

## JENESYS2022 Singapore-Japan "Science and Technology" Exchange (Online Invitation Program) Report

### 1. Online Exchange Overview

**【Objectives】** The objective of this program is to provide opportunities for youths from Singapore to experience the state of the art science and technology of Japan, and to help them discover the possibilities of studying and working in Japan, thereby fostering future supporters and experts of Japan in Singapore.

#### 【Participants】

Total: 9 vocational school students and undergraduate students from Singapore

#### 【Locations】

Pre-study Program: Tokyo

Online Program: Tokyo, Osaka, Hyogo, Kyoto, Ehime

#### 【Program Schedule】

Date Location	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions (Number of participants)
Pre-study program (Total: 7 participants)		
September 27, 2022 Tokyo	(Note) Jointly conducted with other programs <b>【Orientation】 【Lecture, Q&amp;A Session】 【Exchange of Opinions】</b> 1. Orientation, JENESYS overview Lecture on Japan "Japan Today" Lecturer: Mr. KIMURA Hideo, Executive Managing Director, SIMA (Strategic International Management Associates) 2. Group photo 3. Q&A session 4. Closing remarks	The lecture incorporated a variety of case studies, and you could see how engaged the participants were in the lecture just by looking at their positive responses in the chat room. During the Q&A session, the participants asked a wide array of questions such as "Are there any government policies in place to increase the population?", "What is the insurance system in Japan like?", and "What programs are available for foreign students who want to work in Japan in the future?"
Self-Study before coming	<b>【Video Viewing】</b> 1. Pre-departure orientation 2. Virtual home visit 3. Study Japanese culture (Kyoto)	The participants watched videos on Japan and the program to deepen their understanding of the program.

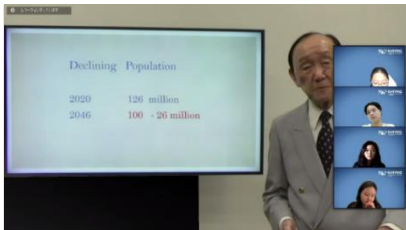
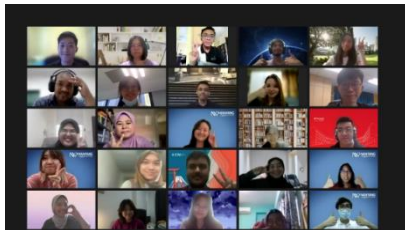
to Japan	4. Peace Tour in Hiroshima 5. Learning Japanese 6. Lecture on Japan "Japan Today"	
Online program (Number of participants for the following 7 days: 2)		
Day 1 March 15, 2023	<b>【 Orientation 】 【 Exchange among participants 】</b> 1. General orientation 2. Q&A session 3. Exchange among participants	It being the first day of a 7-day program, the participants seemed a little anxious, but they listened closely to the explanation on the flow of the program and how to create action plans. They were also able to enjoy interacting with one another.
Day 2 March 16, 2023 Hyogo	<b>【Observation】</b> Panasonic Eco Technology Center Co., Ltd. (PETEC) Speaker: Mr. NAGAHAMA Naoki, General Affairs Department 1. Opening remarks and explanation of the day's schedule 2. Virtual factory tour and Q&A session 3. Words from the participant representative and commemorative photo	Participants were introduced to the advanced home appliance recycling base company and how they recycle home appliances with slides and video clips. They learned about the Japanese Home Appliance Recycling Law and the efforts of Japanese home appliance manufacturers. There were many questions from the participants, such as "Are all of your appliance parts recycled at this facility?" and "Why did your company set up its own recycling facility?"
Day 3 March 17, 2023 Kyoto	<b>【Observation】</b> OMRON Corporation Speakers: -Mr. MIURA Keisuke, Public Affairs, Global Investor and Brand Communications HQ -Ms. Wang Yishuang, Attending Staff, OMRON Communication Plaza 1. Opening remarks and explanation of the day's schedule 2. Company profile 3. Virtual tour of OMRON Communication Plaza and Q&A session 4. Words from participant the representative	During the introduction of the company profile, the participants were told about its business activities and the efforts of its employees based on its entrepreneurial philosophy. The second half of the program included a virtual tour of OMRON Communication Plaza, its exhibition and tour facility for technologies, products, and services that address social issues. Participants were able to learn about the company's history and technologies through virtual images and videos. During the Q&A session, participants asked questions such as what new methods of procuring renewable energy in the future might be available. Participants were

