

JENESYS2024 Indonesia-Japan Marine related Exchange for Young Diplomats and Governmental Officials (Invitation Program) Report

1. Program Overview

【Objectives and Overview】 From February 18 to 25, 2025, a delegation of 16 officials from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries and the Marine Police visited Japan. The objective of the visit was for them to deepen their understanding of Japan by learning about initiatives in the fields of maritime security and fisheries, and by engaging in exchanges of views with Japanese counterparts. The delegation visited Tokyo and Hokkaido, where they attended lectures and conducted site visits related to maritime security and fisheries. They also experienced Japanese culture through homestays and actively shared their experiences and learnings in Japan through social media and other platforms, thereby contributing to the promotion of mutual understanding and enhanced cooperation between the two countries.

【Participants】

Total: 16 officials from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries and the Marine Police

【Locations】 Tokyo 16, Hokkaido 16

【Schedule】

This program was held jointly in part with the “JENESYS2024 Malaysia-Japan Marine related Exchange (Invitation Program)”

■ Online Pre-study Program :

Feb. 12 (Wed) **【Pre-departure Orientation】**

Set Period Prior to Arrival **【Task-based Learning (VOD)】** “Overview/Mission”, “Lecture on Japan”, “Study Japanese Culture in Kyoto”, “Learning Japanese”

■ Invitation Program :

Feb. 18 (Tue) Arrival at Narita International Airport

【Post-arrival Orientation】

- Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Officials Group

【Observation】 Asakusa

【Theme Related Lecture】

“Overview of the Organization of the Fisheries Agency”

Lecturer: Mr. IIDA Takeru, Assistant Director, Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Office, International Affairs Division, Fisheries Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- Marine Police Officials Group


【Theme Related Lecture】 “Overall for Japan Coast Guard “

Lecturer: Mr. IWASHITA Ryusuke, Section Chief of Planning Section,

	International Strategy Division, Japan Coast Guard
Feb. 19 (Wed)	【Theme Related Observation】 Fisheries Agency's Fisheries Research Vessel "Kaiyo Maru" 【Theme Related Observation】 Japan Coast Guard Museum YOKOHAMA
Feb. 20 (Thu)	Travel from Tokyo to Hokkaido 【Cultural Experience】 Kimono wearing experience
Feb. 21 (Fri)	【Courtesy Call】 Mr. KINOSHITA Hirohumi, Director, International Affairs, Bureau of International Affairs, Hokkaido Government 【Observation】 Walk around Otaru Canal with a guide and Otaru Canal Cruise 【Meeting with the Host Families】
Feb. 22 (Sat)	【Homestay】
Feb. 23 (Sun)	【Farewell Party with the Host Families】 Travel from Hokkaido to Tokyo
Feb. 24 (Mon)	【Workshop】 Preparations for the Reporting Session (summarizing program findings, confirming social media posts, preparation of action plans) 【Reporting Session】 Presentation of program findings and action plans
Feb. 25 (Tue)	Departure from Narita International Airport

2. Program Photos

Invitation Program

	
February 18, 2025 【Theme Related Lecture】 “Overview of the Organization of the Fisheries Agency” (Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Officials Group)	February 18, 2025 【Theme Related Lecture】 “Overall for Japan Coast Guard” (Marine Police Officials Group)
	
February 19, 2025 【Theme Related Observation】	February 19, 2025 【Theme Related Observation】 Japan Coast Guard Museum YOKOHAMA

Fisheries Agency's Fisheries Research Vessel
"Kaiyo Maru"



February 20, 2025 【Cultural Experience】
Kimono wearing experience



February 21, 2025 【Observation】
Walk around Otaru Canal and Otaru Canal Cruise



February 22, 2025 【Homestay】



February 21, 2025 【Courtesy call】 Mr. KINOSHITA
Hirohumi, Director, International Affairs, Bureau of
International Affairs, Hokkaido Government



February 21, 2025
【Meeting with the Host Families】



February 23, 2025
【Farewell Party with the Host Families】



3. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)**◆ Governmental Official (National Police)**

At the Japan Coast Guard Museum Yokohama, we learned about the history of what once took place in Japanese waters. As evidence of the existence of the North Korean spy ship, a salvaged ship from the bottom of the sea was displayed in the center of the museum. Along with this, there was a video to support the facts so that visitors like us could understand the reality of what had actually happened, and we were all impressed by the Japan Coast Guard's fearless response to the spy ship.

I was also fortunate to have a homestay family that shared the same interests as mine, and from the time I woke up in the morning to the time I went to bed, I was continuously able to learn about the Japanese way of life. I was also able to see an owl in person at a park in the forest near my homestay. I was taken to the Hokkaido Museum and learned a lot about the history of Hokkaido. The museum houses many historical artifacts and is open to the public. It was very interesting and made for a memorable experience.

◆ Governmental Official (National Search and Rescue Agency)

The best part of being able to visit the Fisheries Agency's Fisheries Research Vessel "Kaiyo Maru" was the friendly welcome we received from the captain and crew, who explained in detail the vessel's specifications, capacity, capabilities, activities, and the latest technology it possesses.

