



JENESYS Programme

(Japan - East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths)

Objectives

- To help lay the foundation for a common future vision and solidarity in East Asia in the 21st century,
- To promote mutual understanding among the younger generation in the region through youth exchange,

At the 2nd East Asia Summit held in January 2007, H.E. Mr Shinzo Abe, then Prime Minister of Japan, announced the launching of a large-scale youth exchange initiative totalling USD 315 million, under which approximately 6,000 youths mainly from EAS member countries (ASEAN, Australia, China, India, ROK and New Zealand) would be invited to Japan every year over the next five years.

Outline of the Programme

- Japan contributed USD 315 million in total to ASEAN Secretariat, Japan-China Friendship Centre, Japan-Korea Cultural Foundation and SAARC Secretariat for the implementation of the JENESYS Programme. Respective exchange projects under the Programme are to be arranged in collaboration with the related youth organisations within Japan.
- The JENESYS Programme consists of (a) inviting East Asian youths to Japan, (b) dispatching Japanese youths to East Asia and (c) other exchange activities.

Invitation to Japan

1. Short-term stay

- approximately 1 ~ 2 weeks stay in Japan
- visit to sites related to Japanese politics, economy, social and cultural affairs, as well as local communities
- exchange events with Japanese youths and citizens, including home-stay, camp, school visit, discussion, seminar, student conference etc.

2. Mid- and long-term stay

- 1, 2 months ~ 1 year stay in Japan
- study at Japanese high school / university with Japanese youths etc.

Dispatching Japanese Youths

- short-term dispatch of Japanese youths to East Asian countries
- possible dispatch of students who interacted with youths invited to Japan
- dispatch of Japanese language teacher

Exchange Activities

- East Asia Student Conference, Ship for East Asian Youth, East Asia Youth Network etc.