

**Excerpt of part from action record of the visit to Japan India**  
**(studying Japanese) youth in June, 2009**

14<sup>th</sup> June: Before visiting to Japan

First we went to Chennai airport to go to Delhi. That was my first travel by flight. I was waiting to fly. Really I was stunned while flying.

After reaching Delhi airport, we started to move from there to Hotel Ashok by prepaid taxi. In the hotel we had a warm welcome by the JENESYS PROGRAMME (organised by JICE) organisers. We met our group co-ordinators and guides. Our team guides were so jovial persons. I was surprised to be a part of the programme. There they distributed some materials regarding our trip.

15<sup>th</sup> June:

There was a meeting to give instructions about the trip. Then we had a health check-up session. After dinner, I went to buy some gifts to present my host-family members.

16<sup>th</sup> June: Visiting to Japan, the first day

The plane was really gigantic. After nine hours travel, we reached Narita airport.

The average temperature in Japan was 20 degree Celsius. So it was chilly. From Narita airport to Asakusa View hotel we travelled by a bus. Then we had our lunch in our room itself. After taking rest, we went to Indian Embassy in Japan. There we had a warm welcome and a photo session.

17<sup>th</sup> June: the second day

We had some lecture on "Japan and Japanese". They spoke about their traditions and culture and about the beauty of the language.

After having our lunch, we went to "Edo-Tokyo Museum". In that museum we were able to know the traditions and culture of Japanese.

After that we went to a science museum named, "TEPIA". It was an advanced technology exhibition hall to know the latest technology innovations of Japan.

18<sup>th</sup> June: the third day

We travelled from Tokyo to Kobe (Hyogo prefecture) by bullet train (Shinkansen). Then we went to Kobe port tower. There we had a photo session. That photo was also distributed along with our certificates at the end of our trip.

Then we had a briefing session about our home stay. After dinner, we went Kobe Portopia hotel.

19<sup>th</sup> June: the fourth day

We visited to a Women's University. There we had nice chat with those students. It led us to know more about Japan and Japanese. We just exchanged information with those students. Then there was a presentation and discussion session on environment.

After that session we had introduction ceremony for home-stay program. We were waiting to meet our host family. My host sister name is Rikako. She took me to her home. Actually they took care of me as a son for three days. After dinner we were chatting till 1 a.m. daily.

20<sup>th</sup> June: the fifth day

Host father, host sister and I went to Osaka Castle. There I saw some people in the traditional dress of samurais. I wore their dress and took a photo with them.

Then my host sister and I went to her college. There, I saw Kabuki (their classical dance) videos. From college we went to Universal Studios Japan, a famous amusement park in Japan. We had a lot of fun there.

21<sup>st</sup> June: the sixth day

That day we went to a hotel for farewell party. In that restaurant I had lunch with my host sister. Since that was my last day of home stay, they presented me with a memento.

After the farewell party, we went to experience the art of Calligraphy. There we were taught how to use the calligraphy brush and how to write.

22<sup>nd</sup> June: the seventh day

That day we went to garbage disposal centre to know the proper disposal of garbage. I learnt their sense of cleanliness.

After lunch we went to shopping market to use our Japanese skill through shopping. Then we had a workshop regarding our daily findings in Japan. In that workshop we came to know more about Japan.

23<sup>rd</sup> June: the eighth day

We were in Kobe bullet train station to leave from Kobe. After two and a half hours journey we reached Tokyo. On the way we were able to see Mount Fuji.

Then we were roaming in Asakusa area. While roaming in Sensuiji temple, I met a couple from Chennai.

24<sup>th</sup> June: the ninth day

We were taken to Akihabara, the electronic town of Japan. There we went to a shop called Yodobashi. That was a huge shop. That has separate floors for camera, TV, games and other electronic gadgets.

There was a meeting to give instructions about briefing for departure and post-programme questionnaire. Then we had workshop presentation session. After that, there was a farewell dinner in Asakusa hotel.