◆ Governmental Official (Ministry of Transportation)

Japan's culture of discipline, punctuality, and adherence to regulations contributes greatly to transportation safety, including at sea. With its organized work systems, diligent work ethic, and sense of cleanliness and environmental responsibility, Japan is a model for port management and maritime safety. By emulating this culture, Indonesia can surely improve its management of the maritime sector to be more progressive and sustainable, ensure schedule accuracy, adhere to safety standards, and maintain clean seas.

4. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)**◆ Lecturer**

I could tell from the active questions from the program participants that the Indonesian governmental officials were quite interested in the efforts of the Japanese government. While there have been various exchanges between Indonesia and Japan in the field of fisheries, including overseas fisheries cooperation, it was a valuable opportunity to hear from Indonesian governmental officials engaged in on-the-ground duties about the differences between the Indonesian and Japanese governments' approaches, the organization and approaches of the Fisheries Agency, and their different interests. We will continue to be considerate and attentive in our interactions with not only the people of Indonesia but with all of our overseas counterparts.

◆ Host Family

The first morning I asked them to shovel snow with me before we left, and then the next morning they went outside and shoveled snow with me again without me even asking, and I thought that was amazing. It was very interesting to learn about various things about Indonesia, an island country that is horizontally long in contrast to Japan, an island country that is vertically long. We were able to enjoy long conversations, and I think they were able to relax in our home.


◆ Host Family

We did our daily routine and had them shovel snow with us, and then together we went to the Central Wholesale Market in the morning, and rode the Okurayama Lift to go to the Olympic Museum. Since they came from a country where there is no snow, I thought they would enjoy shoveling some, which they couldn't do on a normal sightseeing trip. I would like to learn to speak a little Indonesian. I was surprised that one of the participants had never studied Japanese at all, but understood Japanese quite well just by studying the Japanese conversation booklet provided by JICE.

◆ Observation Destination Representative

I am now very interested in Indonesia's culture, resources, and its people. I also received some nice souvenirs, so I will use this as an opportunity to learn more about Indonesia. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity.

5. Disseminations by the Participants (excerpt), Articles, etc.

<p>Kegiatan akuu setelah 2 hari di Tokyo, Jepang dalam rangka mengikuti program JENESYS yang diselenggarakan oleh Pemerintah Jepang. Selama di Tokyo, kami mendapatkan lecture tentang Japan Coast Guard. Selain itu kami jg mengadakan kunjungan ke Kapal Kaiyomaru dan juga museum JCG di Yokohama. Banyak pengetahuan yg kami dapat, seperti masalah apa saja yg dialami oleh pemerintah Jepang dalam mengamankan laut teritorial mereka beserta dg hasil alamnya dan juga bagaimana mereka mengatasi masalah tsb. Kami jg jadi mengetahui beberapa hal yg mungkin dpt dipertimbangkan oleh Indonesia sebagai 1 langkah dalam mengamankan maritim negara ini. Salah satunya dg memiliki/menambah armada kapal survey dan pengawak yg memadai. Selama ini kita hanya memiliki kapal patroli saja namun kurang memperhatikan utk adanya kapal survey spt kapal Kaiyomaru. #Jenesys_Asean #Jenesys2024</p> 	 <p>Kegiatan hari pertama JENESYS 2024 Indonesia - Japan Marine related Exchange for Youth Diplomat and Governmental Official (Invitation Program) Tokyo, 18 Februari 2025 :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Orientasi di Kantor JICE di Shinjuku dengan Koordinator Mrs. Kaoru Kawanishi dari JICE 2. Observasi di Distrik Asakusa, salah satunya adalah mengunjungi kuil Senso-ji yang merupakan kuil Budha kuno dan merupakan kuil tertua di Tokyo dan pada masa sekarang menjadi salah satu destinasi favorit di Tokyo untuk warga lokal maupun mancanegara 3. Berkunjung ke Kantor Kementerian Pertanian, Kehutanan, dan Perikanan Jepang, di sini kami belajar terutama tentang cara Negara Jepang dalam menangani Tata Kelola Perikanan Secara Berkelanjutan sebagaimana kita ketahui Jepang sendiri memiliki wilayah laut yang lebih luas daripada daratannya dan merupakan negara maju terutama dalam inovasi dan teknologi. Kunjungan kali ini dijelaskan secara dengan sangat baik dan ramah oleh Mr. Iida dari Japan Fisheries Agency.
<p>February 20, 2025 (Facebook) Governmental Official (Maritime Security Agency) I participated in a lecture on the Japan Coast Guard in Tokyo as part of the JENESYS program sponsored by the Japanese government. Through visits to the fisheries research vessel "Kaiyo Maru"</p>	<p>February 20, 2025 (Instagram) Governmental Official (Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries) We visited the government building of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Mr. Iida of the Fisheries Agency was friendly and thoroughly</p>

and the Japan Coast Guard Museum Yokohama, we learned what the JCG has experienced and how it has responded to situations to ensure the safety of Japanese waters. Based on this, I felt that what Indonesia needs to consider is to increase the number of fisheries research vessels and assign capable crew. Currently, Indonesia only has patrol vessels, so we have not been focusing on fisheries research vessels like the Kaiyo Maru.

explained how Japan's sea area is larger than its land area and how Japan, as a country with advanced technological innovation, is implementing sustainable fisheries management.



