

Program Report: JENESYS2019 Inbound Program for ASEAN Youths (7th Batch)

**(Country: Philippines, Theme: Exchange for Young Diplomats
- Japan-Philippines Human Exchange, Olympic Paralympics,
and Peace Diplomacy -)**

1. Overview of the Program

As part of JENESYS2019, 21 Philippines young diplomats visited Japan for nine days from October 23rd to 31st, 2019. Under the theme of “Exchange for Young Diplomats- Japan-Philippines Human Exchange, Olympics Paralympics, and Peace Diplomacy -”, they have participated in each program. In Tokyo, They visited theme-related facilities and have deepened their understanding of Olympic and Paralympics 2020. After that, they traveled to Nagasaki prefecture, visited Isahaya City, which is the host town of Philippines Olympics and Paralympics team, and observed the facilities related to disaster and atomic bomb (Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum), etc. Through their home-stay and cultural experiences in Minami Shimabara City, they deepened their understanding and concerns of Japan from many other angles as well as promoted their friendship between the Philippines and Japan. During this program, they were interested in Peace Diplomacy on sports and also posted their concerns and experiences in Japan on SNS. They presented a plan for the action to take after returning to the Philippines with making use of their experience in Japan visiting, at the reporting session before their leaving Japan.

【Participants】 21 diplomats from the Philippines

【Place to visit】 Tokyo/Nagasaki Prefecture

2. Itinerary

October 23rd (Wed)

【Arrival】 Arriving in Japan

【Orientation】

October 24th (Thu)

【Exchange/Theme-related observation】 Ryokuseikai Hospital

* EPA: Observing the work by skilled Philippine staff

【Exchange with Students】 Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

* Observing a lecture, Participate in opinion exchange program

October 25th (Fri)

【Travel】 Travel to Nagasaki prefecture from Tokyo

【Olympic・Paralympics/Theme-related observation/ Courtesy Call】 Isahaya City Office
* Briefing by host town of Olympic・Paralympics 2020

【Olympic・Paralympics/Theme-related observation】 Nagasaki General Athletic Park
Athletic Field

【Exchange/Home-stay】 Stay at a private house in Minami Shimabara City

October 26th (Sat)

【Exchange/Home-stay】 Experience: Agriculture or Fishery Activities with each family

October 27th (Sun)

【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Unzendake Disaster Memorial Hall

【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Sabo Mirai kan (Old Onokiba Primary School)

【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Road Station, Mizunashi Honjin Hukae
(Observing the houses affected by Flood disaster)

【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum

【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Lecture by atomic bomb victims

October 28th (Mon)

【Travel】 Return to Tokyo

【Exchange/Theme-related observation】 Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line (NYK line)

* Observing and opinion exchanging with Philippine working residents

October 29th (Tue)

【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Japan

* Briefing by diplomatic authority

【Briefing】 MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) * Briefing by diplomatic authority

【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 The National Diet Building

October 30th (Wed)

【Olympic・Paralympics /Theme-related observation】 Olympic Museum

【Exchange/Theme-related observation】 NYK Maritime Museum, NYK Hikawamaru

October 31st (Thu)

【Reporting Session】

【Departure】 Departing from Japan

3. Photos of the Program

	
<p>October, 24 【Exchange/Theme-related observation】 Ryokuseikai Hospital</p>	<p>October, 24 【Exchange with Students】 Tokyo University of Foreign Studies</p>
	
<p>October, 25 【Olympic・Paralympics/Theme-related observation】 Isahaya City Office</p>	
	
<p>October, 25 【Olympic・Paralympics / Theme-related observation】 Nagasaki General Athletic Park Athletic Field</p>	<p>October, 26 【Exchange/Home-stay】 Experience: Agriculture or Fishery Activities with each family</p>

	
<p>October, 27 【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Unzendake Disaster Memorial Hall</p>	<p>October, 27 【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Sabo Mirai kan (Old Onokiba Primary School)</p>
	
<p>October, 27 【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 Lecture by atomic bomb victims</p>	<p>October, 28 【Exchange/Theme-related observation】 Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line</p>
	
<p>October, 29 【Courtesy Call】 Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Japan</p>	<p>October, 29 【Courtesy Call】 MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</p>

	
<p>October, 30 【Diplomacy/Theme-related observation】 The House of Parliament</p>	<p>October, 30 【Olympic · Paralympics /Theme-related observation】 Olympic Museum</p>
	
