Japan ⇔ Cambodia
Teenage Ambassadors 2015
Japan Program Report
JAPAN ⇔ CAMBODIA TEENAGE AMBASSADORS JAPAN PROGRAM

PROGRAM REPORT

We have carried out the Teenage Ambassadors Program for Japanese and Lao high school students. The achievements of the program are summarized as follow.

I. Period : From 12th to 19th January, 2016

II. Participants :
   20 students from Hokkaido Sapporo Kiyota High School
   20 students from CHEA SIM CHAMROEUNROTH HIGH SCHOOL

III. Visiting places : Kanagawa, Tokyo, Hokkaido

IV. Objective of the program
   This program aims to provide senior high school students of Japan and overseas the opportunities to study the diversity of culture and values of each other’s countries through the mutual exchange.

V. Contents of exchange program :
   ① Courtesy Activities
      - Courtesy Call on Prime Minister’s Office 13th Jan. (Wed.) in Tokyo
      - Welcome Reception at Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Japan 13th Jan. (Wed.) in Tokyo
      - Courtesy Call on Sapporo City Mayor 15th Jan. (Fri.) in Hokkaido
   ② Historical & Cultural Understanding Activities
      - Observing and Learning Program
         - Edo-Tokyo Museum 12th Jan. (Tue.) in Tokyo
      - Experiencing Program
         - Snow Experience 14th Jan. (Thur.) in Hokkaido
         - Making Bamboo Ski & Snow Experience 15th Jan. (Fri.) in Hokkaido
   ③ Inspection of Japanese Technology
      - Subway Experience 12th Jan. (Tue.) in Tokyo
      - Metropolitan Tokyo Government Waste Landfill Site 12th Jan. (Tue.) in Tokyo
      - Iriezaki Waste Water Treatment Center 12th Jan. (Tue.) in Tokyo
   ④ Exchange Program
      - Lecture about life in Japan given by Cambodian people living in Japan 12th Jan. (Tue) in Tokyo
      - Homestay 15-17th Jan. (Fri.-Sun.) in Hokkaido
      - School Visit, Class Experience 18th Jan. (Thur.) in Hokkaido
      - Farewell Party 18th Jan. (Thur.) in Hokkaido

VI. Characteristic of This Exchange Program
   Cambodian students experiencing snow activities the first time in their lives, in Hokkaido.
VII. Activity Report:

【1】[Courtesy Activities]

◆ Courtesy Call on Prime Minister’s Office on 13th January

(Quotes from Speech)
We are very proud of participating as the member of Cambodian teenage ambassador for this cultural exchange program. After we go back to Cambodia we will share what we learn from Japanese culture and custom to our friends and families.....

(Quotes from Speech)
For Japan, as the member of Asia, it is very important to have strong bonding with other Asian countries including Cambodia. It is your duty to make bond of friendship between Japan and Cambodia.....

† Speech by Mr. Hagiuda-Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary

† Speech by Cambodian student

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† Cambodian student presenting a gift to Mr. Hagiuda to hand out to Prime Minister Mr. Abe

† Japanese student presenting a gift to Mr. Hagiuda

† Commemorative photo
Welcome party at Royal Embassy of Cambodia on 13th January

↑ Commemorative photo at Embassy of Laos

↑ Speech by H.E. Ms. Chea-Ambassador of Cambodia

(Quotes from speech)
There is a proverb saying “a bamboo shoot inherits bamboo.” The young generation gets knowledge through various activities and raises experience level. So I hope those of you develop our country and keep good relations with neighborhood countries to follow our footsteps.....

↑ Speech by Mr. Kishida-Minister of Foreign Affairs

(Quotes from speech)
I believe young people, who lead the future, learn by interacting each other will build base of good relationship between Japan and Cambodia.....