Otaru Canal (小樽運河, Otaru Unga) adalah sebuah kanal bersejarah di kota Otaru, Hokkaido, Jepang. Dibangun pada awal abad ke-20, kanal ini dulunya berfungsi sebagai jalur transportasi bagi kapal-kapal kecil yang membawa barang dari pelabuhan ke gudang-gudang di sekitarnya.

Saat ini, Otaru Canal menjadi destinasi wisata populer dengan pemandangan romantis, terutama saat malam hari ketika lampu-lampu klasik menerangi kanal. Di sepanjang kanal, terdapat gudang-gudang tua yang telah diubah menjadi restoran, kafe, dan museum. Setiap Februari, kanal ini menjadi lokasi utama Otaru Snow Light Path Festival, di mana lilin-lilin dalam es menerangi suasana musim dingin yang indah.
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"Mengenakan kimono dan yukata bukan hanya tentang pakaian, tetapi juga memahami sejarah, filosofi, dan keindahan budaya Jepang. Setiap lipatan dan simpul obi mengajarkan kesabaran, ketelitian, dan penghormatan terhadap tradisi—nilai-nilai yang juga bisa kita adopsi dalam budaya Indonesia. Sebuah pengalaman berharga yang menginspirasi!" 🇮🇩
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February 21, 2025 (Facebook)

Governmental Official (Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries)

The Otaru Canal is one of the most historic canals in Japan and was built in Otaru, Hokkaido in the 20th century.



The canal was used as a waterway for small boats to transport goods from the port to nearby warehouses. Today, Otaru is a famous tourist spot, especially at night for its romantic night views.

The warehouses lining the canal are now restaurants, cafes, and there is even a museum.

February 24, 2025 (Instagram)



Governmental Official (Marine Police)

We had the opportunity to try on kimonos and yukatas. Not only that, but we were also exposed to the history, philosophy, and beauty of Japanese culture. We learned that even the creases of a kimono and the simplicity of an obi express respect, delicacy, and reverence for tradition, which is something that should be incorporated into Indonesian culture. It was an inspiring and valuable experience.

	
<p>March 3, 2025 (Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Japan's website)</p> <p>"Introduction of the FY2024 Japan's Friendship Ties Program 'JENESYS2024' Indonesia-Japan Marine related Exchange for Young Diplomats and Governmental Officials (Invitation Program)"</p>	<p>March 4, 2025 (Radio Republic Indonesia (RRI))</p> <p>"Strengthening Maritime Cooperation, 16 Indonesian Youth Take Part in JENESYS Program in Japan"</p>

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

Locations: Tokyo, Hokkaido (Presentations by a total of 2 groups)

Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Officials Group	
	
<p>【Results of the Program】</p> <p>◆ Learnings about Japan:</p> <p>We enjoyed the old streets of Asakusa. At the Hokkaido Government Office, we attended a lecture on the utilization of foreign human resources. During the kimono dressing experience and homestay, we learned about the Japanese way of life.</p> <p>◆ Learnings about the theme:</p> <p>We learned about Japan's efforts to conserve fishery resources at the Fisheries Agency lecture, about the activities of research vessels at a visit to the fisheries research vessel "Kaiyo Maru," and about Japan's Coast Guard efforts at the Japan Coast Guard Museum Yokohama.</p> <p>【Action Plan】</p> <p>We will implement the following action plan to protect marine resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of our group will sort trash on their respective vessels. (Daily) • We will conduct beach cleanup activities with local fishermen, etc. as part of a "Sea Day Campaign." (Once a month) 	

- We will plant mangrove trees together with the government and residents living near the coast. (Once a month)
- We will use stickers for fishermen to ensure the safety of their boats. (Daily)
- We will use drones in order to make use of advanced technology that is not fully utilized. (Tentative)
- We will conduct educational activities for marine resource conservation at schools. (Tentative)

Marine Police Officials Group



【Results of the Program】

◆ Learnings about Japan:

We learned about traditional culture practiced in Japan, including sorting trash and the tea ceremony.

◆ Learnings about the theme:

We learned about the Japan Coast Guard's different initiatives, the activities of research vessels by inspecting the fisheries research vessel "Kaiyo Maru," and about how the Japan Coast Guard responded to a spy ship situation years ago by visiting the Japan Coast Guard Museum Yokohama and seeing the actual salvaged ship.

【Action Plan】

We will disseminate information about the customs and culture that we learned in Japan, especially about sorting trash, on social media using videos, photos, articles, etc. All members of the group will make posts on social media to reach a larger number of people, from the people they work with to the general public and those around them, from mid-March to May, three months after returning to Indonesia.

We plan to obtain permission from the workplace supervisor for activities using social media starting in February 2025, create a concept for dissemination starting around March, and begin dissemination in April, and report on the results in May.

Implementation Agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)