

**Speech by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi,
Orientation for the JENESYS Participants
On Friday, March 4th, 2016**

Dear JENESYS Participants and Supervisors,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Afternoon and Assalam Alaikum.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this orientation for the JENESYS participants today. JENESYS, which stands for “Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths”, is a program launched by the Government of Japan from the standpoint of providing a sound foundation for strong solidarity within Asia, as well as developing friendly relations by promoting mutual understanding through youth exchange activities. The JENESYS program started in 2007 and has been implemented until present and 159 students from Pakistan visited Japan until now.

The Government of Japan will continue to implement the program and approximately 1840 students will be invited to visit Japan early this year.

The first batch of 16 Pakistani participants has already visited Japan in January this year and the second batch of 12 Pakistani participants including 1 supervisor and 10 high school and university students from Karachi and one university student from Islamabad is going to visit Japan for 10 days from March 6th to 16th this year. I am sure that all of you who are participating in this program this year will have a good experience and deepen your understanding on Japan.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all, especially the management of Hamdard Public School for their kind cooperation in implementing JENESYS programs in Pakistan.

Lastly, I hope all of you; the participants to JENESYS will make friends with Japanese youths and get to know more about Japan, thereby promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Pakistan.

Thank you very much. Bahot Shukria.

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