

Application Guidelines for JENESYS 2.0

The Invitation Programme from Philippines

Traditional Culture / Heritage / Art 5th Batch

-MANGA/ANIME/Costume Player-

1. Project Overview

On January 18, 2013, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, during his visit to Indonesia, announced to undertake a new youth exchange programme between Japan and ASEAN Member States, among other countries, as “JENESYS 2.0” (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths). It aims towards the revitalization of the Japanese economy, increasing visitors to Japan, and at the same time, promoting global understanding on Japanese values. Approximately 30,000 youths from the Asian/Oceanian region will have an opportunity to participate in the programme.

<Objectives of Programme>

- (1) To promote interest in Japan among youths in Asian and Oceanian countries, by showing Japan’s strength and its attractions, including Cool Japan
- (2) To raise awareness and understanding among youths in Asian and Oceanian countries about Japanese sense of values and “Japan Brand”
- (3) To lay a foundation for the future bond among the youths of Asian and Oceanian countries, along with mutual understanding and friendship
- (4) To strengthen the basis of diplomatic relations between Japan and respective Asian and Oceanian countries by fostering youths of these countries to be Japanophiles
- (5) To revitalize Japanese local area by internationalization as well as nurture of youths as global human resources

2. Outlines of Programme

- (1) Duration of the Programme : **21 March*, 2014 - 30 March**, 2014**
*The date of the arrival in Japan: 22 March, 2014
**The date of the departure from Japan: 30 March, 2014
- (2) Total number of the participants : **25 persons** (consists of 24 students and 1 supervisors)
- (3) Participating countries : Philippines
- (4) Programme in Japan :

1) Composition

In Japan, all groups have the same programme in Tokyo. After the programme in Tokyo, participants are divided into several groups for the programme in provincial area in Japan.

2) Programme and activity in Japan

- Visits to Japanese corporations and experiencing cutting edge high technologies and products “made in Japan”.
- Visits to provincial areas of Japan to enhance understanding of Japan’s strengths, local cultures, attractions, and values.
- Engagement in first hand experiences on “Japan Brand” by visiting historical architectures, World Heritage sites, exhibitions promoting high-tech products in Japan.

3) Tentative schedule of the Programme in Japan

Date				Hotel	
1	3/21	Fri		Assembly, Departure in flight	
2	3/22	Sat	AM	Arrival in Japan	Tokyo
			PM	Orientation	
3	3/23	Sun	AM	Keynote lecture	Tokyo
			PM	Visit to exposition “Anime Japan 2014”	
4	3/24	Mon	AM	School Exchange	Tokyo
			PM	Facility Visit	
5	3/25	Tue	AM	Visit to a local company	Tokyo
			PM	Cultural Experience	
6	3/26	Wed	AM	Move to local area by Shinkansen Bullet train or airplane	Local cities
			PM	Lecture on the overview of Local Government	
7	3/27	Thu	AM	Home visit	Local cities
			PM		
8	3/28	Fri	AM	Cultural Experience	Local cities
			PM	Workshop	
9	3/29	Sat	AM	Move to Tokyo by Shinkansen Bullet train or airplane	Tokyo
			PM	Reporting session	
10	3/30	Sun	AM	Departure	
* This schedule is tentative and will possibly be changed.					

* There may be requests from host schools for youths to give a cultural performance or presentation at the school exchange and etc.

4) Coordinators

JICE shall arrange its own unique expert staffs called as “the coordinators” throughout the programme in Japan, from participants’ arrival to departure. These coordinators shall carry out a wide range of tasks and duties including supervision, interpretation. They accompany to all the sites where the programme is actually implemented and support for the youths in terms of their living and health.

3. Qualifications for Participations

Applicants should meet the entire criteria as follows.

【All Participants】

- (1) Applicants must understand and agree to the aims of JENESYS 2.0.
- (2) Applicants must be bona fide citizens of Philippines.
- (3) Applicants must be in good health conditions, capable of walking long distances and climbing stairs. Applicants with medical conditions which may impede full participation in physical activities should not be considered.

In addition, those who have problems as written below must be aware of the following points.

- (i.) Those who suffer from chronic diseases (diagnosed or undiagnosed) and pregnant women are not allowed to participate in the programme, since such individuals run a higher risk of rapid aggravation and developing severe symptoms if they acquire infection diseases, and also because participants require exceptional physical and mental health to follow the schedule as a member of the group and to frequently participate in tightly scheduled programme that involves long-hour travels. If chronic diseases (diagnosed or undiagnosed) or pregnancy is discovered after arriving in Japan, all medical expenses that may occur are excluded from the programme’s insurance coverage, putting the participant accountable for all of the high costs .
- (ii.) If a participant’s body temperature is 38.0°C or higher on the day of departure, he/ she cannot depart for Japan and is NOT ELIGIBLE to join in the Invitation Programme in Japan. In case that a participant has one of the following symptoms on the day of departure, supervisors will decide whether he/ she travel to Japan (in consultation with doctor if necessary).

Feeling feverish or chill

*cannot accept higher than 38°C

- Sore throat
- Cough
- Stuffy or runny nose
- Headache or muscle ache

【For Students】

(4) Applicants are presently studying at **technical institute, college or university**.

(5) Applicants must be **18 to 30** years old.

Applicants must have strong interest in **Japanese culture related to Manga, Animation, and Costume Player**

e.g.) majoring in animation, illustration, design and so on

(This programme will not focus on specific items of each theme. It will be rather general.)

(6) Applicants who have participated in the programme organized by Japanese Government before are not allowed to take part again.

