

“JENESYS2019” ASEAN

Record of the Program for the Visit of Young Politics-Oriented Cambodians (Theme: Multi-party Democracy in Japan, Target Country: Cambodia)

1. Overview of the Program

As part of JENESYS2019, ten young politics-oriented Cambodians visited Japan for nine days and eight nights from July 17 to 25. Under the theme “Multi-party Democracy in Japan”, the group attended a lecture by an expert and visited law-making, administrative and judicial organs in Tokyo. Afterwards, they visited a board of elections in Yamagata prefecture to see the actual practices of voting and vote counting for the House of Councilors election. The group also learned Japanese history at Yonezawa City Uesugi Museum and deepened their understanding about Japan through a tea ceremony experience, etc. in Asakusa. It is hoped that, through this program, the young politics-oriented Cambodians responsible for the next generation will enrich their knowledge of multi-party democracy in Japan and contribute to the development of democracy in their country.

2. Itinerary

Wed July 17	Arrival at Narita International Airport, orientation meeting, lecture by an expert (Chihiro Okawa, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law Department of Law, Kanagawa University), and meeting with a person involved in peacekeeping in Cambodia (Yasushi Akashi, former Chief of Mission of UNTAC)
Thu July 18	Visits to the House of Representatives, the Japan-Cambodia Parliamentarian Association and the Supreme Court in Tokyo
Fri July 19 - Sun July 21	Visit to Yamagata prefecture Briefing by the Kawanishi Town Board of Elections and visit to an advance polling place in Kawanishi town, and observation of street activities and voting and vote counting operations for House of Councilors election at Yamagata Sogo Sport Center, etc.
Mon July 22	Travel to Tokyo, Tea ceremony experience in Asakusa, etc.
Tue July 23	Visit to TEPIA Advanced Technology Gallery, etc.
Wed July 24	Courtesy visit to Foreign Minister Kono, workshop, report meeting, etc.
Thu July 25	Leaving Narita Airport

3. Photos of the Program

	
<p>July 17 Orientation</p>	<p>July 17 [Lecture] Chihiro Okawa, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law Department of Law, Kanagawa University)</p>
	
<p>July 18 [Visit] House of Representatives</p>	<p>July 18 [Visit] Diet Building</p>
	
<p>July 18 [Visit] Japan-Cambodia Parliamentarian Association</p>	<p>July 18 [Visit] Supreme Court</p>



July 19 [Observation]
Street speech



July 20 [Briefing]
Kawanishi Town Board of Elections



July 20 [Observation]
Advance polling place in Kawanishi town




July 21 [Observation]
Voting and vote counting for House of
Councilors election



July 22 [Experience]
Tea ceremony in Asakusa



July 24 [Courtesy visit]
Foreign Minister Kono

	
<p style="text-align: center;">July 24 Report meeting</p>	

4. Comments from the Participants (Extract)

- ◆ During the program, I was most impressed with the patriotic spirit, compliance, sense of unity, diligence and sense of responsibility of the Japanese people.
As for democracy, I was also impressed with the single-member constituency system, the proportional representation system, fair and equitable campaign activities, politicians not able to exert influence on the media or the judiciary, the ruling party and opposition parties working together for the country and the government sincerely responding to the media and the general public.
The public can express their opinions to the government without worry and can monitor the government's activities.

- ◆ Through this program, I learned some points that will be very useful to Cambodia, such as constitutional democracy in Japan, guaranteed rights to free speech and division of roles between the ruling party and opposition parties for the development of the country. Specifically, I learned useful points in such areas as infrastructure development, Japan's economy, environment, industry, agriculture, construction and human rights. Moreover, the election system, the vote counting system and election campaigns are highly transparent, with accuracy, fairness and equitability being secured. I felt that Japan really is a law-governed state.

- ◆ For the past week, I have gained a lot of experiences and knowledge about Japan's politics, democracy and society. What I can do is to spread the information and knowledge I have gained in this week-long training to other people.
Finally, I would like to thank the Japanese government for giving us the opportunity to learn about politics. I will keep this in mind for the rest of my life.

5. External Communication from the Participants

<p>7月27日 13:51</p> <p>ថ្មីបានដឹកនាំយុវជនកម្ពុជាចំនួន ១០០០ នៃលំដាប់សិក្សាការងារយោធាយុវជនកម្ពុជា ចូលរួមសម្របសម្រួលការងារ និងស្តាប់របស់ H.E Yasushi Akashi, former head of UNTAC លើប្រធានបទ "គោលការណ៍គ្រឹះនៃប្រជាធិបតេយ្យ និងដំណើរការស្វែងរកសន្តិភាពនៅកម្ពុជា" ទំព័រមានការបោះពុម្ពជាសកលឆ្នាំ ១៩៩៣ កម្ពុជាបានខ្លួន ការគ្រប់គ្រងនៃការងារសន្តិភាពដំណើរការស្របច្បាប់ ឆ្លងក្រសួង ជាពិសេសគ្រោយការដកខ្លួនចេញរបស់ក្រុមប្រឹក្សាសហប្រតិបត្តិការសន្តិភាពដំណើរការស្របច្បាប់នៅក្នុងស្ថាប័នសន្តិភាពកម្ពុជា មានអតីតព្រះមហាក្សត្រ... ចុំ ០០២ ទិញ ការងារ</p> <p>131</p> <p>11 កម្រិត 8 ចែករំលែង</p>	<p>7月24日 4:50</p> <p>យុវជនកម្ពុជា បានចូលរួមសម្របសម្រួលការងារយោធាយុវជនកម្ពុជា នៅទីកន្លែង Yamakata ដឹកនាំដោយឯកឧត្តមអគ្គនាយកដ្ឋានការងារយោធាយុវជន SUZUKI លើប្រធានបទ "គោលការណ៍គ្រឹះនៃប្រជាធិបតេយ្យ និងដំណើរការស្វែងរកសន្តិភាពនៅកម្ពុជា" ទំព័រមានការបោះពុម្ពជាសកលឆ្នាំ ១៩៩៣ កម្ពុជាបានខ្លួន ការគ្រប់គ្រងនៃការងារសន្តិភាពដំណើរការស្របច្បាប់ ឆ្លងក្រសួង ជាពិសេសគ្រោយការដកខ្លួនចេញរបស់ក្រុមប្រឹក្សាសហប្រតិបត្តិការសន្តិភាពដំណើរការស្របច្បាប់នៅក្នុងស្ថាប័នសន្តិភាពកម្ពុជា មានអតីតព្រះមហាក្សត្រ... ចុំ ០០២ ទិញ ការងារ</p> <p>#JA2019KH #Jenesys2019 Yamakata, July 21, 2019</p> <p>105</p> <p>1 កម្រិត 3 ចែករំលែង</p>
<p>Communication about the meeting with Yasushi Akashi, former Chief of Mission of UNTAC and the peacebuilding process in Cambodia</p>	<p>Communication about vote counting for House of Councilors election</p>

6. Presentation of a Plan for the Actions to Take after Returning to Cambodia (Extract)

- Use the experience obtained in Japan for such activities as implementation of elections, establishment of election campaign offices and election campaigns.
- Share the information about democracy, elections, media reports, analysis and discussion on common interests, campaign activities (single-member constituency system and proportional representation), environment, culture, technologies and economy with others.
- Share the knowledge obtained in Japan (about democracy, justice system and election system) with people in Cambodia.
- Share the knowledge about Japanese democracy and culture with young people in Cambodia.
- Share the information about environmental issues, social order, culture, etc. with people in Cambodia and solve problems for the public together with the government.