The 60th Anniversary of Japan - Indonesia Diplomatic Relations

Japan ↔ Indonesia
Teenage Ambassadors 2017
Indonesia Program Implementation Report

AEON 1% Club Foundation
Japan ⇔ Indonesia Teenage Ambassadors: Indonesia Program
Implementation Report

I. Exchange Period: March 12 (Mon.) ~ March 19 (Mon.)

II. Participants:
- Japanese high school students (Senior High School at Sakado, University of Tsukuba) 16 students
- Indonesian high school students (Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro) 16 students
- H. E. Mr. Masafumi Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Indonesia
- Mr. Yusron Ihza, LL.M, Ph.D, Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan of the Republic of Indonesia
- Mr. Didik Suhardi, Head, Bureau of Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia
- Dr. Purwadi Sutanto, Director, Directorate of Senior Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia
- Mr. Daiki Kasugahara, Director, JETRO Jakarta Office

III. Visited Locations
- The Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta, Bogor)

IV. Project Objective
- This project is an exchange program with the aim of enabling participants to learn and experience the cultures and diversity of values of each other’s countries through mutual exchange between the next generation of high school students in Japan and overseas.

V. Exchange Program Contents:
1) Courtesy visits
   - Courtesy visit to Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia
   - Welcome Party at the Residence of the Ambassador to Indonesia of Japan
   - March 13 (Tues.), Jakarta

2) Historical and cultural understanding activities
   - Lecture on Indonesia’s economic situation at JETRO
   - Visit to AEON Mall Jakarta Garden City
   - Indonesian traditional dance experience
   - Batik dyeing experience
   - Bogor Agricultural University Discussion Program
   - March 13 (Tues.), Jakarta
   - March 14 (Weds.), Jakarta
   - March 14 (Weds.), Jakarta
   - March 15 (Thurs.), Bogor
   - March 15 (Thurs.), Bogor

3) Exchange Activities
   - School visit & classroom experience at Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro
   - Homestay (two nights)
   - Farewell Party
   - March 16 (Fri.), Bogor
   - March 16 (Fri.)~18 (Sun.), Bogor & Jakarta
   - March 18 (Sun.), Jakarta

VI. Features of the Exchange Program
- In the Japan program, participants conducted agricultural observations and learned about the relationship between food and sustainable society as consumers (at AEON Saitama Hanyu Farm and Kagawa Nutrition University). In the Indonesia program, participants attended a lecture on crop diseases in Indonesia at Bogor Agricultural University, and deepened their understanding through group discussions and presentations.
VII. Scenes from Activities:

1) Courtesy Visits

**Courtesy visit to Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia March 13 (Jakarta)**

(Extract from Yuri Takahashi’s speech)
We hope to experience the differences with Indonesia’s culture and customs, here in the country, and also to discover similarities with Japan. We want to do our very best to use our inventiveness and dynamism as high school students, so that our visit to Indonesia will not be a waste. Also, I hope that we will act with awareness, never forgetting that we are visiting as representatives of Japan.

(Extract from speech)
High school students of both nations, please absorb as many things as possible about each other’s culture through this exchange visit. I anticipate that you will be active in the future as specialists of Indonesia and Japan respectively.

† Speech by Mr. Suhardi

† Mr. Suhardi is receiving a gift from a Japanese student

† Mr. Suhardi is receiving a gift from an Indonesian student

† Speech by Japanese student

† Group photo with Mr. Suhardi
(Extract from H.E. Mr. Ishii’s speech)
This year celebrates sixty years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Indonesia, with the key message of “working together and moving forward together”. This logo next to me of the sixtieth anniversary was designed by a seventeen-year-old Indonesian high school student. Please learn a lot about both of our countries, Japan and Indonesia, and make lots of friends through this opportunity. And I also hope that you will be part of in the Japan-Indonesia relationship at the seventieth and eightieth anniversaries, too.

(Excerpt from speech by Mr. Yusron Ihza, LL.M, Ph.D, Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan of the Republic of Indonesia)
We say that "young people are the waves of society". I hope that you will all become good waves that link Japan and Indonesia together, and strengthen the friendship between our countries even more.
Japanese students showing calculation of six digits numbers by using Japanese abacuses

Indonesian students playing "Angklung", instruments made of bamboo

Speech by Indonesian student

(Excerpt from Ms. Shahidah Asma Amanina’s speech)
Through this program, we hope to not only maintain the friendship between Japan and Indonesia as Teenage Ambassadors, but also to experience as many things as possible. We also want to introduce Indonesian culture to you all, and to actively disseminate it overseas.

