

JENESYS2023 Timor-Leste Online Alumni Meeting Report

1. Program Overview

【Objective】 This program was held to provide updated knowledge of a designated theme and of the cooperative relationship between Timor-Leste and Japan to JENESYS alumni in Timor-Leste so they may gain greater knowledge of Japan. It also aimed to strengthen the alumni network and stimulate further alumni activities in the country.

【Participants】 Total: 15 alumni in Timor-Leste (participants from FY2015 – FY2022)
(including high school students to working youths and participants of past online inbound programs)

【Location】 Tokyo

【Program Schedule】

■ Online Alumni Meeting October 11, 2023 (Wed)

1. 【Opening remarks】

Ms. OTSUKA Nao, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste



【Lecture】 “Connecting Japan and Timor-Leste through Fair Trade”

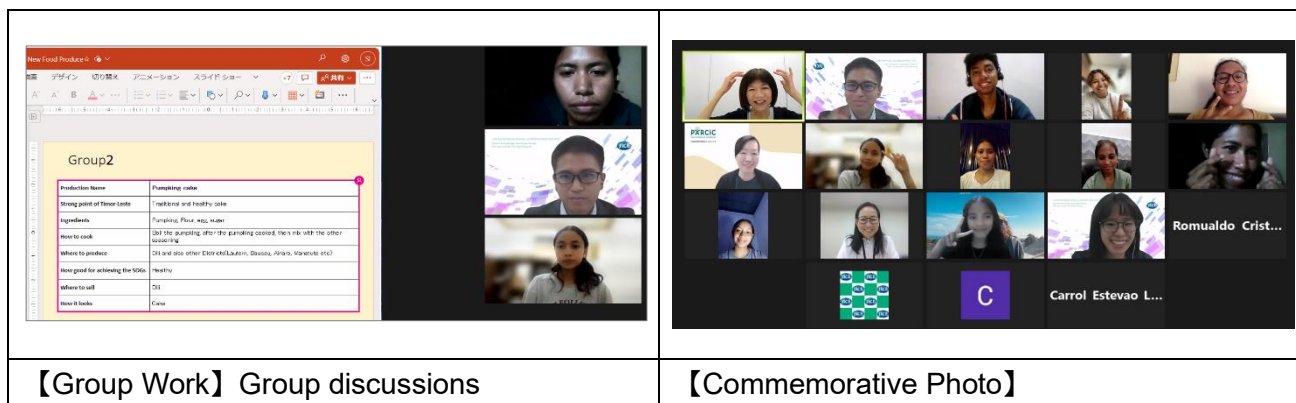
Lecturer: Ms. ROBERTS Keiko, Head of the fairtrade division, PARCIC

2. 【Group Work】 Group discussions

Theme: “What is the new food product that takes advantage of Timor-Leste's strengths?”

2. Program Photos

	
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3. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

◆ High School Student

Yesterday was a wonderful program. It was interesting, and I am thankful to JENESYS and JICE for promoting our local brand and helping the Timorese people. I appreciate it a lot.

◆ High School Student

I am truly amazed with this program and thankful to the organization for helping our local products, such as coffee, be imported to Japan.

This program helped me understand the importance of cooperation with Japan.

