



## **JENESYS2025 ASEAN-Japan Alumni Study Program (Theme: Alumni Connect Camp)**

### **1. Program Overview**

#### **【Objectives and Overview】**

This program was implemented with the aim of building a community and strengthening networks among alumni across participating years and countries through one-night, two-day group-based fieldwork and workshops. Participants included alumni from various countries who had taken part in the JENESYS invitation program and are currently residing in Japan, as well as Japanese alumni of the JENESYS dispatch program.

In addition, through the experiences gained in this program, it also sought to enhance collaborative skills among JENESYS alumni and to provide an opportunity to consider future alumni activities in Japan.

**【Participants】** Total: 40 alumni from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and Japan  
(Breakdown) Cambodia 1, Indonesia 3, Lao PDR 6, Malaysia 4, Myanmar 8, Japan 8, the Philippines 5, Viet Nam 5

**【Location】** Tokyo 40

#### **【Schedule】**

■ Alumni Study Program: March 14 - 15, 2026 (Sat - Sun)

March 14, 2026 (Sat)

1. **【Orientation】** Orientation, Icebreaker
2. **【Exchange among Participants】** Alumni Café #1: Group Discussion
3. **【Exchange】** Connecting through Discovery: Asakusa & Mukojima Fieldwork Mission Challenge

March 15, 2026 (Sun)

1. **【Exchange among Participants】** Alumni Café #2: How JENESYS Reshaped My Worldview
2. **【Workshop】** Preparations for the Reporting Session (30-Second Video Production, Program Takeaways, Alumni Network Proposal)
3. **【Reporting Session】** Presentation on the video, key learnings from this program, and future alumni activities

## 2. Program Photos

### Alumni Study Program



March 14, 2026 【Orientation】



March 14, 2026 【Orientation】 Icebreaker



March 14, 2026 【Exchange among Participants】 Alumni Café #1



March 14, 2026 【Exchange】 Fieldwork



March 14, 2026 【Exchange】 Fieldwork



March 14, 2026 【Group photo】



March 15, 2026 【Exchange among Participants】 Alumni Café #2



March 15, 2026 【Workshop】



March 15, 2026 【Reporting Session】



March 15, 2026 【Group photo】

### 3. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

#### ◆ University Student (Myanmar)

I gained through communication with other countries in English and understanding with each other. So, I'm so glad about it. In the future, I will participate in the next alumni program for deeper understanding with each other. It's a short term connect camp but also of memories.

#### ◆ University Student (Japan)

Over the two days, we were able to deepen our teamwork while also learning about the local culture. Alumni Café on the first day was a great opportunity to quickly remember many participants' names, and using favorite foods as a conversation starter made it much easier to talk with others. I would like to do this activity in the international exchange event at my university.

The fieldwork was also a valuable experience. In addition to learning about each spot we visited, we were able to practice time management and cooperation across nationalities, which made the activity meaningful.

I also appreciated the second day's Alumni Café. By hearing about each person's experiences, I felt that we were able to have much deeper conversations during lunch and in the final free-talk session afterwards. Overall, every part of the program was designed in a way that encouraged communication and interaction among participants, and I truly felt it was a valuable program.

#### ◆ University Student (Viet Nam)

The program gave me a rare and valuable opportunity to reconnect with fellow JENESYS alumni from ASEAN in Japan and to forge new friendships that I hope will grow into lasting collaborations.

The cultural activities in Asakusa were particularly memorable. They reminded me why Japan continues to inspire so many of us, not just as a destination, but as a model of how tradition and innovation can coexist thoughtfully.

What struck me most, however, was the energy in the room. There is a shared sense of purpose among alumni who have each carried their JENESYS experience and continued to build bridges in their own ways. This reunion rekindled that spirit and gave it new direction.

Having completed the program, with renewed enthusiasm and a clearer sense of how I can contribute to strengthening Japan-ASEAN ties in my own field.

