

JENESYS2022 The Philippines-Japan "FOIP" Exchange (Invitation Program) Report

1. Program Overview

【Objective】 This program was conducted with the main objective of building a stronger cooperative relationship between Japan and the Philippines toward a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)" by providing an opportunity for young professionals and students of relevant the Philippines institutions to visit relevant counterpart institutions in Japan and exchange opinions directly with their representatives.

【Participants】

Total: 70 undergraduate students and young administrative officials from the Philippines

【Locations】

Pre-study Program: Tokyo

Inbound Program: Tokyo, Miyagi

2. Program Schedule

■ Pre-study Program (Online)

2022

Thursday, August 18 【Theme Related Lecture and Q&A Session】

【Exchange among the Participants】

“ASEAN-Japan relationships”

Lecturer : Mr. YAZAWA Hideki, Principal Deputy Director, Regional Policy Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

2023

Thursday, March 2 【Pre-departure Orientation】 Program overview

Self-Study before coming to Japan : 【Video Viewing】Virtual Home Visit, Message from Minamisanriku, Learning Japanese, WELCOME to JAPAN! ~infection control measure in Japan~, Lecture “ASEAN-Japan Relationships”

■ Inbound Program

Tuesday, March 7 Entry from Narita International Airport

Wednesday, March 8 【Orientation】 Post-arrival orientation

【 Theme Related Lecture 】 “ASEAN-Japan and The Philippines-Japan Relations”

Lecturer: Mr. YAZAWA Hideki, Principal Deputy Director, Regional Policy

Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Thursday, March 9 【Theme Related Lecture】 “Towards the stability of International Order and Promotion of International Cooperation”

Lecturer: Mr. SHINODA Kunihiro, Professor Executive Adviser, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

【Theme Related Lecture】 ”Overview of International cooperation, JCG”

Lecturer: Mr. KURASINA Takeshi, Principal Officer of Mobile Cooperation team, Japan Coast Guard

Friday, March 10 Travel from Tokyo to Miyagi

【Observation】 Godaigo Temple

Saturday, March 11 【Observation】 Seafood Senbei Factory

【Theme Based Exchange】 Seaside Library

Sunday, March 12 【Observation】 Shiroishi Castle

【Workshop】 Preparations for the reporting session

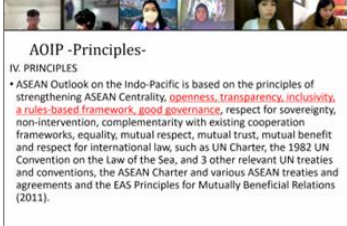

Monday, March 13 Travel from Miyagi to Tokyo

【Reporting Session】

Tuesday, March 14 Depart from Narita International Airport







3. Program Photos

Pre-study Program

 <p>AOIP - Principles- IV. PRINCIPLES • ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific is based on the principles of strengthening ASEAN Centrality, openness, transparency, inclusivity, a rules-based framework, good governance, respect for sovereignty, non-intervention, complementarity with existing cooperation frameworks, equality, mutual respect, mutual trust, mutual benefit and respect for international law, such as UN Charter, the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, and 3 other relevant UN treaties and conventions, the ASEAN Charter and various ASEAN treaties and agreements and the EAS Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations (2011).</p>	 <p>Questions & Answers Q2 Considering the varying interests of AMS' governments in the matter of keeping Indo-Pacific open to world trade (territorial claims), is it possible for a strong common-ground/mutual interest to be reached between them? (Brunei Darussalam)</p>
<p>August 18, 2022 【Theme Related Lecture, Q&A Session】 Lecture “ASEAN-Japan relationships”</p>	<p>August 18, 2022 【Theme Related Lecture, Q&A Session】 Q&A session</p>

Inbound Program

	
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Adviser, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)	
	
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March 12 【Workshop】 Preparations for the reporting session	March 13 【Reporting Session】 Group photo

4. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

◆ Undergraduate Student

This program has taught me how valuable it is for Southeast Asian countries to maintain their maritime, economic, and political resilience. We sometimes feel neglected as third world countries (with the exception of Singapore) and our impact on international affairs is considered to be inconsequential, especially on the political front. I was inspired by my ASEAN colleagues and their willingness to overcome our differences and come together to resolve issues in order to achieve our common goals.

◆ Graduate Student

This exchange program gave us the opportunity to learn more about the friendly relations and ties between the ASEAN region and Japan, and to contribute to the mutual growth, economic stability, and regional security of all ASEAN countries.