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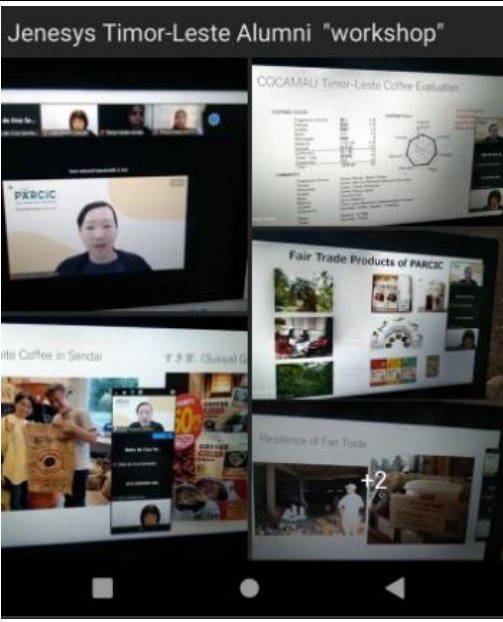
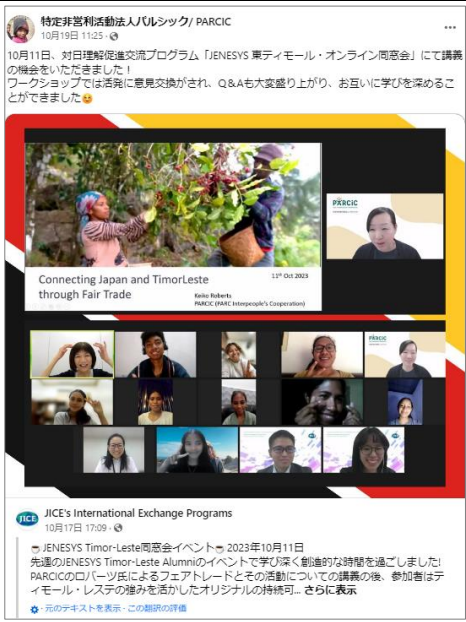
Today was a very interesting program. I learned about my own country Timor-Leste from the presentation by Ms. Roberts. I feel proud to be a Timorese. Thank you, Japanese people.

4. Voices from the Receiving Parties

◆ Lecturer

This program was a good opportunity to introduce the activities and operations of Japanese NGOs in Timor-Leste to young people besides the local staff in the country. I hope my lecture will serve as some form of reference for them in the future, even if in a small way.

5. Disseminations by the Participants (excerpt)

	
<p>October 16, 2023 (Facebook etc.)</p> <p>JENESYS Timor-Leste Online Alumni “Workshop”</p>	<p>October 19, 2023 (Facebook)</p> <p>On October 11, I had the opportunity to give a lecture at the JENESYS Timor-Leste Online Alumni Meeting that was held as part of the Japan's Friendship Ties Program.</p> <p>The workshop provided a forum for mutual learning through a lively exchange of opinions and stimulating Q&As.</p>

6. Group Work Presentations by Participants

Group discussions: "What is the new food product that takes advantage of Timor-Leste's strengths?"

Presentations by a total of 3 groups

◆ Group 1

Group1

Production Name	Kontas cake
Strong point of Timor-Leste	It is very unique
Ingredients	Kontas, eggs, some flour, sugar and wather
How to cook	Bike it in the oven
Where to produce	In Timor-Leste, but get the kontas from the village, mostly in the cold place
How good for achieving the SDGs	It is good for Timor-Leste people, in terms of economy, because the agriculture can sell their local product,. The agriculture become more diligent to plant the kontas.
Where to sell	In the market, shop or restaurant
How it looks	It is looked nice and tasty

(Note) Kontas: A hardy plant whose roots are edible

◆ Group 2

Group2

Production Name	Pumpking cake
Strong point of Timor-Leste	Traditional and healthy cake
Ingredients	Pumpking, Flour, egg, sugar
How to cook	Boil the pumpking, after the pumpking cooked, then mix with the other seasoning
Where to produce	Dili and also other Districts(Lautem, Baucau, Ainaro, Manatuto etc)
How good for achieving the SDGs	Healthy
Where to sell	Dili and other District
How it looks	Cake

◆ Group 3

Group3

Production Name	Cassava chips
Strong point of Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste have a lot of cassava leaves, and it's a popular local food in all over Timor-Leste.
Ingredients	Cassava, cooking oil, salt, chili pepper
How to cook	Fry the cassava with oil, and then put salt and eat it with chili pepper
Where to produce	In Timor-Leste, and will get it a lot from the village in Timor-Leste
How good for achieving the SDGs	It's a eco-friendly, and from it can help timorenses people economics, have a good taste and nutrition
Where to sell	In the supermarket, souvenir shop, market, and all around Timor-Leste. In the future can export it to other country.
How it looks	A tasty cassava chips wrap in feeding jar.

Implementation Agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)