

## JENESYS 2022 Timor-Leste and Japan and Japan 20 year Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations (Online Invitation Program) Report

### 1. Program Overview

**【Objectives】** The main objective of the program was to promote international exchange and economic cooperation between Timor-Leste and Japan by deepening Timor-Leste participants' knowledge of Japan as well as disseminating information on the 20-year anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries during their stay in Japan.

#### 【Participants】

Total: 32 undergraduate students and working youths in Timor-Leste

#### 【Location】

Pre-study Program: Kanagawa prefecture

Inbound Program: Tokyo, Okinawa, and Hiroshima prefectures

#### 【Program Schedule】

Date Location	Program contents	Participants' questions and reactions
Pre-study Program (13 participants during the following program)		
July 29, 2022 Kanagawa Pref.	<p>(Note) Jointly conducted with other programs</p> <p><b>【Orientation】 【Lecture, Q&amp;A Session】</b></p> <p>(1) Orientation, JENESYS Outline</p> <p>(2) Lecture on Japan “Japanese Society and Culture” Lecturer: Ms. ANDRADE Hisami, Lecturer for the Lecture on Japan, JICE</p> <p>(3) Q&amp;A session</p> <p>(4) Commemorative photo</p> <p>(5) Closing remarks, External dissemination, Questionnaire request</p>	<p>Participants listened attentively to the vibrant materials prepared by the lecturer that were projected on the screen. The lecture was filled with quizzes and other interactive activities that allowed the participants to enjoy communicating directly with the lecturer. During the Q&amp;A session, participants asked many questions, which the lecturer answered as much as time allowed. Participants asked questions such as "If I were to study in Japan, would I need to learn Japanese in advance?"; "I know Japan is prone to disasters, but how are cities rebuilt after a disaster and how is mental health care provided to residents?"; and "I hope to participate in a face-to-face program, but</p>

		when will they recommence?
Self-Study before coming to Japan	<b>【Video Viewing】</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overview/Mission</li> <li>● Welcome Address</li> <li>● Virtual Home Visit</li> <li>● Study Japanese Culture in Kyoto</li> <li>● Learning Japanese</li> </ul>	To deepen their understanding of the program, participants watched a video about Japan and the program.
Online program (19 participants during the following six days)		
Day 1 December 14, 2022	<b>【Orientation】</b> <b>【Lecture, Q&amp;A Session】</b> <b>【Exchange among Participants】</b> (1) Orientation (2) Lecture on Japan “Japan’s Attractions” Lecturer: Prof. ODA Yuichi, Institute for Excellence in Educational Innovation, Chiba University (3) Commemorative photo (4) Q&A Session (5) Exchange among participants (6) Closing session	Participants listened attentively to the lecture. There were many questions, such as “I heard that there are hiragana, katakana, and kanji in Japanese, but what is most frequently used?”, “How will the declining birth rate affect Japanese society in the future?”, “What is the difference between karate and judo?”, and “What are the rules regarding what not to do after arriving in Japan?” During the Exchange among Participants, they were divided into groups and worked together to smoothly select their leaders and deputy leaders.
Day 2 December 15, 2022 Okinawa Pref.	<b>【Japanese Cultural Experience】</b> Yomitan Village, Okinawa (1) Lecture “Episode of FM Station Opened in Timor-Leste” Lecturer: Director NAKASONE Tomoharu, FM Yomitan (2) Observe Yuntanza Hanaui Kaikan and listen to a lecture Lecture “Introduction to Yuntanza Hanaui” Lecturer: President MATAYOSHI Hiroko, Yuntanza Hanaui Co-operative (3) Lecture “Food Culture in Okinawa” Lecturer: Successors of the Ryukyu Culinary Tradition, OGIMI Kaori	As all three lectures were deeply related to Timor-Leste, the participants’ responses were posted in the chat room without hesitation, indicating a high level of interest. The participants asked the lecturers many questions about their impressions of Timor-Leste and differences from Japan, such as “What did you think of visiting Timor-Leste?” In the lecture on “Okinawan Food Culture,” they were very interested in the food culture in Okinawa, comparing it with their country’s food. Many of their comments and impressions were like “I would like to visit Okinawa to cook with you.”