	5. Commemorative photo 6. Closing remarks	interested in robot technology and automation, as they actually use Omron's equipment at their schools.
Day 4 March 18, 2023 Kyoto	<b>【School Exchange】</b> Ryukoku University (Kyoto) 5 participants 1. Opening remarks and overview of the JENESYS Project 2. Introduction by the exchange school students Overview of Ryukoku University and student life 3. Exchanges in groups 4. Group presentations 5. Words from the participant representative 6. Commemorative photo 7. Closing remarks	Ryukoku University students gave an overview of the university and used photos to introduce the campus and student life. The participants were then divided into groups for an exchange session. They talked about each other's student life, hobbies, culture/customs of their own countries, etc. Students who were planning to visit Japan asked the exchange school students about recommended sights and attractions. After the exchange, each group representative gave a presentation on their country's culture, tourism, student life, and other topics discussed in their respective groups. At first, the students seemed to be nervous, but gradually they began to talk more and more, and the exchange became more relaxed.
Day 5 March 19, 2023 Osaka, Ehime	<b>【Home Visit】</b> 2 households in Osaka, and 2 households in Matsuyama City 1. Opening remarks, introduction to the local area 2. Introduction of the host families 3. Home visit experience 4. Words from the participant representative 5. Commemorative photo 6. Closing remarks	The participants were introduced to the host families' homes and Japanese culture. Some families wore kimonos and showed off their cooking skills. Others taught origami and Japanese and enjoyed interacting with the participants. The participants themselves also introduced their countries and culture to their host families and asked questions about Japan, further deepening the exchange. Some said they would love to actually meet their host families in Japan someday.
Day 6 March 20, 2023	<b>【Workshop】</b> 1. Opening remarks and explanation on making action plans 2. Preparations for the reporting session,	The participants summarized their learnings and findings from the program, created action plans, and prepared presentation materials for the reporting

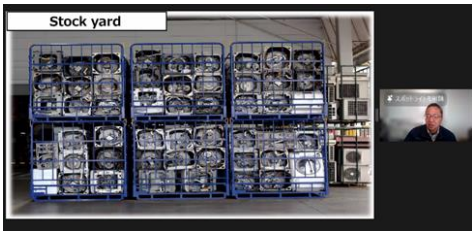



	<p>creating action plans, and submitting them</p> <p>3. Closing remarks</p>	session.
<p>Day 7</p> <p>March 21, 2023</p>	<p>【Reporting Session】</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening remarks</li> <li>2. Presentations</li> <li>3. Review</li> <li>4. Commemorative photo</li> <li>5. Closing remarks</li> </ol>	<p>The participants presented their findings, learnings, and action plans from the program. They said that all aspects of the program were meaningful and that they felt closer to Japan. They presented concrete action plans for the future, such as actively communicating what they learned to their school friends and others around them.</p>

## 2. Program Photos

### Pre-study Program

	
<p>September 27, 2022【Lecture and Q&amp;A Session】</p> <p>Lecture "Japan Today"</p>	<p>September 27, 2022 Group Photo</p>

### Online Program

	
<p>March 16, 2023【Observation】Virtual factory tour of Panasonic Eco Technology Center Co., Ltd. (PETEC) and Q&amp;A session</p>	<p>March 17, 2023 【Observation】 Virtual tour of OMRON Communication Plaza and Q&amp;A session</p>
	
<p>March 18, 2023【School Exchange】Group photo with students at Ryukoku University</p>	<p>March 19, 2023 【Home Visit】 Folding origami together</p>



### 3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

#### ◆ Undergraduate Student (Singapore)

I learned much from the lecture, and now there are so many things I want to experience firsthand!

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I really enjoyed participating in the pre-exchange program. I was able to deepen my understanding of Japan. I thought it would be even better if questionnaires or quizzes could be introduced in the future to encourage more exchange between the participants.

#### ◆ High School Student

I enjoyed interacting with a Japanese family and learning about their life in Japan was very interesting. I also shared with them about Singapore and the places they can visit if they ever travel to Singapore.