【For Supervisors】

(4) Applicants are expected to take a good care of youths as an educator.

(5) Applicants are expected to supervise youths and cooperate with the Embassy of Japan, JICE(*) and the Japanese Government for the smooth implementation of the programme.

(6) Applicants must be under the age of 50.

* Further details of the roles of the supervisors are explained upon the arrival in Japan by the JICE(*) staff.

4. Necessary Procedure for Application/Selection of Participants

All of the following application documents should be submitted to the Embassy of Japan/ Focal Point.

(1) The Entry Form for JENESYS 2.0

Fill out the form with necessary information and answers in BLOCK LETTERS, referring to the sample.

Sign with the form after confirming at the section of “Declaration” and “Agreement of the Application Guidelines for JENESYS2.0”.

(2) Passport-sized photo

Attach the passport-sized photo taken within the last 3 months on the allocated space in the Entry Form.

(3) Photocopy of the Applicant’s passport

Submit a photocopy of the photo page of the applicant’s passport.

* If an applicant do not have a valid passport, he/ she must immediately obtain his/ her passport and submit the photocopy of the photo page as soon as it is determined that he/ she is accepted to this programme.

5. After a notification of selection results to the applicants

(1) Participants' Handbook

A tentative programme in Japan and **Participants' Handbook for JENESYS 2.0** developed by JICE(*) will be provided to the participants.

The Participants' Handbook contains information about the outline of the Project, assemble date/ time, travel information, travel tips on how to stay in Japan, and etc. The participants are highly requested to read the handbook carefully so that they can sufficiently prepare for the participation in the programme.

(2) Arrival Orientation in Japan

After the participants' arrival in Japan, JICE(*) will hold an orientation to explain below;

- 1) Outline of JENESYS 2.0,
- 2) Schedule in Japan,
- 3) Explanation of Workshop
- 4) Introduction to Japan; its life and customs, and
- 5) Others

6. Terms and Conditions

(1) The following arrangements and expenses are covered by the programme

- Round trip international air tickets from/ to respective participating countries to/ from Tokyo by Economy class
 - * Excess baggage charge will be paid at one's own expense.
- Visa application to Japan
- Overseas travel accident insurance
 - * Please note that chronic diseases, dental diseases and pregnancy diagnosed by a Japanese medical doctor and cases disapproved by the insurance company will NOT be covered by insurance. Individuals will be liable for such costs.
- Accommodation in Japan
- Transportation in Japan
- Meals in Japan
- Admission fees for scheduled activities in Japan

* No cash allowance is provided to participants including supervisors.

* Participants are expected to cover personal expenses, such as passport fees, fees for vaccination, travel expenses between their home and departure port, fees for accommodation in their countries and fees for meals in their countries, and to bring some pocket money for the purchase of items for personal use.

(2) Cancellation fee

A participant is fully responsible for costs associated with last-minute cancellations or changes, initiated by the participant.

(3) The following is not permitted.

- ✓ To remain in Japan after the programme;
- ✓ To change the flight designated by the programme;
- ✓ To change accommodation designated by the programme;
- ✓ To be accompanied by someone; or
- ✓ To travel to the third countries on the way to Japan or back to participant's country.

(4) Condition in Japan

- All the participants including supervisors have to attend all the programmes planned by JICE and they need to follow the rules/guidelines made by JICE.
- Participants that cause hindrance to the programme may be dismissed and is responsible for leaving Japan at their own expense.
- Participants including supervisors are to either stay at twin or triple rooms at accommodation and may share the room with other participants/supervisors of the same sex from other countries.
- JICE(*) will try to prepare the followings when necessary for religious reasons, however, they may not be always provided depending on situations.
 - * time and place for prayers
 - * meals suitable for food restriction for religious reasons

(5) Respect for Japanese Law and Regulations

During the stay in Japan, participants must respect the laws and regulations of Japan, and offenders are subject to penalties under the Japanese law.

Any dispute arising out of the application and admission of, or relating to, this programme between the participants and The Japanese Government or JICE(*) should be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of Japan, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws, and should be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the applicable courts in Japan.

(6) The attribution of responsibility during the programme

All participants should agree indemnify, defend and hold JICE(*) and its staff from against any and all claims, demands, liabilities for injury or illness incurred as a result of a participant's behaviour of not obeying all posted rules and warnings, or for loss or damages to any property due to accident, theft, crime or any other reason. The Japanese Government and JICE(*) should in no manner be liable for such troubles.

(7) Post-Return Activities and Questionnaires (Obligation)

All participants are required to share their experiences/ knowledge acquired on the visit to Japan with friends, family, people in local community, and etc. in order to disseminate

the current/ accurate situation in Japan, and report their activities to the Embassy of Japan in their country.

Each participant must submit questionnaires on his/ her experience/ impression on the visit to Japan several times after returning to their countries.

7. Personal Information Protection Law

Personal information collected under the JENESYS 2.0 shall be treated in compliance with Personal Information Protection Law. JICE ensures the appropriate handling of personal information.

JICE may provide personal information to travel agencies, publishers, cooperation organization, schools, host families, and etc. in order to operate and report the programme by means of Postage, fax or E-mail, and to send new information of JICE project. Personal information will not be used for any other purposes than operating and reporting the programme, and sending new information of JICE project.

The disclosure of personal information to JICE is at the sole discretion of the participants. If they don't agree this, it might cause some difficulties in the operation of the programme and they are requested to understand and give the consent to the provision of personal information.

*** Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)**

JICE is an official agent which has undertaken all the necessary arrangements for this Invitation Programme, such as travel procedures and the whole schedule of events in Japan under the guidance of the Japanese Government.