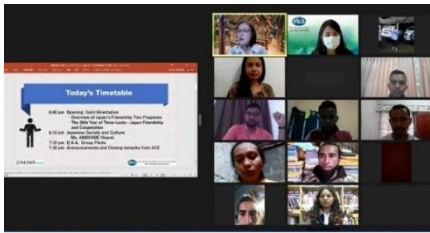

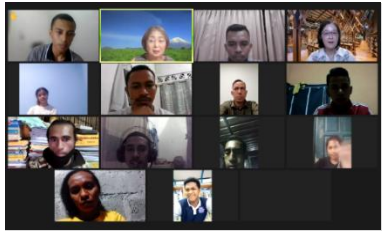
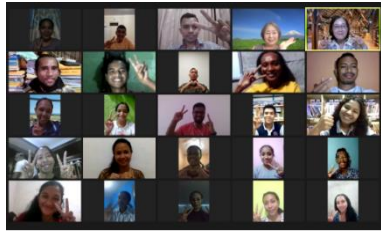
Day 3 December 16, 2022 Hiroshima Pref.	<b>【Observation】 Peace Tour in Hiroshima</b> Tour organized by mint Co., Ltd. Guide: Mr. FUKUHARA Shintaro (1) Virtual tour (2) Q&A session (3) Commemorative photo (4) Exchanges in groups	<p>The participants listened intently to the carefully structured content of the Peace Tour. They were shocked at the magnitude of the atomic bomb, saying that they were “speechless,” but to hear that streetcar service had resumed operation three days after the bomb was dropped, they were surprised and felt admiration, saying “What a quick recovery” and “It’s unthinkable.” There were also many questions from various perspectives. One of the participants said, “Don’t hate, or you will end up the same way. The lesson of valuing forgiveness is great. However, it’s not easy to do it. “What should we do?” The tour organizer replied, “Let’s start by making friends all over the world.” Just as this response symbolized, the participants seemed to have felt the significance of the “Peace Tour in Hiroshima.”</p>
Day 4 December 17, 2022 Okinawa Pref.	<b>【Home Visit】</b> Two families in Yomitan Village, Okinawa (1) Regional Introduction (2) Home visit <b>【Exchange】</b> University of the Ryukyus Hosei Eisa (traditional eisa group) (1) Introduction of Hosei Eisa (2) Exchange with the eisa members (3) Hosei Eisa performance (4) Kachashi experience (with host families) (5) Commemorative photo	<p>During the Home Visit, many participants showed their faces on the screen and actively answered questions from their host families. The host families showed their home cooking using vegetables from their kitchen garden and played the sanshin. The participants seemed very interested in the introduction to Okinawan culture.</p> <p>The participants exchanged with the host families by introducing their own culture. In response to a question “What is a recommended dish in Timor-Leste?,” the participants answered “The dish called Raba Raba is delicious.” When asked by their host families “Is there a stringed instrument like the sanshin in Timor-Leste?,” the participants replied “Violino is similar to the sanshin.” The participants</p>

		<p>commented, “It was fun. I understood their everyday life and found it interesting.”</p> <p>During the exchange with the Hosei Eisa Group students of the University of the Ryukyus, as soon as the performance began, the participants praised it as “amazing” “powerful,” and “energetic.” Some of the participants said they were “envious,” as they don’t have such a club activity in their home country.</p> <p>The students of the same generation enjoyed interacting by asking each other questions. There were questions such as “What is the meaning of eisa dance?” and “Does the white-faced Kyotaro*<sup>1</sup> (chandara or chondara) have an image of a lion full of fighting spirit?”</p> <p>At the end of the session, the participants danced kachashi*<sup>2</sup> together. It was an exchange with a sense of unity.</p> <p>*1: Kyotaro is one of the traditional performing arts of Okinawa or the performer.</p> <p>*2: Kachashi is a dance performed to a fast-paced Okinawan folk song, with both hands raised overhead and wrists swung from side to side.</p>
Day 5 December 19, 2022	<p><b>【Workshop】</b></p> <p>Preparations for the reporting session presentations</p>	<p>The participants reviewed their learning throughout the program and divided into groups to prepare their reporting session presentations. While some participants experienced Internet difficulties in the middle of the session, they contacted each other and completed the presentation materials by the next morning.</p>
Day 6 December 20, 2022	<p><b>【Reporting Session】</b></p> <p>(1) Presentation (by group)</p> <p>(2) Commentary</p> <p>(3) Commemorative photo / Closing</p>	<p>Each group made a presentation according to the theme. They listened intently to other groups’ presentations, as well as collaborating and complementing each</p>

	session	other in the group.
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## 2. Program Photos