25<sup>th</sup> June: the last day( Leaving Japan day)

We had our last breakfast in Japan. Then we left the hotel and reached Narita airport by bus. It was really emotional to leave a wonderful place like that. I wish to visit again. After nine hours of travel we reached India.

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My trip to Japan is very memorable for me. I learnt a lot about enjoying life. I would go to Japan again if I get a chance. I wish to thank Anna University and all the JICE members for giving this great opportunity to me.

**Programme for Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths**  
 The Third Batch of High School Students from India

| Group Name |         |      | IBARAKI Group                    | OSAKA Group  | HYOGO Group  |   |
|------------|---------|------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
|            |         |      | 21 Students (9 male / 12 female) | 23 Students (10 male / 13 female)  | 17 Students (7 male / 10 female)   |   |
| 1          | Jun. 16 | Wed. | AM                               | Delhi → Narita   |  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Hotel Check-in   |  |   |
| 2          | Jun. 17 | Thu. | AM                               | Programme Orientation  |  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Lecture about Japan and Japanese People  |  |   |
| 3          | Jun. 18 | Fri. | AM                               | Courtesy Call on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan  |  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Move to Ibaraki (Bus)  | Move to Osaka (Shinkan-sen)  | TEPIA<br>【Science & Technology】                               |
| 4          | Jun. 19 | Sat. | AM                               | Toride Shoyo High School<br>【Exchange Programme】   | Osaka Castle<br>【Japanese Culture & History】                                 | Move to Hyogo (Air Plane)                                     |
|            |         |      | PM                               |  | Otemae Senior High School<br>【Exchange Programme】                            | Nishinomiya Shrine<br>【Japanese Culture & History】            |
| 5          | Jun. 20 | Sun. | AM                               | Homestay   |  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Meet with Host family  | Meet with Host Family  |   |
| 6          | Jun. 21 | Mon. | AM                               | Global Festa in Toride Shoyo High School<br>【Exchange Programme】                                 | Homestay   | Homestay  |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Meet with Host Family  | Farewell Party   |   |
| 7          | Jun. 22 | Tue. | AM                               | Homestay   | Kodai Yuzen-en (Yuzen stencil dyeing)  | Homestay  |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Farewell Party   | Stroll in Kyoto with Ritsumeikan University students<br>【Exchange Programme】 |   |
| 8          | Jun. 23 | Wed. | AM                               | Tsuchiura City Clean Center<br>【Environmental Study】   | Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan  | Ashiya International Secondary School<br>【Exchange Programme】 |
|            |         |      | PM                               | JAXA Space Center<br>【Science & Technology】  | Tempozan Market Place  |   |
| 9          | Jun. 24 | Thu. | AM                               | Farewell Party   |  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Osaka ATC Green Eco Plaza<br>【Environmental Study】   | Kobe City, Eastern Water Environmental Center<br>【Environmental Study】       |   |
| 10         | Jun. 25 | Fri. | AM                               | Kodokan<br>【Japanese Culture & History】  | Workshop   | Akashi Kaikyo Bridge  |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Loc City Mito Minami   |  | Workshop  |
| 11         | Jun. 26 | Sat. | AM                               | Workshop   | Move to Tokyo (Shinkan-sen)  | Workshop  |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Move to Tokyo (Bus)  | TEPIA<br>【Science & Technology】  | Move to Tokyo (Air Plane)                                     |
| 12         | Jun. 27 | Sun. | AM                               | TEPIA<br>【Science & Technology】  | MEGAWEB<br>【Science & Technology】  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Observation Trip in Tokyo (Imperial Palace → Tokyo Tower → Asakusa) 【Japanese Culture & History】 |  |   |
| 13         | Jun. 28 | Mon. | AM                               | Workshop Report Presentation (Indian Embassy)  |  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               | Move to Narita Airport   |  |   |
| 14         | Jun. 29 | Tue. | AM                               | Narita → Delhi   |  |   |
|            |         |      | PM                               |  |  |   |