

1 Outline

The International Youth Development Exchange (INDEX) Program is an interactive project started in FY 1994 in commemoration of the marriage of H.I.H. the Crown Prince. This program succeeded the Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission that commenced in FY 1959 to commemorate the marriage of the current His Majesty the Emperor who was the Crown Prince at that time; and the Invitation of Foreign Youth to Japan which commenced in FY 1962.

2 Purpose

The purpose of the International Youth Development Exchange Program is to promote mutual friendship and understanding between Japanese youths and youths from overseas countries, to broaden the international perspectives of youth, and to foster the spirit of international cooperation and develop the ability to put it into practice. As such, the objective of the program is to nurture and develop youths who can demonstrate leadership skills in various fields in a global society, and to facilitate social contribution activities by the youths.

3 Program 2015

(1) Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission

i Countries and the number of youths

Country	Number of Youths (Incl. NL and ANL)
Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Latvia	16 to each country
Dominican Republic	15
Total: 3	Total: 47

ii Program

Date	Program
July 6 (Mon.) - 11 (Sat.)	Preparatory Training Session
September 3 (Thu.) - 4 (Fri.)	Pre-departure Training Session
September 5 (Sat.) - 22 (Tue.)	Activities in the visited countries
September 23 (Wed.) - 27 (Sun.)	Seminar after returning*

* September 23 (Wed.) - 25 (Fri.) International Youth Conference

iii Activities in the visited countries

The program includes intensive overnight discussion program with local youths, performance of Japanese culture, experience of the international cooperation activities, homestay and institutional visit in the areas of environment, education, culture, etc.

(2) Invitation Program

i Countries and the number of youths

Country	Number of youth (Incl. NL)
Kingdom of Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Latvia	10 from each country
Republic of Mozambique	8
Independent State of Papua New Guinea	7
Total: 6	Total: 55

ii Program

16 days from September 22 (Tue.) to October 7 (Wed.), 2015

iii Activities in Japan

The invited youths would take part in many exchange activities with Japanese youths such as the "International Youth Conference," visit various institutions, as well as discussion programs with Japanese youths, traditional culture experiences and homestay in the local program. The International Youth Conference provides an opportunity for the Japanese youths, who were sent overseas, and the foreign youths invited from overseas to Japan, to gather and discuss topics such as environment, education and culture under the comprehensive theme, "Youth Participation in the Society." They also join in the institutional visits according to the three topics.

Date	Time	Program
September 22 (Tue.)		Arrival
September 23 (Wed.)	9:15-10:30	Orientation (Whole program)
		International Youth Conference
	10:45-11:45	Orientation
	12:30-13:45	Exchange Lunch
	14:00-18:00	Discussion
September 24 (Thu.)	19:00-21:00	Exchange Dinner
	Whole day	International Youth Conference
		Institutional Visit, Discussion
September 25 (Fri.)	19:00-21:00	Cultural Exchange Party
		International Youth Conference
	9:00-10:00	Course Discussion
	12:00-15:00	Lunch and wrap up of the Course Discussion
	15:30-16:30	Discussion Summary Presentation
	17:00-18:00	Evaluation Session
September 26 (Sat.) — October 4 (Sun.)	18:30-20:00	Reception
		Local Program
		Ishikawa Prefecture→Toyama Prefecture Cambodia, Papua New Guinea
		Yamaguchi Prefecture→Osaka Prefecture Dominican Republic, Mozambique
October 5 (Mon.)	10:00-16:00	Okinawa Prefecture→Kagawa Prefecture Latvia, Egypt
October 6 (Tue.)	10:00-11:30	Tokyo City Tour
	11:45-13:00	Evaluation, Completion Ceremony
October 7 (Wed.)		Farewell Lunch
		Departure