### Pre-study Program

	
July 29, 2022 【Orientation】 Introduction to the JENESYS outline	July 29, 2022 【Lecture and Q&A Session】 Lecture on Japan “Japanese Society and Culture”
	
July 29, 2022 【Lecture and Q&A Session】 Q&A session	July 29, 2022 Commemorative photo session

### Inbound Program

Locations: Tokyo, Hiroshima, and Okinawa prefectures

	
December 14 【Lecture and Q&A Session】 Lecture on Japan “Attractiveness of Japan”	December 15 【Japanese Cultural Experience】 Lecture “Episode of FM Station Opened in Timor-Leste”
	
December 15 【Japanese Cultural Experience】 Observe Hanau Kaikan	December 15 【Japanese Cultural Experience】 Lecture “Food Culture in Okinawa”

	
December 16 【 Observation 】 Peace Tour in Hiroshima	December 17 【Home Visit】 Traditional Okinawan culture introduction
	
December 17 【 Exchange 】 Performance by University of the Ryukyus Hosei Eisa	December 17 【Home Visit】 Kachashi dance by everyone

### 3. Voices from Participants (excerpt)

#### ◆ Undergraduate Student

First of all, thank you for having me; I'm so grateful for joining because its help me to know more about Japanese culture, economy, how respectful and kindness Japanese people are, Japanese weather, and others.

#### ◆ Working Youth

I'm happy and excited to participate in this program, well presented information about Japan, it was easy and understandable. For the Future I think we have to add more time and Q&A's. Thanks

#### ◆ Graduate Student

It was a great opportunity to learn more about Japan and promote relations with Timor-Leste.

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


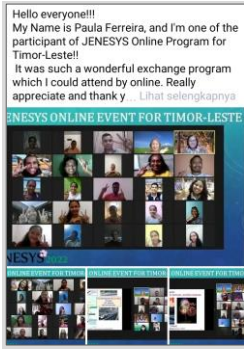
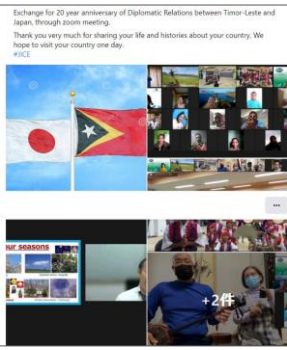
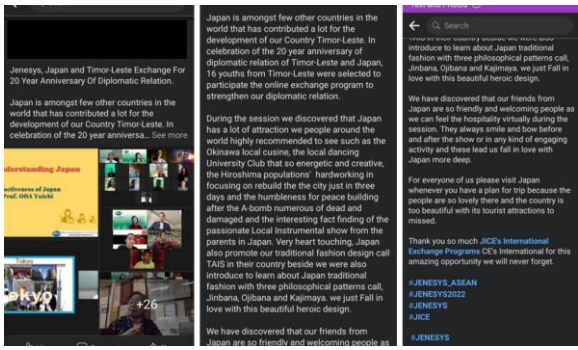
#### ◆ Lecturer

I was pleased to see how engaged the participants were during the lecture. There were more questions than I had expected, which shows how interested the students were in Japan.

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After the one-hour lecture, I was pleased to be asked questions one after another and to see that every participant listened to my talk very attentively.


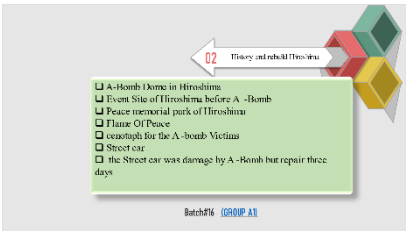
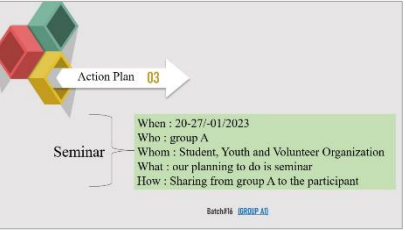
## 5. Disseminations by the participants

