

[Press Release] JENESYS 2.0 Reception and Reporting Session

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Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste

The Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste, held the reception and reporting session for JENESYS 2.0ⁱ participants on July 4th with the presence of H.E. Mr. Marcal Avelino Ximenes, Vice Minister for Higher Education, and H.E. Ms. Maria Isabel Ximenes, Secretary of State for Art and Culture.

The Government of Japan is going to invite about 300 young Timorese in total to Japan this year with various topics and 7 groups of the first half batch, about 150 students who have already been to Japan, gathered at the Embassy of Japan. Namely, City Planning group, Japan-ASEAN-Oceanian 2014 group, Agriculture group, Social Community group, Soccer U-14 group, Japan-ASEAN-Oceanian 2013 group and Movie Festival group.

“We heard from a number of participants that by visiting Japan, they have been greatly influenced, enhanced their capacity and expanded their dream for the future.” said Ambassador Hanada. “As Timor-Leste is making efforts to be a member of ASEAN, we are proud that Japanese government is already offering opportunities for Timorese students to make friends and learn about other ASEAN countries.”

At the reporting session, each group shared their experiences in Japan and their action plans to implement ideas they learned and came up while they were in Japan. For example, Social Community group is planning to hold a garbage picking activities to contribute to the local community. These young Timorese will continue to reflect their experiences in Japan to daily life and become the bridge between Japan and Timor-Leste.

ⁱ The JENESYS 2.0 is planned to promote potential interests towards Japan, to increase visitors to Japan for the revitalization of the Japanese economy, as well as to facilitate global understanding on Japanese

values, strengths and attractions including “Cool Japan.” Approximately 35,000 youths from 41 countries, throughout Asian/ Oceanian region (10 countries of ASEAN, Australia, New Zealand, Timor-Leste, China, Mongolia, Taiwan, Korea, 14 countries and regions of South Pacific Ocean, 8 countries of SAARC) and North America (The United States and Canada) qualify to participate in the programme, either staying in Japan or dispatched for 9 nights and 10 days.