2022 【Local Observation, Exchange Session】 Participants enjoying the view from a gondola ascending Mt. Hakodate

January 31, 2022 [Reporting Session]



January 31, 2022 [Reporting Session]

3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

♦ High School Student

I think it's a very good program for me. I know a lot about this city name kanoya. It's an unknown city but it has a very beautiful nature and I would like to visit there too.

♦ High School Student

When I saw a video clip about Kanoya city I could feel the joy and peace from this town. I was also impressed with the local accent of this city. Glad to listen to the seminar this time. And would like to have it again next time.

♦ High School Student

Today very happy I met a new friend from Japan. Learned more about Japan. It's a very good activity. I hope we will meet again.

High School Student

It was a great program. I learned so much, and I would love to participate again if given the chance.

♦ High School Student

I was thrilled and honored to have taken part in this program. The program was not only fun, but I gained so much, including motivation to study languages.

4. Voice from Japanese Locals(excerpt)

◆ Lecturer (Kanoya City, Kagoshima)

Thanks to the generous support of JICE staff, the program took place without issue. I believe the lecture was very beneficial, giving the Thai students the opportunity to learn about Kanoya City.

♦ School Exchange Participating Student

Many of the students at my school enrolled because they were interested in international exchange, so I think online exchanges like this are very beneficial, as we can't go to other countries now due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

♦ School Exchange Participating Student

I was surprised to hear Japanese anime was popular among high school students in Thailand.

Cooperating Organization

I think we were able to interact in a way that could only be done online. We as distributors will continue to improve on our skills.

Cooperating Organization

I believe that live-streaming the event, in addition to the slide show, made it possible for the participants to feel a closer connection with the charms of the local community.

5. Dissemination by the participants



June 1, 2021 (Facebook)

This is a very good activity. I am grateful for the opportunity I was given.



June 22, 2021 (Facebook)

The JENESYS2020 exchange project was held in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was an online exchange using Zoom. On May 31, 2021, students from Woranarichalerm school and Miyagi Prefectural Sendai Nika Senior High School introduced and exchanged information on their countries, cultures, and daily lives.



January 26, 2022 (Facebook)

Day2 2022.1.26

Today I was taken to Osu in Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture. The Osu Shopping Street is lined with many stores. There were clothing stores, electrical appliance stores, stores selling anime and manga goods, game centers, stores selling school uniforms, and Japanese sweets stores. There were shops selling Taiyaki (fish-shaped pastries made of flour with red bean paste inside), Uiro (layered pastries similar to Thai Khanom Chan), Takoyaki (soft savory pancake, made of flour with octopus inside), and more. It was as if I was there myself and seeing foods and products that I had never heard of before and that are not sold in Thailand.

I am very grateful to the program for the experience and knowledge I gained. I would love to see this kind of program conducted again.



January 27, 2022 (Facebook)

Today we're touring the City of Hakodate, which I highly recommend if you have a chance to visit Hokkaido. A must see!

Hakodate is one of the largest cities in Hokkaido. It is a bay city with a population of about 300,000 and is located not far from Sapporo, the largest city in Hokkaido. Being not far from Sapporo is an important factor economically. Hakodate is a very attractive place. The night view from Mt. Hakodate is particularly spectacular and popular.

6. Action plan presentations at the final reporting session







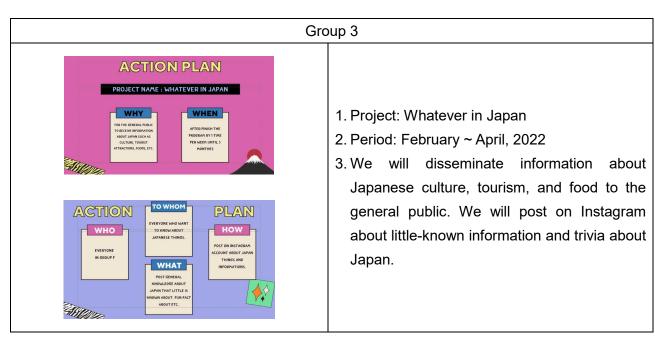
- Project: Sawas D Japan
 Timing: February 19, 2022
- 3. In order to spread knowledge about Japan to those not participating in this program, we will hold live talks about Japan on Twitter and Facebook to those interested in the Japanese language and culture. We will prepare games to interact with the participants, and we will also make past live broadcasts available on Joox.

Group 2





- 1. Project: Make your dreams come true
- 2. Period: February ~ April, 2022
- 3. Group members will take turns posting on the "Make your dreams come true" Facebook page once a week to spread knowledge, understanding and information about Japan and the JENESYS program to anyone interested in the program.



Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)