

JENESYS2023

Online Japan-Visit Advanced Program for JENESYS ASEAN Alumni Report (Theme: Japanese Language Education)

1. Program Overview

【Objective, Overview】

This programme was conducted from 25 September to 4 October 2023 (9 days in total) for alumni from the ASEAN region who have visited Japan under the JENESYS. Through webinars, virtual tours, discussions with experts, inter-participant discussions and exchange programmes specialising in ‘Japanese language education’, the programme aimed to (1) further promote understanding of Japan, (2) strengthen networking and (3) stimulate activities by alumni contributing to friendship and cooperation between ASEAN and Japan.

【Number of Participants/Breakdown】 Total: 54 alumni from ASEAN Member States and Timor-Leste (participants from FY2015 to FY2022)

(Breakdown) 2 from Brunei, 3 from Cambodia, 12 from Indonesia, 1 from the Lao PDR, 11 from Malaysia, 3 from Myanmar, 13 from the Philippines, 1 from Singapore, 4 from Thailand, 3 from Viet Nam, and 1 from Timor-Leste

【Locations】 Tokyo, Aichi

【Program Schedule】



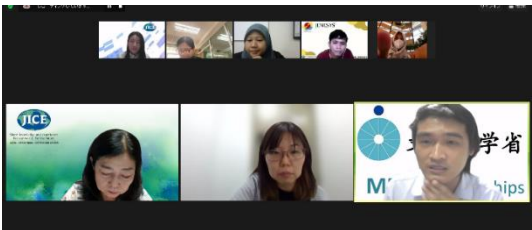

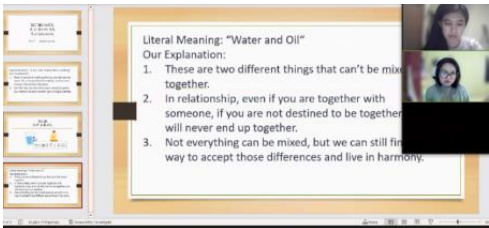

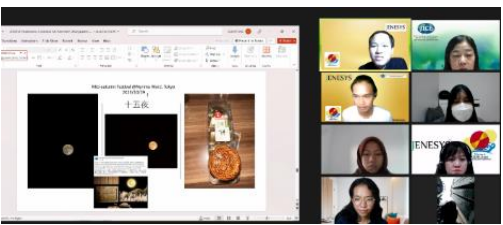
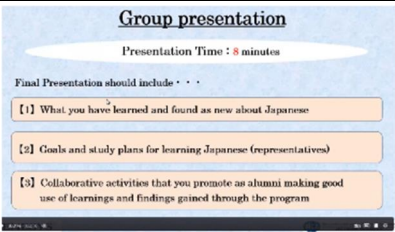
Sep. 25 (Mon)	【Orientation】
Sep. 26 (Tue)	【Opinion Exchange】 The Japanese Language learning Journey and Situation in the participants' countries.
Sep. 27 (Wed)	【Lecture】 “Japanese language education in ASEAN” Lecturer: Ms. OSADA Yurino, JOCV Alumni, Japanese language teacher
Sep. 28 (Thu)	【School Exchange】 Nanzan University
Sep. 29 (Fri)	【Lesson Experience】 Japanese Lesson Lecturer: Ms. TSUDA Haruka, JICE Chubu Office
Sep. 30 (Sat)	【Washoku Experience】 Introduction of Nagoya-meshi, a specialty of Nagoya City, Aichi and how to cook it Lecturer: Ms. ASANO Yuko, Owner of KURA Cooking KURA cooking, Ms. ASANO Yuko
Oct. 2 (Mon)	【Presentation and Exchange】 “Experience participating in JENESYS and life while studying in Japan” Presenter (JENESYS Alumnus): Mr. Ratchakith DHANYAJARATH-BHORN