<p>October, 30 【Exchange/Theme-related observation】 NYK Maritime Museum and Hikawamaru</p>	<p>October, 31 【Reporting Session】</p>

4. Comments from the Participants (Extract)

- ◆ I am truly honored to have participated in this program. I am deeply grateful to the Japanese Government for giving me the opportunity to learn deeply about Japanese rich and various cultures. I have learned that the Philippines and Japan shared common values and interests, especially in terms of their resilience after experiencing various disasters. I also admire the value of education and progress in Japanese technology. I look forward to strengthening and more deepening the friendship between the Philippines and Japan. This experience is definitely worth sharing with my Philippine colleagues and family.

- ◆ Japan is a very unique and interesting country. I think Japanese people are very kind and disciplined, and their culture is very different from other Asian countries. During my stay, I often felt that we were accepted by Japanese people. In Nagasaki, I really felt that I was being a part of my Host-family. They treated me like their true son. I felt very lucky to have a home-stay experience by staying at a private house. I will tell my Philippine friends that they should visit Japan someday in their life. Experience changes our life and Japan is worth a visit.

- ◆ Through our stay and activities this time, we could be fortunate to learn what Japan was and how they had established themselves as a firm country. We all appreciate it. Japan, like the Philippines, has experienced their own struggles and crises, and I think they overcame those things and can become one of the world's leading countries in stability. It is very interesting for me to know how Japanese people have achieved their current position and could extend their support to other countries such as the Philippines. I think that their strong discipline and commitment to peace, which contribute to world peace, are one of the many factors for the Philippines to impress with Japan. I enjoyed the very instructive and insightful stay, lectures and interactions in Japan. I will definitely be back to Japan.

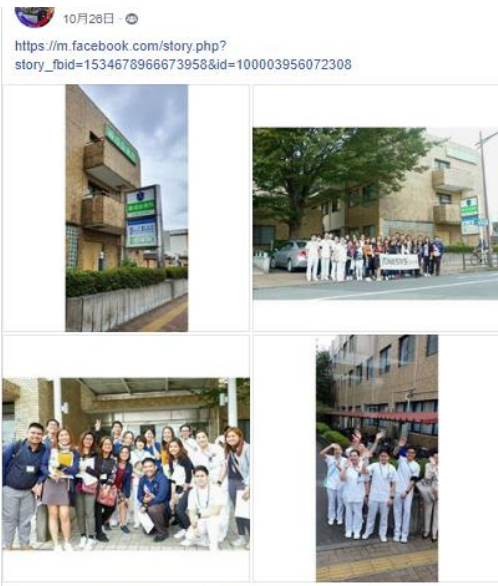
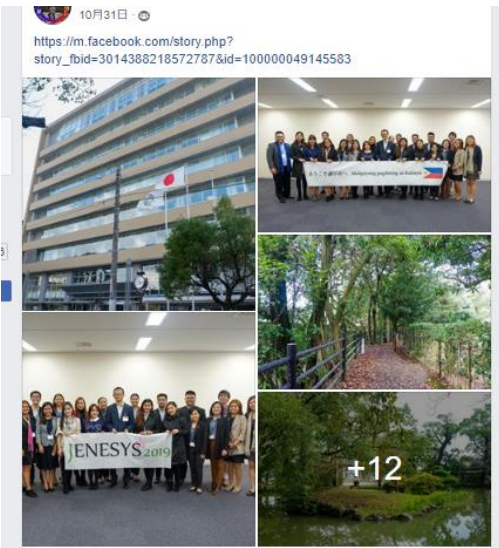
5. Comments from the hosts (Extract)

- ◆ As Philippine diplomats came to visit us, it led Philippine staffs, who were being active in EPA, to have increased their motivation. We are glad to know that they have known there are active Philippine staffs in Japanese hospitals by using such a system. We would be happy if they could cooperate with further activation on exchanges for both of countries by EPA after returning to their country. Thanks a lot for visiting us
(Ryokuseikai Hospital)