◆ **Working Youth (the Philippines)**

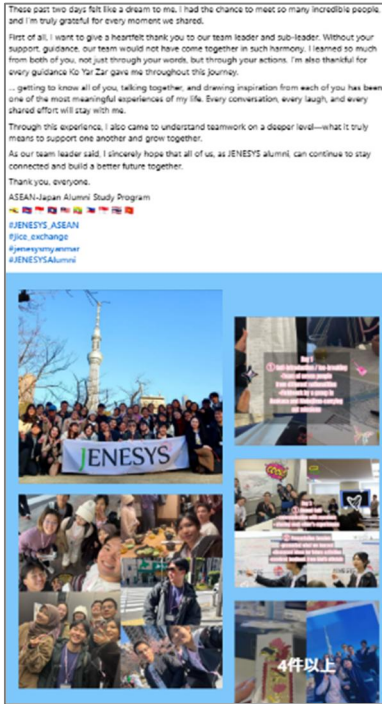
Although we came from different JENESYS programs, we still have a lot of shared experiences that we can draw inspiration from. Transferring ideas and knowledge from the current to the future JENESYS participants and alumni.

◆ **Working Youth (Indonesia)**

We truly appreciate the opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni and reflect on our journeys. The program was well-organized and meaningful, and it gave us new motivation for our future. We are very grateful for your continuous support and guidance.

**5. Disseminations by the Participants (excerpt)**

<p>March 15, 2026 (Facebook) Undergraduate Student (Lao PDR) It has been 10 years since my journey with JICE first began, and being back for the JENESYS 2025 ASEAN-Japan Alumni Study Program (Alumni Connect Camp) feels like coming home. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for being given the opportunity through this program to reunite with old friends and to build new connections. It's been inspiring to hear how everyone has been contributing to society over the past decade. JENESYS has been a true driving force of growth for many alumni, nurturing us into who we are today. I am proud to say that I am a product of this incredible quality building experience. So grateful for the lessons learned and the friendships renewed.</p>	<p>March 16, 2026 (Instagram) Graduate Student (Japan) It has been two years since I participated in the JENESYS in Malaysia. This time, I participated in an exchange program where JENESYS graduates gather. We had discussions and fieldwork with many students and working youth of different nationalities, and we had a wonderful network. I will continue to learn and communicate about Japanese culture through inbound guides and international exchange organizations at universities.</p>



March 17, 2026 (Facebook)  
 Graduate Student (Myanmar)

These past two days felt like a dream to me. I had the chance to meet so many incredible people, and I'm truly grateful for every moment we shared.

Getting to know all of you, talking together, and drawing inspiration from each of you have been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. Every conversation, every laugh, and every shared effort will stay with me.

Through this experience, I also came to understand teamwork on a deeper level—what it truly means to support one another and grow together.

I sincerely hope that all of us, as JENESYS alumni, can continue to stay connected and build a better future together.



March 20, 2026 (Instagram)  
 Working Youth (Indonesia)

DAY 1 -The Adventure Begins!

On Day 1, we were randomly divided into 6 teams, each consisting of 6–7 members.

Each team was a mix of JENESYS alumni from different programs and countries.

After a short introduction and briefing, we set off with a map and mission sheets from the JENESYS team to explore and learn about various interesting, unique, and cultural spots around the Asakusa and Mukojima areas.


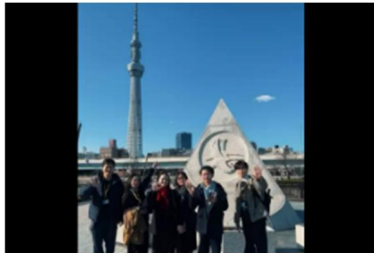

We visited places such as

- Asakusa Shrine, which is widely known around the world;
- Hikan Inari Shrine, famous for its countless fox statues;
- Matsuchiyama Shoden Temple, where radishes and small offerings symbolize health and good fortune;
- Sakurabashi Bridge, a scenic pedestrian bridge connecting both sides of the Sumida River;

