

Application Guidelines for JENESYS 2.0 The Short-term Invitation Programme for Japanese Language Learners from SAARC Countries

1. Programme Overview

On January 18, 2013, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, during his visit to Indonesia, announced to undertake a new youth exchange program between Japan and ASEAN Member States, among other countries, as “JENESYS 2.0” (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths). It aims towards the revitalization of the Japanese economy by promoting potential interests towards Japan, increasing visitors to Japan, and at the same time, promoting global understanding on Japan’s strengths and attractions as well as Japanese values, including Cool Japan. Approximately 30,000 youths from the Asian/Oceanian region will have an opportunity to participate in the programme. Under the supervision of the SAARC Secretariat, totally, about 1,250 youths from SAARC countries will be invited to Japan.

2. Outlines of the Short-Term Invitation Programme

The programme will be conducted utilizing the SAARC-Japan Special Fund of the SAARC Secretariat.

Duration of the Programme: 20 May*, 2013 – 25May, 2013**

*The date of the arrival in Japan: 20 May, 2013 **The date of the departure from Japan: 25 May, 2013

3. Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)

JICE is an official agent which has undertaken all the necessary arrangements for this short-term Invitation Programme, such as travel procedures and the whole schedule of events in Japan under the guidance of the SAARC Secretariat and Government of Japan.

4. Qualifications for Participations

The composition of a delegation from each SAARC country is that the total number of the participants per each delegation is limited to twenty-two (22), which consist of Twenty (20) Japanese language learners and two (2) supervisors. Applicants should meet the entire criteria as follows.

【For Japanese language learners】

1. Understand and agree to the aims of JENESYS 2.0.
2. Applicants must be bona fide citizens of member countries of SAARC.
3. Applicants are presently studying Japanese language at junior high school, high school, university, college or other institution of Japanese language education.
4. Applicants must be between 15 to 30 years of age.

【For Supervisors】

1. Understand and agree to the aims of JENESYS 2.0.
2. Applicants must be bona fide citizens of member countries of SAARC.
3. Be capable of adjusting themselves to the life abroad and possess the ability to conduct daily

conversation in English. This is due to English language as the common language during the programme.

4. Applicants are expected to take a good care of youths as an educator.
5. Applicants are expected to supervise youths and cooperate with the SAARC secretariat, JICE and Japanese Government for the smooth implementation of the programme
6. Applicants must be under the age of 50.

Further details of the roles of the supervisors are explained upon the arrival in Japan by the JICE staff.

【All Participants】

All Participants should agree indemnify, defend and hold JICE and its staff from against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities for injury to or illness, or for loss or damages to any property incurred as a result of one's behaviour without obeying all posted rules and warnings.

5. Health condition

(1) Body Temperature

If participant's body temperature is 37.5°C or higher, he / she cannot depart for Japan and is NOT ELIGIBLE to join in the Invitation Programme in Japan.

(2) Chronic Diseases

Those who suffer from chronic diseases (*1) are not allowed to participate in the programme due to the reasons below (1-3). However, if they and their organizations express strong interest in participating in the programme, JICE will accept them on condition that they themselves and the organizations they belong to submit a letter of consent.

- 1) The risk of developing severe symptoms is much higher than other infected patients who do not have the chronic diseases.
- 2) When a participant receives medical treatment due to symptoms caused by his/her chronic disease, medical expenses are not covered by the insurance provided by JICE. Therefore, the participant will have to pay all the expenses by him/herself.
- 3) The participants must understand the above conditions and agree to bear all related risks and costs that may occur during their stay in Japan.

*1 Chronic lung disease (Asthma, Chronic obstructive lung disease etc.), immunodeficiency state (T cell immunodeficiency etc.), Chronic heart disease (congenital heart disease, coronary artery disease etc.), Metabolic disease (Diabetes), Renal dysfunction, Obesity, Myasthenia gravis etc.

