

SHORT TERM INVITATION PROGRAM FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE LEARNERS FROM SAARC COUNTRIES

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"LIFE'S AMAZING EXPERIENCE"

I have just returned from my study tour "Short-term Invitation Programme for Japanese Language Learners from SAARC Countries" under the Jenesys2.0 by JICE (Japan International Cooperation Centre). It was the longest journey of my life (about 15 hours).

I recalled the excitement and the adventures that I experienced in Japan. My mind was flush with all the places that I visited and the experiences!

I was surprise from the stretch to see the hospitality began from the Bangkok Airport that there were representatives of Jenesys2.0 waiting us to assist and board us on JAL. After Landing at Narita Airport, immigration process was very quick as there were lot of counter working at the same time to facilitate the visitors. After having supper at Narita Airport we moved forward to Tobu Hotel in a chartered bus. We stayed at the Tobu Narita, we enjoyed every second in it. The front desk were very friendly and they helped a lot. Our coordinator Ishibashi Sensei also join us at Tobu Hotel.

Next morning we moved through highway to Tokyo Station to get on the Shinkansen to go to Fukushima. The journey by Shinkansen was the life's amazing experience. It was really good to see the highly sophisticated railway system. The ride in a Shinkansen feels like the ride in an airplane.

During the four days stay in Minamiaizu, I learnt a lot. Visit at Mayor's office, their briefing about the Prefecture and surrounding areas cleared the misconception about the radioactivity. Elementary school visit provide me knowledge about the excellent and ideal educational system in Japan. Visit at Sumita Fiber Optic Company enhance my knowledge about the Optical Fiber Field and New Modern Technology. Experience of playing Japanese Taiko and the performance of the Taiko Learners stunt me and that was the memorable and amazing time I spent during the tour. In the end I have conferred with "Tourism Ambassador" certification and I am feeling proud and assure that I will try to fulfill the responsibility as Tourism Ambassador of Minamiaizu Town as well as Japan.

During our stay at Minamiaizu, we have witnessed the usage of high technology in agricultural and in the country side as well. Our stay at Aizu Kogen Resort Inn Daikura was very comfortable. The scenery surrounded the resort give cool comfort. Dining hall offered great variety of traditional food. Sushi, Tenpura Soba, Udon, Sashimi, Ramen, Vegetable and fruit Salad, Tea, Juices everything was delicious, specially the interesting experience to use Chopsticks can never be forget.

On returning Tokyo we visited Sensoji Temple (known as Asakusa Cannon) in Asakusa. It was good feeling to know about Asakusa's history and walking a colorful street of festive stalls called Nakamise.

After the visit I conclude that, Japan is one of the world's most unique countries. From its century's old history to its stunning natural beauty, high tech and onto its place as a gadget capital of the world, there's so much to do and see. Japanese traditional culture is fascinating, its natural landscapes spellbinding. I was blown away by the amazing Japanese hospitality – everybody was so welcoming and helpful – maybe I didn't need to be so nervous after all! Japanese people are the kindest people I've ever met and been with.

I would like to say thank very much to my teachers and Consul General of Japan for selecting me as one of the student participants, it was like, a dream come true, to visit such a country like Japan. I learn and experience a lot of things during our weeks study tour. And also thank you very much to the Japanese Government for funding the program.