

JENESYS2020 Japan-Malaysia Online Exchange for Young Administrative Officials (Host town visit, politics and economy) Report

1. Program Overview

【Objective】 This program was implemented with the main purpose of deepening the understanding of Japan among young Malaysians who are interested in Japanese culture, society, politics, economy, etc. and promoting friendly relations between Japan and Malaysia.

【Participants】 Total: 190 undergraduate students, graduate students, and working youths from Malaysia

【Location】 Ehime Pref., Tokyo, Aichi Pref., Gifu Pref.



【Program Schedule】

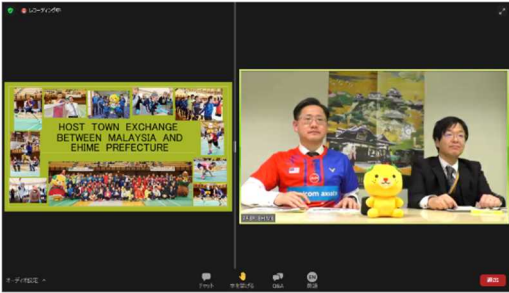
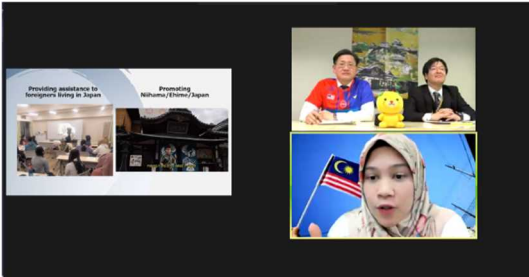

Date Location	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
January 28, 2021 Ehime Pref.	<p>(Jointly with another program) 【Webinar, Q&A session】 183 undergraduate students, graduate students, and working youths from Malaysia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Exchange Programs in Ehime Prefecture Lecturer: Mr. KIMURA Tomohiro, International Exchange Division, Ehime Prefectural Government 2. Host Town Exchange with Malaysia Lecturer: Mr. HAGIWARA Ken, Olympic and Paralympic Masters Promotion Office, Community Sports Section, Sport Bureau, Sports and Culture Department, Ehime Prefectural Government 3. Introduction of the charms of Ehime Prefecture and the activities of CIRs 	<p>There were questions about "the possibility of expanding exchanges between Ehime Prefecture and Malaysia in the future in fields other than sports", "how to participate in and apply for programs unique to the prefecture", and "Muslim-friendly services in Ehime Prefecture (halal food restaurants, places for prayer, etc.)". Being able to hear firsthand from a CIR who knows the situation, participants showed much interest on the online chat.</p>


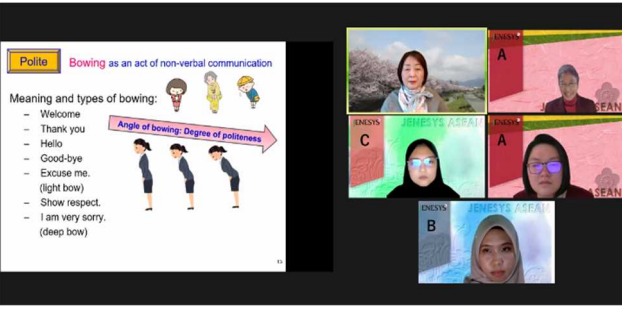
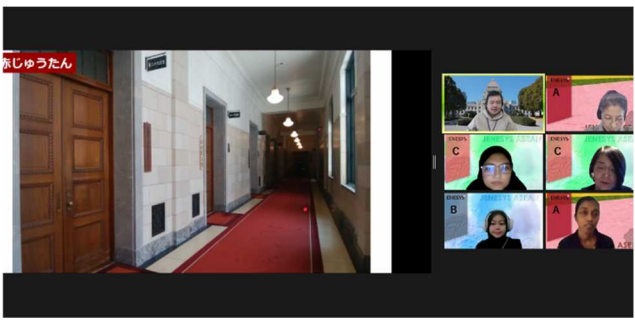
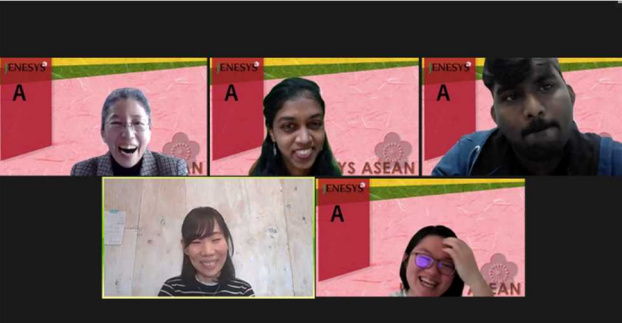
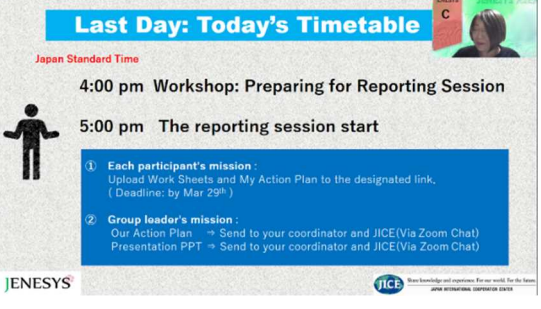

