

Japan – East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths Programme 2009-2011

BACKGROUND

The Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme was initiated by Japan at the 2nd East Asia Summit (EAS) held on 15 January 2007 in Cebu, Philippines. The Programme is financially supported by the Government of Japan through the JENESYS Programme Fund. The JENESYS is a five-year Programme (August 2007-July 2012), which includes annual exchange of about 6000 youths from the EAS Countries to Japan and vice versa. The 16 EAS Countries comprise the 10 ASEAN Member States (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam), Australia, China, Japan, India, Republic of Korea and New Zealand.

The JENESYS Programme consists of the following three main components:

- a. Dispatch of students and youths from the EAS Countries to Japan (short term: 1-2 weeks, mid/long term: 1-2 months to 1 year);
- b. Dispatch of Japanese youths to other East Asian Countries; and
- c. Youth interaction (e.g. youth networking and East Asia Student Conference).

The overall objective of the JENESYS Programme is to help lay the foundation for a stronger solidarity and closer friendships among EAS countries by promoting mutual understanding of the future generation of the region.

The JENESYS Programme for the first year (2007-2008) and second year (2008-2009) has been successfully implemented by six implementing agencies of Japan, which were appointed through a selection process, namely the Japan Foundation, American Field Service (AFS), Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Asia Japan Alumni International (ASJA), and Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO).

Currently the ASEAN Secretariat in collaboration with the government of Japan is in the planning process for implementation of the JENESYS Programme 2009-2011. For this purpose, the application for selection process of the

implementing agencies for the large-scale programme (2009-2011 (could be an annual programme)) is now open. Any organisation that is based in Japan or ASEAN Member States and meets the requirements is welcomed to apply as a candidate for the selection.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Organisation that will plan and operate the programme must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be capable of implementing a programme for a period of minimum one year starting from August 2009;
- b. Be capable of submitting semi-yearly financial reports on project implementation to the ASEAN Secretariat. The ASEAN Secretariat and the government of Japan will review the reports annually to determine continuation of the youth programme;
- c. Be capable of implementing a youth programme that extends to the ASEAN Member States, Australia, New Zealand and India;
- d. Has the knowledge and capability to implement large-scale programme involving several hundred participants, without undue delay;
- e. Be a non-profit, non-religious, non-political organisation;
- f. In principle, has its base, its own branch or counterpart in Japan ;
- g. Be capable of making arrangements for home stays, home visits, or school visits at least one day or more, as an opportunity to experience the daily life of ordinary Japanese citizens;
- h. Be capable of developing programmes both in Tokyo and in local areas of Japan;
- i. Be capable of developing programmes which contribute to promoting understanding on Japanese politics, economy, foreign policy, society and culture; and
- j. Be capable of conducting close consultation with the ASEAN Secretariat and the governments of countries concerned with a view to reflect various needs in developing programmes.

SELECTION PROCESS

Any interested organisation is required to submit the following documents to the ASEAN Secretariat **by 24 October 2008**.

- a. Budget Planning based on the following model programme:
(Invite 50 youths from ASEAN Member States to Japan, Stay for 9 nights and 10 days including 2 nights and 3 days of local programme)
- b. The following information, but not limited to, should be also provided:
 - The history, size, activities and experience of conducting similar regional programmes, if relevant, of the organisation.
 - The administrative infrastructure, overseas negotiating ability and presence of basis or overseas counterpart of the organisation;
 - The capacity to arrange youth dispatch and home stay programmes at a large scale covering countries concerned, methods to do so, etc.
 - Advantages, shortcomings, etc. that the organisation might have in implementing such programme in countries concerned.

ATTENTION

This process is exclusively for the purpose of selecting implementing organisations. Therefore the proposals offered by the selected organisations will not be endorsed automatically. The selected organisations will be requested to present new proposals which meet requirements of the governments of countries concerned and ASEAN Secretariat.

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Only the selected organisations will be contacted by the ASEAN Secretariat for further selection process.
