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SAARC PAKISTAN 3rd Batch Brief Report

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This paper is based on the experiences and the main findings on the short term student exchange program (JENESYS) to Japan, the 'Land of Rising Sun'.

Going to Japan is always an innovation but there were few preconceptions rather misconceptions while going to Japan. Before entering into Japan, I believe that Japan is a close society that is not open for the foreigners, however, the hospitality of Japanese people especially members of JICE, force me to change my belief.

Tokyo ranked among the top 10 expensive city of the world made me think that there must be some class differences among their citizens, however, it was brilliant to find that the majority of their citizens are medium (neither poor nor rich), yet no class differences.

Statistically Japan looks to be an over populated country, but their planning and development have made the country Compaq and gives a feeling that they have managed it quite well. Now you hardly find crowded roads and people on streets. Even the Busiest cities like Tokyo and Yokohama with such a huge population are being managed quite intelligently by means of modern and intelligent techniques. Their transportation system, bullet trains, infrastructure, malls, traditional buildings (especially Nihon Minkaen), museums and other Islands have made Japan an eye catching country and has created a fabulous atmosphere.

The biggest findings I observed from the trip to Japan was the punctuality, discipline, health and disaster awareness and the hospitality of Japanese people. These are the distinctive qualities that have made them progress further and further, even after so many natural disasters and have put them ahead of so many other leading countries. Their dedication and hard work have excelled them in their jobs. They are quite a lot reserved in their own work and never interfere in other's work or issues. They have care of the health of their citizens and they know the importance of water really well. 'Shibaura Water Reclamation Center' is an example of their concern and is undoubtedly one of the best water treatment plants in Asia.

They emphasis a lot in the awareness programs and try to give a lot of education related to disaster prevention. On visit to 'Yokohama City Disaster Prevention Center', I have learned by their belief that when you pre practice to cope up against those disasters, your body remembers, so at the time of deliverance, your body automatically acts. This decreases the state of panic.

Visit to 'Mitsubishi Minatomirai Industrial Museum', is like a dream come true, it was an area of my educational interest. Where I learned a lot about the cutting edge high technology and how it is involved in their daily life.

Japan has skillful school children and their elementary school system is just perfect. It was amazing to see that even their school is a state of an art environment friendly building.

Last but not the least, Japanese innovation and their dedication is a real example to solve any of your major country's issue.