

January 10, 2019
AEON 1% Club Foundation

**Hosting the “Japan Thailand Teenage Ambassadors”
Thailand Program (High School Student Exchange)**
60 High School Students from the Two Nations Reunite and Interact



The AEON 1% Club Foundation will host the “Japan Thailand Teenage Ambassadors (High School Student Exchange)” Program, in which sixty high school students from Japan and Thailand will deepen their friendship through eight days of exchange activities, starting from January 21 (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 third exchange with Thailand, following programs in 1993 and 2004. Eighteen countries have so far participated in the program with a cumulative total of 2,610 participants, including the current exchange.

In this exchange, 30 high school students from three Japanese cities – Muroran in Hokkaido, and Nagoya and Tsushima in Aichi Prefecture – and 30 high school students from Thailand who interacted in Japan in November last year will be reunited in Thailand to conduct further exchange.

As Teenage Ambassadors, the Japanese students will make a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Education Thailand. Furthermore, at a Welcome Party attended by guests from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand and the Thai government, students of both nations will give performances such as traditional dance and deliver speeches expressing their personal resolutions to this Program.

In addition, at Thailand’s longest-established university Chulalongkorn University, students will attend a lecture about flood countermeasures, as well as participating in a social exchange with

international students from various nations studying at the university, as an opportunity to encounter diverse values. Afterwards, participants will be split into groups at three high schools within the city of Bangkok, where they will learn about Thai history and culture through classroom visits and a homestay, and deepen their understanding.

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 exchange with Thai high school students who visited Japan in November 2018

	
Experiencing Contemporary Japanese class at Tsushima High School	The challenge of frying <i>takoyaki</i> during the homestay

* 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 21 (Mon.) – January 28 (Mon.)
2. Activity Areas: Thailand (Bangkok, Ayutthaya)
3. Participants: Japanese Students (Total: 30) from
 - 1) Kaiseigakuin High School
 - 2) Tsushima High School
 - 3) Nagoya University Affiliated Upper and Lower Secondary SchoolThai Students (Total: 30) from
 - 1) Donmuang Taharnargardbumrung School
 - 2) Sri Ayudhya School
 - 3) Watputthabucha School
4. Main Activity Schedule:

Jan. 21 (Mon.)	Japanese students arrive in Thailand Orientation
Jan. 22 (Tue.)	Courtesy visit to Ministry of Education Thailand Attend lecture at JETRO Bangkok Welcome Party
Jan. 23 (Wed.)	Visit to Rojana Industrial Park Visit to Ayutthaya Remains
Jan. 24 (Thu.)	Lecture and social exchange meeting at Chulalongkorn University
Jan. 25 (Fri.)	Students are divided into groups at three high schools, classroom visits Homestay (3 days, 2 nights)
Jan. 26 (Sat.)	Homestay
Jan 27 (Sun.)	Homestay, Farewell Party
Jan 28 (Mon.)	Japanese students arrive in Japan