### 4. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)

#### ◆ Visited Location

We don't have many opportunities to introduce our company to youth from overseas, so I am very glad to have had this valuable opportunity. I would like to actively participate in future events if given the opportunity.


#### ◆ Student from the Exchange School

Although my English skills are not particularly good, I always like to interact with people from other countries, so I was able to enjoy the conversations without being too intimidated. Being able to experience another culture was very meaningful, and I would like to participate again if given the chance.

#### ◆ Student from the Exchange School

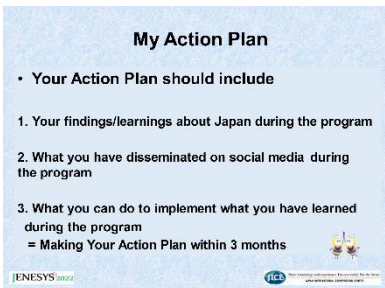
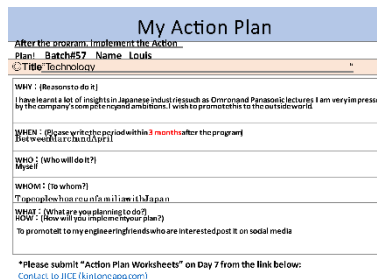
I am currently a 3rd year student and am learning about the SDGs and women's studies. Being a 3<sup>rd</sup> year, people around me are starting to look for jobs and I need to think about what kind of work I would like to do. I am also interested in international cooperation and volunteering, and through this program I learned that there are fields of international cooperation that I did not know about before. I plan to consider them as possible career paths as well.

### 5. Disseminations by the Participants

 <p>The screenshot shows a Facebook post with a yellow speech bubble icon. The text in the post reads: 'I have participated in an online pre-exchange online programme of JENESYS 2022. Thank you Kimura Sensei's interesting sharing. I get to know more about Japan now. From introduction to history, culture, social and even economic, it benefits me a lot. It is an interesting and exciting program to understand Japan more. Thanks a lot for giving me the opportunity to join this event too. Really hope that I have the opportunity to visit Japan! 🍀 #JENESYS_ASEAN #jice_exchange'.</p>	<p>September 27, 2022 (Facebook) (Singapore)</p> <p>Thank you for Kimura Sensei's interesting sharing. I get to know more about Japan now. From introduction to history, culture, social and even economic, it benefits me a lot. It is an interesting and exciting program to understand Japan more.</p> <p>Thanks a lot for giving me the opportunity to join</p>
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## 6. Action Plans for After Returning Home Presented at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

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 <p><b>My Action Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your Action Plan should include</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Your findings/learnings about Japan during the program</li> <li>2. What you have disseminated on social media during the program</li> <li>3. What you can do to implement what you have learned during the program = Making Your Action Plan within 3 months</li> </ol> <p>JENESYS 2022 JICE</p>	 <p><b>My Action Plan</b></p> <p>after the program, implement the Action...</p> <p>Plan: Batch#57 Name: Louis</p> <p>Title: Technology</p> <p>WHY : (Reasons to do it) I have learnt a lot of insights in Japanese industries such as Omron and Panasonic, lecturing I am very impressed by the company's competency and ambition. I wish to promote this to the outside world.</p> <p>WHEN : (Specify year/month/day within 3 months after the program) End week 11 to 13 (April)</p> <p>WHO : (Who will do it?) Myself</p> <p>WHOM : (To whom?) To people who are unfamiliar with Japan</p> <p>WHAT : (What are you planning to do?) HOW : (How will you implement your plan?) To promote it to my engineering friends who are interested post it on social media</p> <p>*Please submit "Action Plan Worksheets" on Day 7 from the link below: <a href="#">Contact to JICE (jkenicaps.com)</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Why: I have gained many insights in Japanese industries such as Omron (which is a brand I use at university) and Panasonic lectures. I am very impressed by the company's competency and ambition. I wish to promote this to the outside world.</li> <li>■ When: Between March and April</li> <li>■ Who to Whom: Myself to people who are unfamiliar with Japan.</li> <li>■ How: To promote it to my engineering friends who are interested, post it on social media.</li> </ul>	

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