

JENESYS2019 ASEAN Inbound Program 8th Batch Program Report
Theme: Exchange for Persons Concerned for Tourism
Initiatives on Tourism-Oriented Country
Country: Timor-Leste

1. Program Overview

17 youths from Timor-Leste who were in tourism industry visited Japan from October 29 to November 6, 2019 as part of JENESYS 2019. The delegations visited Tokyo and Gifu prefecture to have opportunities of international exchange under the theme of “Exchange for Persons Concerned for Tourism- Initiative for Tourism-Oriented Country”. They attended a theme-related lecture and observed Edo Tokyo Museum in Tokyo. In Gifu, they had an opportunity to exchange opinions on the theme with students of Gifu University and visited Gero City, which is promoting Eco-Tourism as well as experienced home stay exchange at Hachiman Cho, Gujo City. They deepened their understanding of Japanese initiatives on Tourism-Oriented Country through the interaction with people in tourism industry. At a reporting session before leaving Japan, the group presented an action plan (activity plans after returning home) to convey their experience while visiting Japan.

【Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants】

17 persons from Timor-Leste

【Prefectures Visited】

Tokyo, Gifu Prefecture

2. Program Schedule

October 29th (Tue)

【Arrival】 【Orientation】

【Theme-related Lecture】 JTB corp. “Prospects on Tourism Industry in Japan”

October 30th (Wed)

【Theme-related Lecture】 Japan Timor-Leste Association “Relationship between Japan and Timor-Leste”

【Theme-related Lecture】 Tunaguhirogeru Omotenashi Association
“OMOTENASHI Workshop”

【Theme-related Observation】 Edo Tokyo Museum

October 31st (Thu)

- Travel from Tokyo to Gifu Prefecture
【Theme-related Lecture, Exchange】 Gifu University, Faculty of Regional Studies

November 1st (Fri)

- 【Courtesy Call/ Theme-related Observation】 Gero City Eco-Tourism Promotion Council “Initiatives of Gero City Eco-Tourism Promotion Council”
- 【Homestay】 At Hachiman Cho, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture

November 2nd (Sat)

- 【Theme-related observation】 Hachiman Choi, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture
- 【Homestay】 At Hachiman Cho, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture

November 3rd (Sun)

- 【Homestay】 At Hachiman Cho, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture

- Travel from Gifu Prefecture to Tokyo

November 4th (Mon)

- 【Theme-related observation】 The Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park
- 【Theme-related observation】 Facilities for The Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 (Odaiba area)

November 5th (Tue)

- 【Workshop】
- 【Reporting Session】

November 6th (Wed)

- 【Departure】 Departing from Japan

3. Program photos



October 29th 【Theme-related Lecture】
 JTB Corp.
 “Prospects on Tourism Industry in Japan”



October 30th 【Theme-related Lecture】
 Japan Timor-Leste Association
 “Relationship between Japan and Timor-Leste”



October 30th 【Theme-related Lecture】
 Tunaguhirogeru Omotenashi Association
 “OMOTENASHI Workshop”



October 30th
【Theme-related Observation】
 Edo Tokyo Museum



October 31st
【Theme-related Lecture/Exchange】
 Gifu University
 Faculty of Regional Studies



November 1st
【Theme Related Observation/Courtesy Call】
 Gero City Eco-Tourism Promotion Council
 “Initiatives of Gero City Eco-Tourism
 Promotion Council”



November 1st

【Homestay】

Hachiman Cho, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture



November 2nd

【Theme-related Observation】

Gujo Odori Preservation Society
Experience of Gujo Odori (Dance)



November 4th

【Theme-related Observation】

Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park



November 4th

【Theme-related Observation】

Facilities for Olympic/ Paralympic Games
(Odaiba area)



November 5th

【Workshop】



November 5th

【Reporting Session】

4. Feedback from the participants (excerpt as written)

- ◆ All programs were wonderful and I was very lucky to participate JENESYS. The highlights of this program was cooking traditional Japanese food with homestay family and cultural experience (Shogi-Daoshi, Origami, and Gujo-Odori).

- ◆ Through the experience of Eco-tourism, I realized the importance of balancing the protection of beautiful natures and tourism industry in Japan. I will immediately apply this initiative to tourism industry of Timor-Leste.

- ◆ I respect Japanese people and was impressed the beauty of Omotenashi and warm heart of Japanese people. I will hand down the heart of Omotenashi to people of Timor-Leste in future.

5. Feedback from the hosts (excerpt)

- ◆ A student of Gifu University, Faculty of Regional Studies

It was a nice experience to interact with people from Timor-Leste. I was surprised the fact that we had something in common with the initiative of Permaculture (Agriculture and Environment) between Gifu University and Timor-Leste. I would like to keep contacts with them by SNS.



- ◆ Gero City Eco-Tourism Promotion Council

I have well known that the delegations were engaged in tourism industry, but I was surprised that their keen interests in Eco-tourism and DMO. Also, they asked questions about how to analyze the data and its figures, which showed they were very serious about the project.

- ◆ Gujo City, Homestay Organization

I just knew about Timo-Leste only by its country name, which I had heard of it. So I was worried if were able to satisfy them by Omotenashi. However, it was a great opportunity to receive them. They introduced their cultures to us, and so we did our traditional dance to them. I was able to have an enjoyable and meaningful time.

6. External communication by the participants

	
<p>Positing about ; Japan Timor-Leste Association Lecture “ The Relationship between Japan and Timor-Leste” (From participant’s Facebook)</p>	<p>Positing about; Homestay at Hachiman Cho, Gujo City, (From participant’s Facebook)</p>

7. Action plan presented by Participants at the Reporting Session (excerpt)

	
<p>【Group A】 <u>Initiative of Omotenashi Promotion</u> Introduce “Heart of Omotenahi”, which we learned from the training program in Japan by presentation at work place or school, and practice it. Program Language: English</p>	<p>【Group B】 <u>Initiative of Eco-tourism Promotion</u> Introduce the initiative of Eco-tourism of Gero City to NGO PRRMATIL by holding a reporting session to share the knowledge and implement it. Program Language: English</p>

Project implementing body: JTB Corp.