↑ Speech by Mr. Kato-Minister of Promoting Dynamic Engagement of All Citizens

(Quotes from speech)
Japan and Cambodia have both similarities and differences. As we overcome boundaries, we can find new values between us.....
(Quotes from Speech)
To protect the future of the Earth, it is very important for young generations to study environment of each countries and to think the way of continuous development in our lives.....

(Quotes from Speech)
Japan is a developed country and there are a lot of chances for us to study. From this program, we will absorb as many things as we can and share the experiences with families and friends after we go back to Cambodia.....

(Quotes from Speech)
We went to Cambodia in last January and did volunteer activities including donating wheel chairs and clothes. This shows that our school has a connection with Cambodia deeply. To understand each other’s cultures is the first step to the way of peace for both countries.....
This is our first time visiting Japan and we got surprised to see many things from the first day. I cannot forget the feeling of touching snow the first time. And I got warm hearted by Japanese people’s hospitality. I am looking forward to welcome Japanese students in Cambodia in March.....

(Quotes from Speech)
I hope all Cambodian students respect each other’s living under different life, culture and climate and enjoy the time with students from Sapporo.....
【2】Historical and Cultural Understanding Activities

◆ Edo-Tokyo Museum on 12th January (Tokyo)

↑ Students from both countries challenging on quiz rally
↑ Japanese students explaining “Daimyo-kago” (left) to their pairs

◆ Snow Experience on 14th January (Hokkai-do)

↑ Cambodian students experiencing snow for the first time.
↑ Making a snowman with teammate

◆ Making Bamboo skis on 15th January (Hokkai-do)

↑ Shaving a bamboo to create a pair of skis
↑ Enjoying skiing with their handmade bamboo skis
[3] [Inspection of Japanese technology]
◆ Subway Experience on 12th January (Tokyo)

↑ Buying a ticket from the touch panel  ↑ Entering the gate using contactless IC card

◆ Metropolitan Tokyo Government Waste Landfill Site on 12th January (Tokyo)

↑ Cambodian students taking a note of the presentation about waste landfill.

◆ Iriezaki Wastewater Treatment Center on 12th January (Kanagawa Prefecture)

↑ Cambodian students getting lecture of sewage system

[4] [Exchange program]
◆ Lecture about life in Japan on 12th January (Tokyo)

↑ Cambodian students Listening to the lecture by Ms. Dary Sim (right)  ↑ Cambodian students asking questions to Cambodian overseas students.
◆ Homestay from 15th – 17th January (Hokkaido)

Cambodian students eating sukiyaki with his host family

Cambodian student learning folding paper from her pair.

Cambodian student shopping with his host family

Having a hair arrangement and wearing kimono

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<td>We worried to except a homestay in the beginning but as we actually experienced it, we enjoyed and became a memorable experience.</td>
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<td>As the kids joined the exchange program during their impressionable period, I hope they turn this opportunity to decide their future.</td>
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School Visit and Class Experience on 18th January (Hokkaido)

Cambodian student looking up words in a dictionary during English class

Cambodian students learning calligraphy
◆ Farewell party on 18th January

↑ Commemorative photograph with students and their host families

↑ Speech by Mr. Kosumi-General manager

(Quotes from speech)
Through experiencing the life in different country and making valuable new friends, I hope each student take a look on themselves again and make fruitful life in the future.

↑ Speech by Mr. Takegaki-Chief of Management Division of AEON Hokkaido

(Quote from speech)
I hope the students develop friend network from this program and keep the relationship for the future.

↑ Speech by a host family

(Quotes from speech)
I am very pleased that Japanese and Cambodian students got along very well by heart.

↑ Speech by a host family

(Quotes from speech)
I believe learning each other’s culture will become a very good experience. I will keep supporting our children for their possibilities.
Cambodian students performing celebration dance

Japanese students imitating Cambodian students performance

Speech by Japanese high school students

Speech by Cambodian students

(Quotes from speech)
The Japan program was only a week long but we deepened our relationship and shared cultural and natural features of Japan. When we have the Cambodia program in March, we want to learn a lot about the country and deepen the bonds of friendship more.