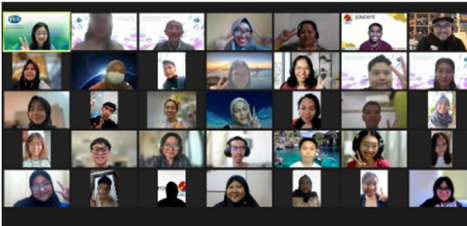
(note : Joint implementation with the JENESYS2023 Online Japan-Visit Advanced Program)

for JENESYS ASEAN Alumni (Theme: Startups)

- Oct. 3 (Tue) **【Workshop】** Summarizing program findings (for a second time) and preparation of action plans
- Oct. 4 (Wed) **【Address by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs】** Mr. TAKAMIZU Hidero, Director, Regional Cooperation Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 【Reporting Session】** Presentation of program findings (for a second time) and action plans

2. Program Photos

	
<p>September 25 【Orientation】</p> 	<p>September 26 【Opinion Exchange】</p> 
<p>September 27 【Theme Related Lecture】 “Japanese language education in ASEAN”</p> 	<p>September 28 【School Exchange】 Nanzan University</p> 
<p>September 29 【Experience】 Japanese Lesson</p>	<p>September 30 【Washoku Experience】 How to make Nagoya-meshi</p>
	
<p>October 2 【Presentation and Exchange】 With JENESYS Alumni</p>	<p>October 3 【Workshop】</p>

	
<p>October 4 【Reporting Session】 Presentation of program findings</p>	<p>October 4 【Reporting Session】 Commemorative Photo</p>

3. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

◆ Working Youth (Indonesia) – Undergraduate Student from FY2021

I'm very happy to be able to join this JENESYS Alumni Program and to gain more international experience. Each day of the 9 day-long program was very entertaining and informational. I learned a lot by meeting many people of different nationalities, races, and cultures. I also deeply appreciate all the people from JICE and outside JICE who contributed to running this program smoothly. I truly enjoyed this program, although I missed some sessions, and I will definitely be more enthusiastic in learning Japanese as well as the Japanese culture with an open mind.

◆ Working Youth (Malaysia) – Undergraduate Student from FY2018

From this program, I learned about Japanese culture, proverbs, ways to learn Japanese, and so on. I feel happy that we had the opportunity to meet with alumni from other countries and to also interact with Japanese university students. Overall, I feel happy and satisfied with this program. Hopefully JICE can organise more programs in the future.

◆ Working Youth/Administrative Official (Indonesia) – Working Youth/Administrative Official from FY2022

I am very happy to be able to join the JENESYS Alumni Program activities, because I gained a lot of positive input, new knowledge, new information, and new enthusiasm about Japanese language education. I may not yet be fluent in Japanese, but I have the enthusiasm to encourage my children to learn Japanese from an early age. After all, Japan is a big brother to the ASEAN nations. Moreover, future geopolitics require ASEAN nations to cooperate with other nations in a spirit of friendship and mutual understanding. Thank you for sharing the session.

4. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)

◆ Alum who served as the Presenter


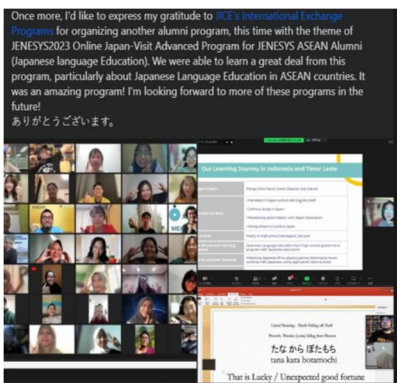
During the group program, I was able to hold exchanges with people who are interested in Japan and gain a wealth of new knowledge. Furthermore, through presentations and exchanges with overseas participants, I developed a stronger desire to learn more about Japan.

◆ Washoku Lecturer

I am deeply grateful for the wonderful time we shared. As this was my first experience giving a lecture in this program, I was worried of how it would turn out. However, I am greatly pleased with

everyone's feedback which indicated that they appreciated my lecture.