◆ Working Youth

The most impressive part for me during the entire program was the commemoration of the Great

East Japan Earthquake. It left us all emotional and I felt honored that I was physically present for the event. What struck me the most was my realization as a government official that if a great earthquake and a tsunami hit my area, we would be having a hard time to survive. When I get back home, I will find a way to prepare my people.

◆ Graduate Student

It was the visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs I liked the most. Japan's foreign policy was heavily shaped by history they never cease to forget. From 1973, Japan's commitment to development diplomacy remains steadfast. However, there were a lot of Japan's position that needs to be unpacked is especially on defense and national security.

5. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)



◆ Lecturer


I'm grateful if my lecture could help participants to understand FOIP further. And it was very impressive that all visitors have been highly motivated to learn actively about Japan initiatives for national security and their questions were so serious that we were not always able to answer them so easily. In addition, we were so happy to have a fruitful session which had been briefed for the foreign students, as these stories were very attractive and full of interest for them.

◆ Exchange Partner


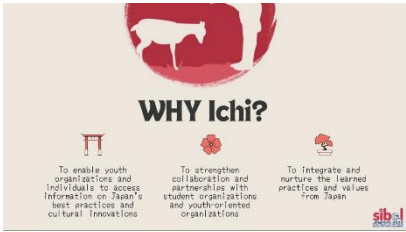
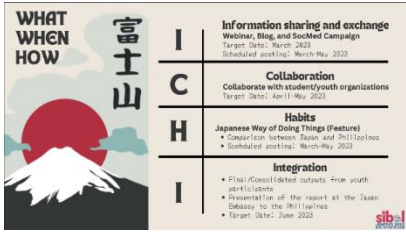
We appreciate everyone for having joined the program and so pleased to see all participants engaging with maritime environmental issues. While joining the March 11 memorial ceremony, we could mark the day of sharing our natural disaster experience and turmoil with overseas nations.

6. Disseminations by the Participants

 <p>The image shows an Instagram post. The top part is a green banner with white text: "JENESYS2022 Japan-ASEAN AOIP Exchange Japan-Philippines FOIP Exchange August 18, 2022 @jenesys_asean @foip_exchange". Below the banner is a photo of a person. The caption in Japanese says "Dream come true. It was a fun filled learning experience and an amazing opportunity to meet new people and share what we loved most in Japan." The username is "Arigatōgozaimashita" and the hashtags are "#jenesys_asean" and "#foip_exchange".</p>	 <p>The image shows a Facebook post. At the top, there is a quote in English: "I have been eyeing post-graduate degrees in public policy and international development programs and institutions and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies is one of them. More than thankful to have attended a sort of 'open house' and introduction in this prestigious institution!". Below the quote is a photo of a man standing next to a sign that says "政策研究大学院大学" (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies). The text of the post is in Japanese.</p>
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7. Action Plans for After Returning Home Presented at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

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 <p>JENESYS2022 BATCH 54 FOIP GROUP 1</p>	 <p>WHY Ichi?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable youth organizations and individuals to access information on Japan's best practices and cultural innovations To strengthen collaboration and partnership with student organizations and youth-oriented organizations To integrate and nurture the learned practices and values from Japan 								
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<p>“ICH I”</p> <p>The learnings and awareness-raising information focused on FOIP that we gained from this program is taken from the initials of ICHI. In cooperation with students and youth organizations, I=Information sharing and Exchange, H = Habit, the way of Japanese will continue to be transmitted through SNS platforms in C=Collaboration with students/youth organizations within the target period</p>									

(March-May, 2023) meanwhile comparing Japan and the Philippines, etc., by highlighting similar points and different points and the final outcome I = Integration from participants will be reported to embassy people when possible (This final reporting will be planned to be held at the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines in June).

