



30 Thai High School Students Visit Japan
Hosting the “Japan-Thailand Teenage Ambassadors (High School Exchange) Program”

Students from Three Bangkok Schools Exchange with Students from Muroran City in Hokkaido, and Nagoya and Tsushima City in Aichi Prefecture

The AEON 1% Club Foundation will host the “Japan-Thailand Teenage Ambassadors (High School Student Exchange) Program”, in which high school students from Japan and Thailand will deepen their friendship through eight days of exchange activities, starting from November 5 (Monday).

The Foundation has established one of our three main projects* as Promotion of Friendship with Foreign Countries, and as such, we have been holding the Teenage Ambassadors Program, in which high school students from Japan and various nations, particularly in Asia, visit each other’s countries and conduct cultural exchange, since 1990. Eighteen countries have so far participated in the program, with a cumulative total of 2,520 participants, including the current exchange.

This is the third exchange with Thailand, following programs in 1992 and 2004. A total of 60 high school students, comprising 30 students from three schools in Bangkok, Thailand, and 30 students from three Japanese schools – in Muroran City, Hokkaido, and Nagoya and Tsushima Cities in Aichi Prefecture - will participate in the exchange. As Teenage Ambassadors, participants will conduct activities such as a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a performance at the Embassy, and speeches by representatives.

Furthermore, after a visit to Aeon Komaki Crisis Management Center (Komaki City, Aichi Prefecture) with the activity theme of disaster prevention, the students from both countries will be split into three groups, respectively visiting Muroran City in Hokkaido, and Nagoya and Tsushima Cities in Aichi Prefecture. In each location, students will learn about disaster prevention-related ingenuity in daily life, as well as experiencing Japanese history and culture through classroom visits and a homestay.

In January next year, the Japanese students are scheduled to visit the home region of the Thai students who will come to Japan in this activity, in order to further deepen the bonds of friendship that will be built through this exchange.

The Foundation will continue to foster activities that will contribute to the promotion of friendships between partner countries by providing mutual exchange programs for young generations who will lead the future of Asian nations.



“Japan-Thailand Teenage Ambassadors” Welcome Party held in Japan in 2004

* The three projects: Sound Development of the Next Generation, Promotion of Friendship with Foreign Countries, and Sustainable Development of Regional Communities

Program Outline

1. Period	November 5 (Mon.) ~ November 12 (Mon.)	
2. Activity Areas	Hokkaido, Tokyo, Aichi Prefecture	
3. Participants	<p>Japanese Students (Total: 30)</p> <p>1) Kaiseigakuin High School (Muroran City, Hokkaido)</p> <p>2) Tsushima High School (Tsushima City, Aichi Prefecture)</p> <p>3) Nagoya University Affiliated Upper Secondary School (Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture)</p> <p>Thai Students (Total: 30)</p> <p>1) Donmuang Taharnargardbumrung School (City of Bangkok)</p> <p>2) Sri Ayudhya School (City of Bangkok)</p> <p>3) Wat Putthabucha School (City of Bangkok)</p>	
4. Main Activity Schedule		
	Joint Activities	Nov. 5 (Mon.) Thai students arrive in Japan Face-to-face meeting, Orientation
		Nov. 6 (Tue.) Courtesy visit and Q&A session at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Welcome Party at Royal Thai Embassy in Japan
		Nov. 7 (Wed.) Visit to Aeon Komaki Crisis Management Center
	Area Group Activities	Nov. 8 (Thu.) Students split into three area groups: Muroran City in Hokkaido and Nagoya and Tsushima Cities in Aichi Prefecture, and have cultural experiences
		Nov. 9 (Fri.) Classroom visit at each school, Homestay
		Nov. 10 (Sat.) Homestay
		Nov. 11 (Sun.) Homestay Farewell Party (Hokkaido/Aichi Prefecture)
		Nov. 12 (Mon.) Thai students return home