	Lecturer: Ms. Noor Farahnaz Abu Mansor, CIR, Regional Community Division, Citizen Environment Department, Niihama City	
Number of participants during the following 5 days: 7 (Jointly with other programs)		
March 17~, 2022	【Video Viewing】 1. Welcome address 2. Study Japanese Culture in Kyoto 3. Peace Tour in Hiroshima 4. Message from Minamisanriku	To foster better understanding of Japan, participants watched a video about Japan and the program before they participated in the main program.
March 23, 2022 Tokyo	【Orientation】 【Webinar, Q&A session】 1. Orientation 2. Lecture “Japanese Society and Culture” Lecturer: Ms. ANDRADE Hisami 3. Orientation in groups	The orientation began with the participants correctly understanding their role and mission in the program. At the beginning of the lecture, the participants were very pleased with the brief introduction of sakura (cherry blossoms). The lecture was full of pictures and illustrations, and the participants listened with great interest to the extensive introduction to Japanese society and culture. They were particularly impressed by the talk on Japanese women's advancement in society and the division of household chores with their husbands at home. The main questions asked were: "Is there any research on men doing housework and cooking?"; "Why are there so many private universities in Japan?"; "I would like to know more about 'Soshoku-kei' people"; "Are social and economic issues the reason for the declining birth rate?"; and "Can we expect more educational exchanges between Japan and Malaysia in the future?" They also asked specific questions about Japanese dialects, international marriages, and the problems that children with a parent or parents that are foreign nationals face in Japanese society.

<p>March 24, 2022 Tokyo</p>	<p>【Observation】 Virtual tour of the National Diet Building</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening remarks, Lecturer introductions 2. Virtual Tour (Tour using slides and videos) “The Virtual tour of the National Diet Building” Lecturer: Mr. NIWANO Taichi, CEO, Mikikiitos 3. Q&A session 4. Commemorative photo 	<p>The participants were so engaged in the easy-to-understand explanations, interwoven with slides and videos, that it seemed as if the time allocated for the visit was not nearly enough. Many questions were asked during the Q&A session. The main questions were: "Why does the person who takes the proceedings (stenographer) do it by hand?"; "What is the relationship between the ruling party and the opposition party?"; "There is an Emperor's Chair, but what are the penalties if someone breaks the rules of sitting in it?"; "Has the Diet building been renovated before?"; "I believe Japan is a constitutional monarchy, but how are the roles of the monarch and emperor seen in Japan?"; and "Is there a dress code for visiting the National Diet Building?"</p>
<p>March 25, 2022 City of Nagoya, Aichi Pref. Fuwa District, Gifu Pref.</p>	<p>【Exchange with Female Entrepreneurs】</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentations by each entrepreneur Ms. MAKINO Kanako, Representative, DiVE.tv Ms. SANBORN Yuko, Representative, Goat Design Ms. IKEMIYA Kiyomi, Representative, moily 2. Individual exchanges with the entrepreneurs (free discussion, Q&A session, etc.) 3. General summary, Closing 	<p>Overall, the participants were able to relate to the lecturer's talks and expressed their gratitude and admiration during the individual exchanges with each lecturer. They also asked many questions and enjoyed the exchanges very much. The main questions asked were as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When you were a TV reporter, what was your most difficult job? How did you overcome it? -What kind of undergraduate degree do you need to have to become a reporter? -Do you want your own children to become entrepreneurs? -How has the spread of COVID-19 affected revenue? -Do you only sell your products in Japan? -Why do you deal in Cambodian baskets?
<p>March 29,</p>	<p>【Workshop】 【Reporting Session】</p>	<p>【Workshop】</p>