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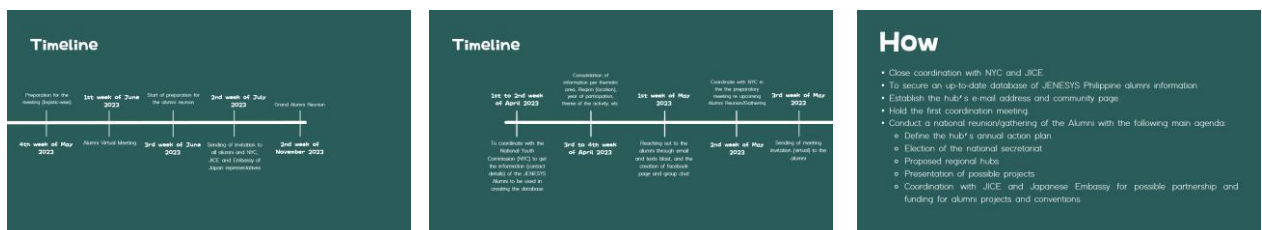
“ALA-ALA” (meaning "memories" in Tagalog).

The visit to the Seaside Library and Arahama Elementary School, which were both impacted by the March 11, 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, resonated with and shocked everyone in the Philippines, a country also prone to natural disasters. Based on the concept of FOIP, we will implement an action plan as follows to widely publicize the history and challenges that both countries share. We also believe that sharing disaster prevention awareness and countermeasures against natural disasters will improve mutual public interest between our two countries.

- From the three perspectives of A, B, and C, we shall; A = Assimilate (absorbing and accepting ideas, etc.), B = Bridge (become a bridge between the two countries), and C = Convey (disseminate).

In particular, the Philippines has a long colonial era in the past, and it has a history of adapting to the times while being tossed about by history. This history has something in common with the history of Japan's post-war reconstruction and earthquake disaster reconstruction. The similarities and differences in the way of thinking and policies of the two countries that we learned from the program will be shared with the younger generation in the Philippines by holding forums at educational institutions such as universities and schools, as well as non-governmental organizations such as NGOs, as a digitization platform. We will use the Digital platform as well as conventional tools in this activity. Within this month, we discuss to prepare for materials. Due date is of course June 2023, however we want to continue our effort to disseminate Japan for the long term basis as well.

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The Alumni Community Hub will be established to support the Alumni to re-connect on a local and national basis and further expand the network, also maintaining and strengthening the contacts

between the Alumni, NYC, and JICE. In addition, we will support future JENESYS participants prior to their immersion.

■ Implementation Schedule

- April 2nd week. Coordinate with the National Youth Commission (NYC) to get the information (contact details) of the JENESYS Alumni to be used in creating the database
- April 3rd week. Sort information by region, year, and theme of activities.
- May 1st week. Reaching out to the alumni through email and texts blast, and the creation of Facebook page and group chat,
- May 2nd week. Coordinate with NYC in the preparatory meeting re upcoming Alumni Reunion /Gathering
- May 3rd week. Sending of meeting invitation (virtual) to the alumni
- May 4th week. Preparation for the meeting (logistic-wise)
- June 1st week. Kickoff meeting.
- June 2nd week. Start of preparation for the alumni reunion
- July 2nd week. Sending of invitation to all alumni and NYC, JICE and Embassy of Japan representatives
- November 2023、Grand Alumni Reunion

■ Issues

- Coordination with NYC and JICE
- Secure an up-to-date database of JENESYS the Philippine alumni information
- Create hub's e-mail address and community page.
- Hold first coordination meeting.
- Define the hub's annual action plan.
- Determine funding for alumni projects and conventions

The Alumni Community Hub will raise everyone's awareness and create a JENESYS Alumni Association (with special attention to local areas as well) and social media pages as a platform for alumni organized local activities, support when applying to JENESYS, and sessions to share information on Japan-The Philippines relations.

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Implementation Plan	
Activity	Timeline
Soft launch of the chatbot on Sibal Facebook page	April 21, 2023
Conduct of Webinar (Official Launch)	April 22, 2023
Launch of the Charter to Youth-oriented government and non-government agencies	April 23, 2023 - onwards

“Sakura Project”

First thing is to survey and disseminate information about Japan and its international youth programs as well as to strengthen partnership between Japan and the Philippines through youth participation and social innovation and to empower Filipino Youth to become active members of the

global community. Our team member of Group 4 shall play chief role of PR activities.

Our action plans should be in accordance with “Sakura Project” and we will do what we can do such as, soft launch of the chatbot on SIBOL Facebook page, by April 21,2023. Next to conduct of Webinar (official Launch) on April 22, 2023. Finally, our action shall reach to start-up of the Chatbot to Youth oriented government and non-government agencies on April 23, 2023 by Group 4 of FOIP the Philippines batch 54. Our strategy includes the development on chatbot about Japan’s exchange Program, JENESYS and the launch of an official online as well.

Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)