



16 Indonesian High School Students Visit Japan
Hosting “Japan-Indonesia Teenage Ambassadors (High School Student Exchange)”

Authorized as a “Commemorative Event of the 60th Anniversary of Japan-Indonesia Diplomatic Relations”

The AEON 1% Club Foundation will host the “Japan-Indonesia Teenage Ambassadors (High School Student Exchange)” program, in which high school students from Japan and Indonesia will deepen their friendship through eight days of exchange activities, starting from January 29 (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 build friendship through cultural exchange activities, since 1990.

This is the fourth exchange with Indonesia, following programs in 2002, 2012 and 2015, and 18 countries have so far participated in the program with a cumulative total of 2,460 participants, including the current exchange.

A total of 32 students, comprising 16 students from Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro and 16 students from Senior High School at Sakado, University of Tsukuba, will participate in the exchange, and 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.

Additionally, the Indonesian students will learn about Japanese history and culture through hands-on experiences such as decorating *Kokeshi* dolls, pounding rice cakes, experiencing snow, and a homestay, and students of both countries will go to AEON Saitama Hanyu Farm for a site visit, which is operated according to the international standard Global GAP (Good Agricultural Practice).

In March, the Japanese students are scheduled to visit the home region of the Indonesian 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.

Scenes from the “Japan-Indonesia Teenage Ambassadors” program implemented in Japan in 2015



Experiencing snow for the first time at Gozaisho, Yokkaichi



Learning to write *kanji* characters in classroom visit

* 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: January 29 (Mon.) ~ February 5 (Mon.)
2. Activity Areas: Tokyo, Saitama Prefecture
3. Participants: 16 students from Japan (Senior High School at Sakado, University of Tsukuba)
16 students from Indonesia (Senior High School of Bogor, Ummul Quro)
4. Main Activity Schedule:

January 29 (Mon.)	Indonesian students arrive in Japan Face-to-face meeting, Orientation
January 30 (Tues.)	Courtesy visit and Q&A session at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Exchange Meeting with Former Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia, Yoshinori Katori (current Director of this Foundation) Welcome Party at Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Japan
January 31 (Weds.)	Visit to AEON Agri Create Saitama Hanyu Farm
February 1 (Thurs.)	Decorating <i>Usaburo Kokeshi</i> dolls Snow experience & pounding rice cakes
February 2 (Fri.)	Classroom experience at Senior High School at Sakado, University of Tsukuba, Homestay
February 3 (Sat.)	Homestay
February 4 (Sun.)	Homestay, Farewell Party
February 5 (Mon.)	Indonesian students return home

Reference

Details of AEON 1% Club Foundation's Main Activities

The Foundation was established in 1989 on the occasion of the 20th anniversary year of AEON's predecessor JUSCO, as a constantly innovating corporate group with the fundamental principles of pursuing a peaceful society with our customers as the starting point, respecting humanity, and contributing to local communities. In order to consistently carry out such activities regardless of corporate performance, each of the major AEON Group companies donate 1% of their pre-tax profits to the Foundation, and social contribution activities are carried out with three main themes: Sound Development of the Next Generation, Promotion of Friendship with Foreign Countries, and Sustainable Development of Regional Communities.

* For details of Foundation activities, please see <http://aeon.info/1p/en/>

Social Contribution Activities in Indonesia

■Asia Youth Leaders



Students, the leaders of the next generation from six nations - Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, and China - gather in the same room to hold discussions using English as a common language on the topic of social issues in the host region, and propose their remedial measures to the local government. Furthermore, through mutual debate between different nationalities, participants will develop global sensibilities, and deepen their understanding of the diversity of values.

■AEON Scholarship (ASEAN) Project

An allowance-based scholarship for self-financed Asian students studying in Japan. The Foundation supports the future-oriented growth of students with activities such as holding regular seminars aimed at scholarship students of each country. The program was launched in 2006 with the desire for students to become active as intermediaries linking Japan and their own countries in future. In addition, the Foundation also carries out year-round financial student support, such as awarding scholarships to outstanding university students studying in their own countries in the five ASEAN nations of Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand.



Our scholarship program in Indonesia was launched in 2012.

■Teenage Ambassadors (High School Exchange) Program



Established in 1990 with the purpose of enhancing mutual cultural and historical understanding and strengthening friendships between high school students from Japan and other countries, through "ambassadorial activities" such as visiting government offices, "exchange activities" such as classroom visits and homestays, and "historical and cultural activities" such as visiting cultural assets

and experiencing traditional culture.

Reunions of previous participants, who are now active in various countries around the world as adult members of society, were held in 2005 and 2009.

■Disaster Relief Assistance

The Foundation provides support for repair and reconstruction work so that people affected by large-scale disasters can return to their normal way of life as quickly as possible. In addition to fundraising activities for people affected by the 2006 Yogyakarta earthquake, the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami, the 2005 Nias-Simeulue earthquake, and the 2009 Sumatra earthquake, the Foundation has also presented support funds for disaster reconstruction.



■Tree-planting Activities in Indonesia



The AEON Environmental Foundation has been carrying out tree-planting activities in various regions worldwide together with volunteers since its establishment in 1990. In Indonesia, a mangrove of 63,000 trees was planted during a three-year period from 2011 by a total of 5,000 volunteers in a marshland in northern Jakarta.