	<p>- and Sumida Park, where we encountered friendly wildlife and beautiful spots that become especially stunning during cherry blossom season.</p> <p>As a team of seven, we covered around 8 km, completing 9 destinations and 14 missions throughout the journey.</p>
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**6. Presentations of Program Findings at the Reporting Session (excerpt)**

Locations: Tokyo – Presentation by a total of 6 groups



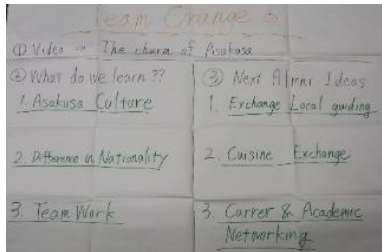
<b>Group Yellow</b>		
		
<p>(1) A portion of images from the fieldwork video. (2) and (3) Poster paper used for the presentations.</p>		

**【Results of the Program】**

1. Screening of the fieldwork video (see pictures)
2. Key takeaways from the alumni reunion

We learned many new things in Asakusa and Mukojima although we have visited there many times. And we talked with locals and learned about new cultures. To complete as many check points as possible, we planned and collaborated.

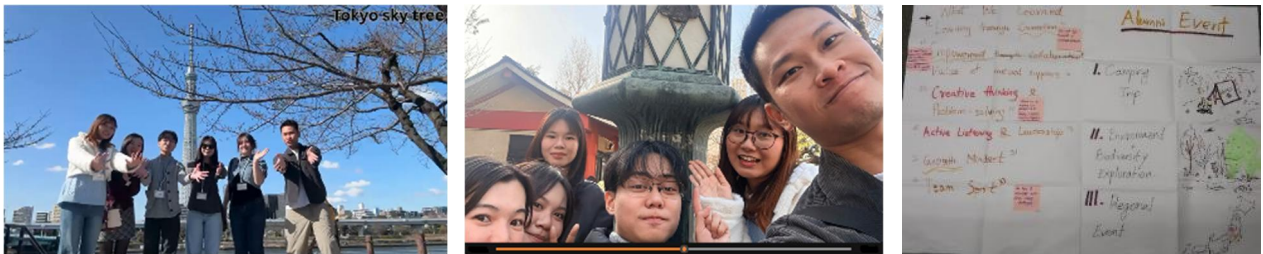
3. Future expectations and proposals for alumni events
  - Cultural Exchange
  - JENESYS Alumni Platform
  - Information Sharing (mentorship, job hunting)
  - Volunteers (like JICE Coordinators)

<b>Group Orange</b>		
		
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### 【Results of the Program】

1. Screening of the fieldwork video (see pictures)
2. Key takeaways from the alumni reunion
  - We were able to learn about aspects of Asakusa's culture—and by extension, Japanese culture—that we hadn't known before.
  - We realized the difference in nationality
  - We were able to build a teamwork to complete the mission
3. Future expectations and proposals for alumni events
  - Alumni give guided tours of the areas where they live
  - Introduction of cuisine in each country
  - Exchanging information and building networks regarding employment and further education

### Group Blue



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### 【Results of the Program】

1. Screening of the fieldwork video (see pictures)
2. Key takeaways from the alumni reunion
  - Learning through connection: we worked together toward a common purpose
  - Empowerment through collaboration: we learned how empowering collaboration can be when individuals from diverse backgrounds come together and exchange ideas.
  - Mutual Support: We truly realized the importance of supporting one another.
  - Creative thinking and problem solving: this has allowed us to explore new perspectives and develop innovative solutions together
  - We developed the ability to listen deeply to others and demonstrate leadership.
  - We are able to develop a mindset for taking challenges without fear of failure and continuing to learn. Growth mindset
  - Team spirit: we helped and encouraged each other during challenges in our fieldwork
3. Future expectations and proposals for alumni events
  - Camping Trip
  - Event to study about environment and biodiversity exploration
  - Regional event/networking: as alumni live in different regions, and they can exchange information on their regions

