

JENESYS2025 ASEAN Online Alumni Meeting
Follow-up Project Report
(Theme: Exclusive Japanese Language Lesson for Alumni)

1. Program Overview

【Objectives and Overview】

This program was implemented with the aim of enhancing pro-Japan sentiment and Japan literacy among ASEAN alumni who previously participated in the JENESYS program, by providing opportunities for them to update their knowledge about Japan, specific thematic areas, and cooperation between their own countries and Japan. It also sought to promote continued interaction and collaboration among the alumni.

【Participants】 Total: 53 JENESYS ASEAN alumni from ASEAN Member States (AMS)

(Breakdown) Brunei 2, Indonesia 4, Lao PDR 1, Malaysia 13, Myanmar 5, the Philippines 13, Singapore 4, Thailand 1, Timor-Leste 10

【Schedule】

■ Online Alumni Meeting – March 25, 2026 (Wednesday)

1. Opening remarks, Icebreaker

2. **【Lecture】** “Exclusive Japanese Language Lesson for Alumni”

Lecturer: Ms. NITANI Sayaka, Japanese Language Instructor, Institute for Japanese Language Education and Career Support, Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)

【Group Exchange】 Japanese Language Practice in Level-Based Breakout Rooms

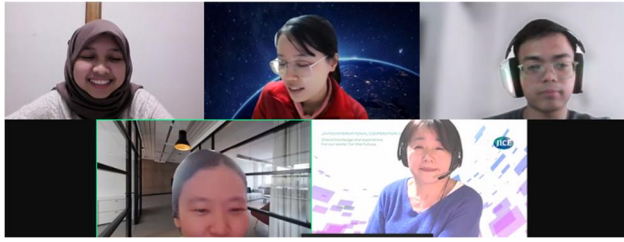
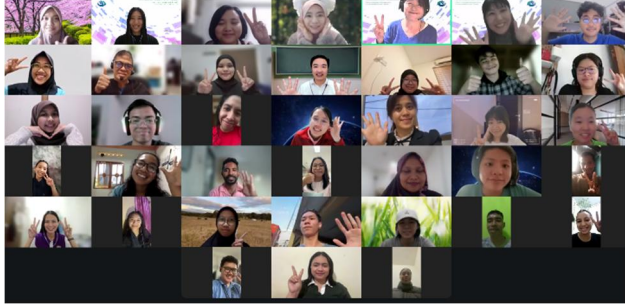
3. Q&A Session

4. Commemorative photos

5. Closing remarks

2. Program Photos

<p>【Lecture】 “Exclusive Japanese Language Lesson for Alumni”</p>	<p>【Group Exchange】 Japanese Language Practice</p>

	
<p>【Group Exchange】 Japanese Language Practice</p>	<p>Group photo</p>

3. Participants' Inquiries and Interests (excerpt)

- ◆ **Regarding Lecture “Exclusive Japanese Language Lesson for Alumni”**
 - How can I learn Keigo (honorific Japanese)?
 - Are there any apps that allow me to talk with native Japanese speakers?
 - Are there any recommended websites for finding a job in Japan?

4. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

◆ **Working Youth (The Philippines)**

Thanks to the way you taught not only grammar and vocabulary but also the cultural background behind them, the learning experience became much more enjoyable and meaningful. In particular, the interactive activities and practical conversation exercises helped me gain confidence in using Japanese. Your enthusiasm and thoughtful guidance also created a welcoming atmosphere that made it easy to participate, which was truly encouraging. I hope to continue building on what I learned this time and keep improving.

◆ **Undergraduate Student (Malaysia)**

I would be very happy if more workshops, programs, and events like this continue to be offered in the future. This format makes learning Japanese much easier, and I found it far more understandable than studying on my own. When I study by myself, I sometimes don't even know where to start, so opportunities like this are truly helpful.

◆ **Working Youth (Indonesia)**

It was fun learning Japanese with Nitani-sensei. The lesson was very beginner friendly.

5. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)

◆ **Japanese Language Instructor**

The grouping for the breakout discussions was well-matched to the participants' levels, and it was impressive to see how actively and happily everyone was engaging in conversation. I was also very pleased to hear that more than 50 people joined the session. I sincerely hope that all the participants will continue to work hard in their Japanese studies going forward.

6. Disseminations by the Participants (excerpt)

	
<p>March 28, 2026 (Facebook) Working Youth (Malaysia)</p> <p>Grateful for a meaningful learning experience. What made it even more special wasn't just the language learning, but the people. I had the privilege of connecting with fellow alumni and participants from across ASEAN.</p> <p>This program went beyond language, it was about building connections, sharing insights, and learning together through meaningful cross-cultural exchange.</p> <p>As a Japanese language trainer, experiences like this continue to affect how I teach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More cultural context More real-life communication More connections beyond textbooks <p>If you're currently learning Japanese (or thinking about starting), remember, your journey is not just about passing exams, but about opening doors to global connections like these.</p> <p>How has language learning helped you connect with people from different cultures?</p>	<p>March 25, 2026 (Facebook) Working Youth (Indonesia)</p> <p>This time, we learned about the Japanese language with Nitani-sensei. We discussed spring events in Japan and useful expressions related to them, especially since Ohanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing) season is just around the corner.</p> <p>During the breakout session, we talked about spring events in each participant's country. Since most of us were from ASEAN countries, I was asked the same question...and I was like, "Wait...we don't have spring." But then it hit me...what kind of events do we have in Indonesia? And honestly...I had no idea.</p> <p>This session made me realize that I don't really know my own country that well yet. Kind of ironic, right? It made me want to deepen my understanding of Indonesia, so that one day, if I study or work abroad, I can confidently share how beautiful and diverse our country truly is.</p> <p>It really helps me practice both my English and Japanese. I'm looking forward to the next program!</p>

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