Commemorative photo at Welcome Party at Residence of the Ambassador to Indonesia of Japan
(second row from left) Ms. Shizuka Yoshioka-Teacher of Senior High School at Sakado, University of Tsukuba, Mr. Kozo Honsei-Minister of Embassy of Japan in Indonesia, Mr. Koshi Kyoraku-President Director of AEON Fantasy Indonesia, Mr. Daisuke Isobe-President Director of AEON MALL INDONESIA, Mr. Yusron Ihza, LL.M, Ph.D-Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan of the Republic of Indonesia, Hiroshi Yokoo-Chairman of AEON of AEON1% Club, H.E. Mr. Masafumi Ishii-Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Noboru Wakayama-COO of AEON Asia, Mr. Toyofumi Kashi-President Director of AEON INDONESIA, Mr. Ari Ariangyah-Principal of Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro, Mr. Yoshikazu Tatemoto-Teacher of Senior High School at Sakado, Ms. Hilda Rafika Watty-Teacher of Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro, Mr. Ryo Nakamura-Minister of Embassy of Japan in Indonesia (third row right)
2) Historical and Cultural Understanding Activities

◆ Lecture on Indonesia’s economic situation at JETRO March 13 (Jakarta)

↑ Japanese students listening to lecture about economic situation in Indonesia

↑ Japanese student presenting a gift to Mr. Kasugahara, President Director

◆ Visit to AEON Mall Jakarta Garden City March 13 (Jakarta)

↑ Japanese student asking question to Mr. Naito, General Manager (Left)

↑ Japanese student asking question to Mr. Eddy, Store Manager

Some of your employees are university graduates, and some are high school graduates. What criteria do you set for promotion exams?

How many customers do you have compared to when you first opened?

◆ Indonesian traditional dance experience March 14 (Jakarta)

↑ Japanese students experiencing traditional dance of the Sundanese people of West Java

↑ Japanese students taking a commemorative photo
◆ Batik dyeing experience March 15 (Bogor)

↑ Students from both countries drawing a pattern on a cloth

↑ Students from both countries showing completed Batik

◆ Bogor Agricultural University Discussion Program March 15 (Bogor)

↑ Students from both countries discussing plant disease in Indonesia by team

The average age of agricultural workers in Japan is higher than before.

In Indonesia, maybe we use too many agricultural chemicals.

↑ Japanese student making a comment after discussion

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3) Exchange Activities

◆ School visit & classroom experience March 16 [Bogor]

↑ Japanese students welcomed by Ummul Quro high school students at schoolyard

(Excerpt from Soki Terai’s speech)
I want to learn many things about Indonesian culture from you all. Firstly, I like coffee, so I’d like to know what kinds of delicious coffee you have here. I also want to study the Indonesian language. And, I’d like to you to explain to me why Indonesian people are so kind.

↑ Speech by Japanese student

↑ Indonesian student showing off archery

↑ Mr. Ari Ariansyah, Principal, receiving a gift from Japanese student
First, I will talk about the history of Senior High School at Sakado.

Japanese students introducing themselves to Indonesian students in English class

Students from both countries playing "Angklung", instruments made of bamboo, in music class

Indonesian students teaching "Saman dance", Indonesian traditional dance, to Japanese students

Japanese student giving a presentation about her school to Indonesian students
Comments from host families from Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro
(excerpts from questionnaire)

We didn’t have any particular problems preparing for the homestay. It was a very good experience to be able to invite a Japanese high school student to our house. I hope that we can continue to get together in future, including previous participants of Teenage Ambassadors.

We eat a lot of spicy food in Indonesia, so I spent time before the homestay preparing the meals. At the weekend I was able to talk a lot to the kids about the cultures of both countries, and I’m glad we were able to welcome a Japanese high school student for a homestay.

It was a really great experience; I feel like our home gained another son. Although it was a short homestay, I think it was a good opportunity to deepen our mutual understanding.

At first I was worried whether we could be a good host family for a Japanese high school students, but my son’s partner opened up to us straight away. It was a good opportunity to talk about Japanese and Indonesian culture.
◆ Farewell Party March 18 (Jakarta)

↑ Mr. Kashi, Managing Director of PT. AEON INDONESIA

(Excerpt from speech by President Director Toyofumi Kashi) I expect that you have experienced various things during this one-week stay in Indonesia. Please treasure those experiences and impressions. What is important is to really see things with your own eyes and feel things yourself. In the future, when you look back on your past, I am sure this will serve some useful purpose for you.