 <p><b>JENESYS ONLINE EVENT FOR TIMOR-LESTE</b></p> <p>Having participated in this program was a tremendous experience for me so far because I discover a plenty about Japan starts from its geographical area which is 378,000km<sup>2</sup> area with 4 major islands. 65% of its geographical region was mountains and forest and about 110 active volcanoes and numerous hot springs. I learn about 3 climates: subarctic, temperate and subtropical with 4 seasons: Spring (March until May) - Where Sakura and Cherry Blossoms festivals happen and many students enjoy going to school. Summer (June to August) - Fireworks were even realized in 1733 in Sumida River (Tokyo), also Summer festivals and Bon Festivals. Children also participate in the festivals. Fall (September - November) - When Momiji, Japanese maple, and other leaves fall. Winter (December-February) - Where snow happens also. Japanese people enjoy the natural variations: festivals, foods, and events. Indeed, the Japanese people character are very polite since they always bow to each other as an act of</p>	 <p>Hello everyone!! My Name is Paula Ferreira, and I'm one of the participant of JENESYS Online Program for Timor-Leste!! It was such a wonderful exchange program which I could attend by online. Really appreciate and thank y... <a href="#">What selegkapnya</a></p> <p><b>JENESYS ONLINE EVENT FOR TIMOR-LESTE</b></p>
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 <p>Exchange for 20 year anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Timor-Leste and Japan, through zoom meeting. Thank you very much for sharing your life and histories about your country. We hope to visit your country one day. #JCE</p> <p><b>JENESYS, Japan and Timor-Leste Exchange For 20 Year Anniversary Of Diplomatic Relation.</b></p> <p>Japan is amongst few other countries in the world that has contributed a lot for the development of our Country Timor-Leste. In celebration of the 20 year anniversary... See more</p> <p><b>Understanding Japan</b> ambassador of Japan Prof. GINA YOSHI</p> <p><b>THE ROBOTS</b></p> <p>+2ft</p>	 <p>Jenesys Japan and Timo-Leste Exchange for 20- year Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations.</p> <p>Japan is amongst few other countries in the world that has contributed a lot for the development of our Country Timor-Leste. In celebration of the 20 year anniversary of diplomatic relation of Timor-Leste and Japan, 16 youths from Timor-Leste were selected to participate the online exchange program to strengthen our diplomatic relation.</p> <p>During the session we discovered that Japan has a lot of attraction we people around the world highly recommended to see such as the Okinawa local cuisine, the local dancing University Club that so energetic and creative, the Hiroshima populations hard working in focusing on rebuild the city just in three days and the humbleness for peace building after the A-bomb numerous of dead and damaged and the interesting fact finding of the passionate Local Instrumental show from the parents in Japan. Very heart touching, Japan also promote our traditional fashion design call TAIS in their country beside we were also introduce to learn about Japan traditional fashion with three philosophical patterns call, Jinbana, Oibana and Kajimaya, we just Fall in love with this beautiful heroic design.</p> <p>We have discovered that our friends from Japan are so friendly and welcoming people as</p> <p>introduce to learn about Japan traditional fashion with three philosophical patterns call, Jinbana, Oibana and Kajimaya, we just Fall in love with this beautiful heroic design.</p> <p>We have discovered that our friends from Japan are so friendly and welcoming people as we can feel the hospitality virtually during the session. They always smile and bow before and after the show or in any kind of engaging activity and these lead us fall in love with Japan more deep.</p> <p>For everyone of us please visit Japan whenever you have a plan for it, because the people are so lovely there and the country is too beautiful with its tourist attractions to miss.</p> <p>Thank you so much, JCE's International Exchange Program 20's International for this amazing opportunity we will never forget.</p> <p>#JENESYS_ASEAN #JENESYS2022 #JENESYS #JCE #JENESYS</p>
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## 6. Action Plans for After Returning Home Presented at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

<p>The 20-year anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Timor-Leste and Japan (1)</p>	
	
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Plan: Disseminate what the participants learned and realized this time in a seminar format</li> <li>■ When: Between January 20 and 27</li> <li>■ Who: Group members</li> <li>■ Whom: Students, youths, volunteer organizations</li> </ul>	
<p>Hold Seminar to share what we have learned and found from this online program, to Students, Youth and Volunteer organization during 20-27 January 2023</p>	
<p>The 20-year anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Timor-Leste and</p>	