## Group Red

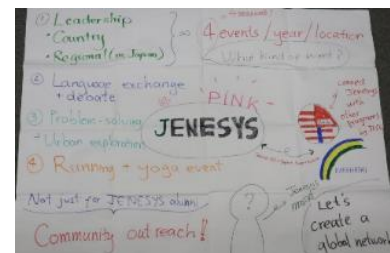
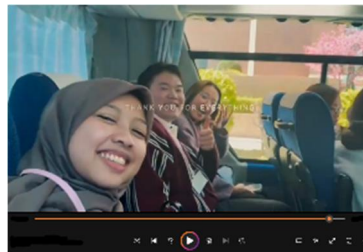
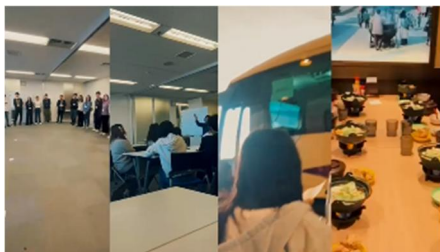


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### 【Results of the Program】

1. Screening of the fieldwork video (see pictures)
2. Key takeaways from the alumni reunion
  - Cultural Discovery beyond sightseeing; We were able to do more than just see the scenery; we were able to experience the true essence of the place.
  - Connection and building networking; It was a valuable opportunity to meet new people and strengthen the bonds among participants.
  - Co-creation and Collaboration; We learned the importance of pooling our wisdom and working together to create something.
3. Future expectations and proposals for alumni events
  - To host this event other than Tokyo
  - School Exchange :Exchange with junior high and senior high schools
  - Providing and supporting opportunities for alumni scattered across Japan and around the world to exchange information and engage in cultural exchange
  - Information exchange on employment, career development and further education
  - Better structuring of the alumni program such as to extend current 2-day program

## Group Pink



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### 【Results of the Program】

1. Screening of the fieldwork video (see pictures)
3. Future expectations and proposals for alumni events
 

To strengthen the bonds between alumni who have not previously had the opportunity to connect, we propose the following events. We believe that smaller-scale events are more sustainable, and plan to hold them four times a year, organized by season and region. The details of these events are as follows:

- Building a leadership networking by country or by region (to select a leader among alumni in each region or each country to reach out the others)
- Language exchange, debate (since Japanese alumni have few opportunities to practice languages, it would be beneficial to have opportunities for multilingual debates and conversation)
- Event such as problem solving, urban exploration (when people are facing various problems, they have no one to turn to for advice. We want people in similar situations to come together and work toward finding solutions.)
- Exchange event such as running and yoga practice
- Connection beyond JENESYS, with KAKEHASHI, MIRAI, and alumni of other projects to create a global network
- Mascot character production such as making key chains

### Group Green



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#### 【Results of the Program】

1. Screening of the fieldwork video (see pictures)
2. Key takeaways from the alumni reunion

##### Three Cs

- Culture: We learned to offer Daikon, a Japanese radish at shrine and worshipped, and bring it home
- Communication: We planned with team how to ask people on the street to complete our mission
- Collaboration: We collaborated with team to take photos each other

3. Future expectations and proposals for alumni events

- Camp
- As alumni come from diverse positions, countries, and backgrounds, we propose creating opportunities for knowledge and information exchange. As a concrete example, we suggest organizing a three-day camp in which alumni gather and stay together at an Airbnb in Saitama Prefecture. During the program, participants can introduce their national cuisines and engage in activities such as games. This approach is expected to reduce costs, avoid crowded environments, and foster closer relationships among alumni.
- In addition, we aim to develop and leave behind a practical roadmap that can serve as a useful reference for future participants, so that the next generation can navigate their experience in Japan more smoothly without confusion.

Implementation Agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)