↑ Mr. Isobe, Managing Director of Pt AEON MALL INDONESIA

(Excerpt from speech by Director Daisuke Isobe) I will be very glad if at the end of this exchange between Japan and Indonesia, you have been able to further deepen our mutual friendship. Also, I truly hope that by experiencing life in a different country and participating in this program, you will be able to expand your friendship networks, and be even more successful in your lives in future.

↑ Japanese students taking a photo with Mr. Kashi

↑ Japanese student interacting with AEON Scholarship students in Indonesia

(Excerpt from speech by Chairman Dr. Suswono) I hope that the high school students of both countries will become leaders of the future. And I anticipate that you will strengthen the friendship between Japan and Indonesia even more. Please learn about each other’s good points through this exchange, and utilize them effectively.

↑ Mr. Suswono, Chairman of Ummul Quro Foundation
(Excerpt from speech by Mr. Mohammad Reiza)
I launched a philanthropic organization, and I currently work in Jakarta. Since I participated in this program in 2002, I have been able to get to know people from other countries through the Teenage Ambassadors Reunion. This is something I could only do thanks to the continuation of Teenage Ambassadors. I am expecting another reunion to be held in the near future.

(Excerpt from speech by Ms. Annisa Rachma Syahrizal, left of photo)
I currently work in corporate interpreting. When I took part in this program in 2012, I learned a lot about Japanese culture.

(Excerpt from speech by Mr. Arian Junio Winanto, right of photo)
Now, I’m studying information processing at university. These days it is easy to contact each other through the internet, such as on social media, so I hope that you will continue to contact your partner students even after the program ends.

(Excerpt from speech by Mr. Gennaro Muhammad Anugerah Jusuf)
I took part in the program in 2015, and now I’m a law student at the University of Indonesia. I’m still in contact with my partner student from that time, and we exchange information with each other. Please treasure your friendship with your partners. I think that in future many of you will be active overseas, and I think that your meeting with your partner will prove useful at that time.

(Excerpt from speech by Yuugo Takahashi)
It has been a very fulfilling week, participating in this program. Everyone at Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro has been so kind to us. We will never forget the things we experienced in Japan and in Indonesia with our partner students. Although today is the end of the Japan-Indonesia Teenage Ambassadors program, let’s use the internet to keep in touch from now on. We could only spend a short time together, but we’re looking forward to meeting you again.
Representative of students from both countries receiving a certificate of participation of Japan Indonesia Teenage Ambassadors Program from Mr. Ishida, President Director of PT AEON CREDIT SERVICE INDONESIA (Left), Mr. Kyoraku, President Director of PT. AEON FANTASY INDONESIA (third from left)

Watching highlight of the program in Japan and Indonesia with the song of "We are the world"

Farewell Party Participants (Indonesian and Japanese students, host family, Teenage Ambassador in 2002, 2012, and 2015, AEON Scholarship students in Indonesia)
VIII. Feedback from Participants (excerpts from speeches and questionnaires)

Japanese high school students
I think that through the homestay I was able to feel for myself the kindness of Indonesian people and learn about Islam. My host family was an energetic family of eight. During the homestay they took me to a mosque, which I wouldn’t normally have the chance to visit, and I was able to see people praying. That was a valuable experience.

Japanese high school students
The gap between rich and poor was striking even in the capital city, and we learned about various issues in the city such as electric cables being broken in front of our eyes, and even young children riding on motorbikes. And there were various cultural aspects that we could not know until we experienced it for ourselves, such as the diversity of languages. Also, it was a good opportunity to realize the intrinsic goodness of the Indonesian people.

Japanese high school students
I think this was a very good opportunity to exchange our culture and traditions with high school students from another country. Through this program in Japan and Indonesia, I felt like there are many more things for me to learn about my own country, too. I feel that I learned that our understanding of something is deepened by experiencing it for ourselves.

Indonesian high school students
Although I showed my partner student lots of things in Indonesia, a week really wasn’t long enough. However, I was glad that my partner became friends with my parents and siblings. I’m looking forward to the Teenage Ambassadors Reunion being held.

Indonesian high school students
By visiting two areas, Jakarta and Bogor, I think the students were able to deeply experience the local lifestyle and culture. I believe that actually experiencing things, including experiences of traditional culture, is important for understanding other cultures. Also, having this exchange with students from Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro developed our students’ thoughts about Muslims.

Mr. Yoshikazu Tatemoto
I felt that this kind of mutual exchange between high school students will cause various results to manifest in five years, ten years, and twenty years from now. I’m looking forward to seeing how our students will mature after we return to Japan. I would like to continue the exchange with Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro in future too. I also felt a high affinity with the Super Global High School program.