<p>2022 Tokyo</p>	<p>1. Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan formulation ▪ Presentation preparations for the reporting session <p>2. Reporting Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening remarks ▪ Presentations ▪ Review <p>Ms. ANDRADE Hisami</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announcement from JICE, Closing 	<p>With there being time constraints, the participants first prepared a preliminary action plan and presentation materials, and then one by one discussed and revised the expressions used, and decided on who would give the presentation. They all worked together within their team, and the discussions went very smoothly.</p> <p>【Reporting Session】</p> <p>The presentation was full of details, with references to Japanese four character idioms and the content they plan to disseminate, and the other participants were able to resonate with each presentation.</p>
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2. Program Photos

	
<p>January 28, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 International Exchange Programs in Ehime Prefecture</p>	<p>January 28, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Host Town exchange with Malaysia</p>
	
<p>January 28, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Introduction to the charms of Ehime Prefecture and the activities of CIRs</p>	<p>January 28, 2021 【Webinar, Q&A Session】 Q&A session</p>

 <p>Day1 Today's Timetable</p> <p>Japan Standard Time</p> <p>4:00 pm Opening /Joint Orientation Welcome Speech Ms. KOBAYASHI Hikari</p> <p>4:15 pm Japanese Society and Culture Ms. Hisami Andrade</p> <p>5:45 pm Exchange in Each Group (Breakout Room)</p> <p>JENESYS JICE</p>	 <p>Polite Bowing as an act of non-verbal communication</p> <p>Meaning and types of bowing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome - Thank you - Hello - Good-bye - Excuse me. (light bow) - Show respect. - I am very sorry. (deep bow) <p>Angle of bowing: Degree of politeness</p> <p>JENESYS JICE</p>
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<p>March 24, 2022 【Observation】 Virtual tour of the National Diet Building</p>	<p>March 25, 2022 【Exchange with Female Entrepreneurs】</p>
 <p>Last Day: Today's Timetable</p> <p>Japan Standard Time</p> <p>4:00 pm Workshop: Preparing for Reporting Session</p> <p>5:00 pm The reporting session start</p> <p>① Each participant's mission: Upload Work Sheets and My Action Plan to the designated link. (Deadline: by Mar 29th)</p> <p>② Group leader's mission: Our Action Plan → Send to your coordinator and JICE (Via Zoom Chat) Presentation PPT → Send to your coordinator and JICE (Via Zoom Chat)</p> <p>JENESYS JICE</p>	 <p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation Achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotics • Automobile Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toyota/Konoda • Gaming Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gameboy/Nintendo • Pokémon/Super Mario Bros. <p>JENESYS JICE</p>
<p>March 29, 2022 【Workshop】</p>	<p>March 29, 2022 【Reporting Session】</p>

3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

◆ Working Youth

Before joining this program, I had never heard of Ehime. However, through the program, I was able to learn much about Ehime. After hearing about the charms of Ehime Prefecture such as its hot springs, mandarin oranges, Cat Island, and the warm and kind people, I wanted to go to Ehime Prefecture right then and there. Thank you very much for introducing me to the charms of Ehime Prefecture.

◆ Working Youth

After participating in this program I wanted to learn more about Ehime Prefecture, and started thinking about what I could do to promote both Malaysia and Japan. I would like to continue to learn about Japan by participating in other online programs as well.

◆ Working Youth

I think it is great to learn something new. I hope that one day I can increase my knowledge together with the students and working youth of Japan.

4. Voice from Japanese Locals (excerpt)

◆ Lecturer

Thank you very much for allowing us to participate as one of the destinations in Japan. This was the first time that we had an online lecture attended by people from overseas, but thanks to the support from the implementation organization, I think it went very smoothly.

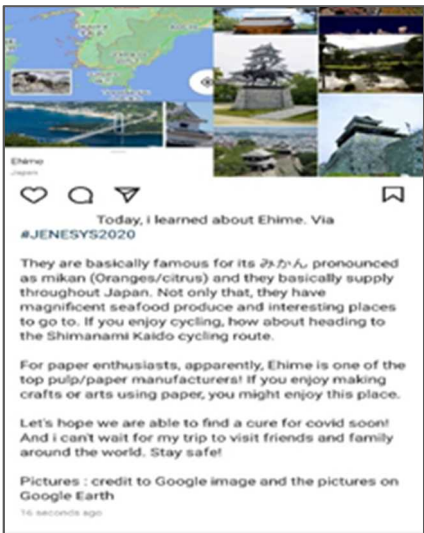

◆ Lecturer

Since I knew exactly who the participants would be, I was able to prepare enough materials for the lecture to a certain extent. Unfortunately, I couldn't see the students' reactions directly during the lecture because it was held online, but I was relieved to know from the reports of each group on the last day that they had fully understood the lecture content.