5. Disseminations by the Participants (excerpt)

 <p>For this session, we talked with the Nanzan University students! What I like most about this session is when someone shared to us the meaning of Frog-ization!</p> <p>蛙化現象 "frog-ization"</p> <p>好きな人が、自分のことを好きになってくれたのに、きもちわるくかんじること</p> <p>→ falling out of love</p> <p>You like someone. But once that person likes you, you feel him/her creepy. Yes! Such word exists in Japan</p>	 <p>Once more, I'd like to express my gratitude to JENESYS International Exchange Program for organizing another alumni program, this time with the theme of JENESYS2023 Online Japan-Visit Advanced Program for JENESYS ASEAN Alumni (Japanese language Education). We were able to learn a great deal from this program, particularly about Japanese Language Education in ASEAN countries. It was an amazing program! I'm looking forward to more of these programs in the future!</p> <p>ありがとうございます。</p> <p>That is Lucky / Unexpected good future</p>
<p>September 28, 2023 (Instagram)</p> <p>In this session, we talked with Nanzan University students! What I enjoyed most about this session was when someone shared with us the meaning of Frog-ization! Yes! Such a word exists in Japan.</p> <p>(note : Frog-ization is a psychological term that refers to the phenomenon in which a person who likes a person becomes averse to that person when it becomes apparent that the person likes them back.)</p>	<p>October 4, 2023 (Instagram)</p> <p>Once more I'd like to express my gratitude to for organizing another alumni program, this time with the theme of JENESYS 2023 Online Japan-Visit Advanced Program for JENESYS ASEAN Alumni (Japanese Language Education). We were able to learn a great deal from this program, particularly about Japanese language education in ASEAN countries. It was an amazing program! I'm looking forward to more of these programs in the future.</p>

6. Presentations of Program Findings and Action Plan at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

Locations: Tokyo, Aichi

Excerpts from the seven group presentations

 <p>Japanese Language Education</p> <p>Group 3</p>	 <p>FINDINGS AND LEARNINGS ABOUT JAPANESE</p>
<p>【What we Learned】</p> <p>We learned dialects and slang. Onomatopoeia is also often used, so we looked up words other than those we learned in the lecture. From the lectures given by alumni, and by participating in various related events and activities while studying Japanese, students improve their Japanese and gain a variety of knowledge. We were encouraged</p>	<p>【What we Learned】</p> <p>We found that many people in ASEAN studied Japanese because of anime and manga, and many of them wanted to learn more. Although we felt that our conversational skills were limited when interacting with Japanese university students (from Nanzan University), we tried to talk as much as possible to deepen their understanding. Since the</p>

<p>to be ambitious about ourselves and our profession.</p> <p>【Goals and study plans for learning Japanese】</p> <p>There are many ways to learn Japanese, including textbooks, Japanese songs, apps, and anime. It is important to continue studying in whatever way you wish or are able to do. We thought it would be good to interact with Japanese people and people who are interested in the same things as us.</p> <p>【Action Plan】</p> <p>We think it would be great if there is a way to have conversations through the partnership system. We think it would also be great if we could learn Japanese in a community.</p>	<p>ingredients in Japanese cuisine (Nagoya-meshi) could be prepared in our own countries, we thought it was a type of Asian cuisine rather than something completely different. From the lectures of the alumni (living in Japan), we learned that we can improve our Japanese by participating in events that interest us, and that we can contribute to promoting relations between ASEAN countries and Japan.</p> <p>【Goals and study plans for learning Japanese】</p> <p>The goal of learning Japanese is to travel to and/or work in Japan, and if you are a teacher, to teach what you have learned to students. We can find Japanese friends in a community or online, or go to a Japanese language school.</p> <p>【Action Plan】</p> <p>We will create videos and other things that promote Japanese on Facebook and other social networking sites. Alumni who are teachers will share what they learned with their students in workshops and other events.</p>
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Implementation Agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)