- ◆ It was a short stay in two nights for the participants though, almost everyone could go to the hot springs, and they seemed that they enjoyed with each family else having the fulfilling experience for picking vegetables such as sweet potatoes in the fields, picking ginkgo nut at a shrine, foot-bathing, climbing to Mt.Kunimidake, visiting Jigokudani, shopping in the supermarket, wearing a cotton kimono (Yukata), or learning Japanese cooking such as Tempura and etc. It seemed to be a memorable experience for them because they were able to learn what they could not know by just sightseeing.
(Minamishimabara Sunflower Tourism Association)

- ◆ When young Philippine diplomats visited us, I found that everyone in the Philippines was very interested in Olympic and Paralympics. It seemed we had an enough time here for each other though, they were feeling its short so please come and visit us again next time. (Olympic Museum)

6. External Communication from the Participants

 <p>10月26日 · 🌐 https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1534678966673958&id=100003956072308</p> <p>Renz Oliver Iñigo TabilさんはLinoembar Blancoさんと一緒にいます。 10月26日</p> <p>[DAY 2 - Ryokuseikai Hospital]</p> <p>Ryokuseikai Hospital caters to the needs of those who need post-surgery treatment or rehabilitation especially the elderly people who had stroke, disused muscles, etc.</p> <p>There are a number of Filipino nurses who are working in the hospital. Some of them served as our guide in visiting the different units/section in the hospital.</p> <p>I believe they are genuinely happy in working at the hospital because the management exerts efforts to ensure a good working environment. I hope Filipino nurses who are looking for jobs abroad will consider going to Japan through the Economic Partnership Agreement.</p>	 <p>10月31日 · 🌐 https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3014388218572787&id=100000049145583</p> <p>Arkin Arbonedaさんがアルバム「JENESYS 2019」に写真16件を追加しました。 10月27日</p> <p>3日目、10月25日、諫早市 Day 3, October 25: Isahaya City</p> <p>We travelled from Tokyo to the Nagasaki Prefecture. Our first activity was a courtesy call to the Vice Mayor of Isahaya City. From then, we visited various landmarks in the city, such as the Isahaya City Art/History Museum, and Meganebashi (Spectacles Bridge), which is the first important national cultural property of Japan.</p> <p>The city is also home to the Transcosmos Stadium (or Nagasaki Athletic Stadium). Since its establishment in 1969 and renovation in 2013, this stadium is primarily used for local and national football games.</p> <p>Isahaya City will be the host of the PH team in the upcoming Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.</p> <p>#JENESYS2019 #JENESYS2019 #JENESYS2019 #JENESYS2019 #JENESYS2019 #JENESYS2019</p>
<p>2nd day 【Rokuseikai Hospital】</p> <p>Rokuseikai Hospital responds to people needs, which are postoperative treatment and rehabilitation, especially for elderly people having disease such as stroke and non-use of muscles. There are many Philippine nurses who are working in the hospital. Some of them were active as guides in visiting different units / sections in the hospital. I think they are really happy to work in the hospital because the management team is working hard to ensure a good working environment for staff. I would like Philippine nurses, who are looking for a work abroad, to consider coming to Japan through Economic Partnership Agreement.</p>	<p>3rd day 【Isahaya city】</p> <p>We went to Nagasaki Prefecture from Tokyo. Our first activity was a courtesy call to Deputy Mayor Isahaya city. After that, we visited various landmarks in the city, such as Isahaya Museum of Art and History, and Megane bashi designated firstly in Japan as National important cultural property. The city also has a trans cosmos stadium (or Nagasaki General Athletic Park Athletic Field). Founded in 1969 and renovated in 2013, after 2013, the stadium has been used primarily for local and national football matches. Isahaya city will be a Host-town for the Philippines team for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympics Games.</p>

7. Presentation of a Plan for the Actions to Take after Returning to the Philippines (Extract)

We divided categories into politics, economy, culture, and education, then, set action plans for each field.

- Politics: We will announce and report on the intergovernmental cooperation within three months after returning to the Philippines. We will discuss decades of assistance to the Philippines, especially in Mindanao

- Economy: We will offer information by info graphic within 3 months after returning to the Philippines. We will explain an overview of the EPA program, eligibility requirements, and provide on-site snapshots.

- Culture: By using SNS, we will share our experiences in Japan and Japanese culture with our families, colleagues and friends immediately after returning to the Philippines.

- Education: We encourage students and teachers to apply when they have an opportunity to foreign exchanges in Japan. If there is something like these JENESYS Program or JET Program, we will post a notice on social media (public).

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