◆ Lecturer

Although I was only involved as the guide, it meant a lot that the Malaysian participants showed interest in the tour, and that we were able to be interactive, asking questions and using the Chat function. Not being able to speak English, the amount of information I could provide was limited. However, this experience has reminded me of the importance of English, and how I could be of service to more people. Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity.

5. Dissemination by the participants

	
<p>January 28, 2021 (Instagram) Today, I learned about Ehime. Via#JENESYS2020</p>	<p>January 28, 2021 (Facebook) I was excited to hear about the places in Japan</p>

They are basically famous for its みかん pronounced as mikan (Oranges/citrus) and they basically supply throughout Japan. Not only that, they have magnificent seafood produce and interesting places to go to. If you enjoy cycling, how about heading to the Shimanami Kaido cycling route.

Far paper enthusiasts. apparently, Ehime is one of the top pulp/paper manufacturers! If you enjoy making crafts or arts using paper, you might enjoy this place.

Let's hope we are able to find cure for covid soon!
And I can't wait for my trip to visit friends and family around the world. Stay safe!

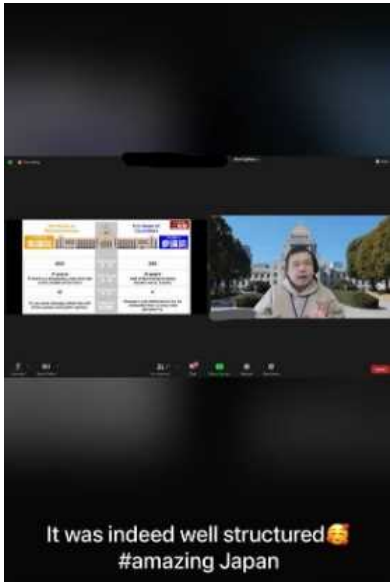
I didn't know about! It was very Interesting and piqued my interest more towards Japan, like the Aoshima a.k.a. the island of cats, where the population of cats is higher than the population of the people there! XD And the mascot of Ehime, Mican! Unfortunately because of the pandemic, we can only do an online session in getting to know these places. It's quite sad but I hope the condition for both countries in handling the pandemic will get better soon. Thank you for the alternative exchange program!



January 28, 2021 (Instagram)


Dear Japanese International Cooperation Center(JICE) and ファラさん、ありがとうございます (Farah-san, Thank you) for organizing this interesting and resourceful JENESYS2020 online event to introduce Ehime (愛媛) prefecture and to share Farah-san's experience as the current Malaysian CIR under JET Programme via Zoom Webinar.

Hope to join more online events from Japan and JENESYS in the future!

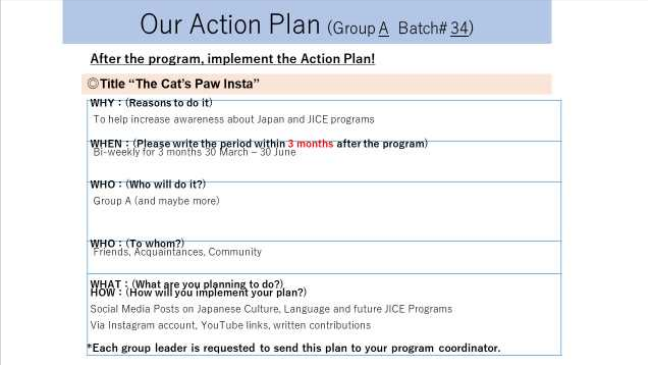


March 24, 2022 (Facebook)

It was indeed well structured

<p>Looking forward to visiting 愛媛(Ehime) and all the other regions in Japan!! たのしかった ! (It was fun!)</p>	
	<p>March 29, 2022 (Facebook) Day 4: Team work makes light work 一期一会 Treasure every meeting</p>

6. Action plan presentations at the final reporting session

	<p style="text-align: center;">“The Cat’s Paw Insta”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Why: To help increase awareness about Japan and JICE programs ■ When: Bi-weekly for 3 months 30 March – 30 June ■ Who (Who will do it?): Group 1 (and maybe more) ■ Who (To whom?): Friends, Acquaintances, Community ■ How: Social Media Posts on Japanese Culture, Language and future JICE Programs Via Instagram account, YouTube links, written contributions
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Implementation agency : Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)