(3) Pregnant women

Those who are pregnant are not accepted to participate in this programme owing to the below reasons.

- 1) Maternal and child health
- 2) Rapid aggravation of influenza A (H1N1)

6. Necessary Procedure for Selection

All of the following application documents should be submitted to the Embassy of Japan (EOJ).

(1) The Entry Form for JENESYS 2.0

Fill out the form with necessary information and answers in BLOCK LETTERS, referring to the sample.

Sign with the form after confirming at the section of “Declaration” and “Agreement of Use of Personal Information” in the last part of the form.

(2) Passport-sized photo

Attach the passport-sized photo taken within the last six months on the allocated space in the Entry Form.

(3) Photocopy of the Applicant’s passport

Submit a photocopy of a photo page of the applicant’s passport by making a photocopy of the page of his / her passport.

* If accepted to this programme, he / she must immediately obtain his / her passport and submit its photocopy of a photo page of his / her passport.

7. Participant’s Handbook

After a notification of selection results to the applicants, the Embassy of Japan in respective countries will provide the participants with a tentative programme in Japan and a **Participant’s Handbook for JENESYS 2.0** developed by JICE.

The Participant’s Handbook contains information about the outline of the Project, assemble date / time, travel information, travel tips on how to stay in Japan, and etc. The participants are highly requested to read the handbook carefully so that they can sufficiently prepare for the participation in the programme.

8. Arrival Orientation in Japan

After the participants’ arrival in Japan, JICE will hold an orientation to explain below;

- Outline of JENESYS 2.0,
- Schedule in Japan,
- Explanation of Workshop
- Introduction to Japan; its life and customs, and
- Others.

9. Questionnaires

Each participant must submit questionnaires on his / her experience / impression on the visit to Japan several times.

10. Post-Return Activities (Obligation)

All participants are required to share their experiences / knowledge acquired on the visit to Japan with friends, family, people in local community, and etc in order to disseminate the current / accurate situation in Japan, and report their activities to the Embassy of Japan in

each of the member countries of SAARC where the youths are from.

11. Terms and Conditions

(1) Arrangements and expenses to be covered by the programme

- Round trip international air tickets from / to each country where youths are from to / from Tokyo by Economy class
** Excess baggage charge will be paid at one's own expense.*
- Overseas travel accident insurance
**Please note that pregnancy-related diseases, chronic diseases and previous diseases diagnosed by a Japanese medical doctor and cases disapproved by the insurance company will NOT be covered by insurance. Individuals will be liable for such costs.*
- Accommodation in Japan
- Transportation in Japan
- Meals in Japan
**No cash allowance is provided to participants including supervisors.*
- Participants including supervisors are expected to cover personal expenses, such as passport fees, fees for vaccination, and travel expenses between their home and departure port, and to bring sufficient funds for pocket money and for the purchase of items for personal use.

(2) Prohibitions

The following is not permitted.

- ✓ To remain in Japan after the programme;
- ✓ To change the flight designated by the programme;
- ✓ To change accommodation designated by the programme;
- ✓ To be accompanied by someone; or
- ✓ To travel to the third countries on the way to Japan or back to participant's country.

(3) Respect for Japanese Law and Regulations

During the stay in Japan, participants must respect the laws and regulations of Japan, and offenders are subject to penalties under the Japanese law.

12. Privacy Policy

In 2005, Personal Information Protection Law took fully effect in Japan. Therefore, personal information collected under JENESYS 2.0 shall be treated in compliance with this law.

The attribution of responsibility during the programme

Any loss or damages incurred by the participants due to any accident, theft, crime or any other reason during this programme should, regardless of such reason, be borne by the participants. The SAARC Secretariat, The Japanese Government and JICE should in no manner be liable for such losses and damages.

Any dispute arising out of the application and admission of, or relating to, this programme between the participants and the SAARC secretariat or JICE should be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of Japan, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws, and should be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the applicable courts in Japan.