(Quotes from Speech)
It was a short period of time, but I learned so many things that cannot be expressed in words. We are looking forward to see everyone at Cambodia in March.

Students from both countries watching highlight of the program and singing “We are the world” together

Students form both counties having hard time saying farewell goodbye
VIII. Comments from Participants : (Quotes from feedback sheet and speech)

Cambodian Students

After I went back to Cambodia, I will tell what I have experienced and learned from this program to many people that I could. And I also want to deepen the relationship between Japan and Cambodia so I hope to share the culture, history and custom of Cambodia with more Japanese people.

Japanese Students

The most memorable things from the Japan program were the homestay and snow experience. My host-family took care of me very well and the Japanese food was very delicious. I am glad the first travel overseas was Japan that I long for. And it was very impressive to touch snow at Hokkai-do.

I got to know each member of Cambodian students which I cannot get from the internet or the TV. The media information is usually one-sided but as we deepen the relationship, I had made extending conversation with my pair-mate. The interchange with same generation was my first time but it was a valuable experience to know difference of thinking and cultural custom.

Japanese Students

Through the program, I leaned the importance of telling my thoughts to other people. Even though I have difficulties with English, if I try hard people will understand me eventually. I also learned to time management myself. We always work together with group members so each one of us needs to be punctual, otherwise, everyone gets troubled.

Teacher

Every Japanese people were kind and polite and I got the impression of them respecting each other. This makes the Japanese society peaceful and builds good relationship with other countries. From the program, both Japanese and Cambodian students deepened the knowledge of each other. And through the homestay, they experienced different cultural custom.

The principal of the Indonesian High school

Everything was fresh to me in Japan. It was a great honor to mingle with many people including the ambassador and members of Congress at the welcome reception at Royal embassy of Cambodia. The lecture of sewage system at Iriezaki Wastewater Treatment Center was very interesting. I will share the informations from Japan with other teachers.
IX. Articles

● News Paper

16th January YOMIURI NEWS

PROUD OF EXPERIENCING JAPANESE CULTURE

Cambodian students paying courtesy visit to the Mayor of Sapporo city

20 high school students from Cambodia paid a Courtesy call to Mayor Mr. Akimoto on the 15th January. Students visited Japan for the mutual exchange program implemented by AEON 1% Club. Until 19th January, when they return to Cambodia, they stay at their host family’s house, and experience Japanese culture and the winter of Sapporo city. The representative of Cambodian student Yon Sovannratanak says "I am proud of being invited to Japan to experience the unique Japanese culture." Students are nodding with smile when Mayor Mr. Akimoto told says "you all must be surprised by this chilly weather."
CAMBODIAN STUDENTS ENJOYED BAMBOO SKIS

20 Cambodian high school students from south east Asia visited the village of HOKKAIDO development in ATSUBETSU-ku of Sapporo city. They came to Japan for international exchange program, and they experienced creating bamboo skis and snow activities. This is one of the programs provided by AEON 1% Club. Cambodian students will study the history of HOKKAIDO other than snow activities, and interact with high school students from Sapporo Kiyota High School. Cambodian students made bamboo skis by having instructors assistance. After that, they challenged to ski the first time, and they enjoyed it very much even though they fell down. Yom Mengchhay (15 years old) says "It is cold but I am so excited. I want to larn many Japanese cultures."
PARTICIPANTS OF TEENAGE AMBASSADORS PROGRAM VISITED CITY HALL

20 students from Chea Sim Chamroeunrath High School and 20 students from Kiyota High School visited our office. They are the participants of "Teenage Ambassadors Program" implemented by AEON 1% Club. The purpose of the program is to deepen understanding about each other's cultures and histories through mutual visits to each other's countries. They will stay at host family's house of Kiyota High School students from 12th to 19th January, and experience culture of Sapporo. Even though it is a short stay, I would like them to enjoy HOKKAIDO by feeling the difference of life and weather, and understand each other's culture.