

## 1. Outline of Local Program

The participating youths divided into three groups and took part in the local program from September 26, Saturday to October 4, Sunday. The youths from Kingdom of Cambodia and Independent State of Papua New Guinea visited Ishikawa Prefecture and Toyama Prefecture, those from Dominican Republic and Republic of Mozambique visited Yamaguchi Prefecture and Osaka Prefecture, and those from Republic of Latvia and Arab Republic of Egypt visited Okinawa Prefecture and Kagawa Prefecture. In Ishikawa, Yamaguchi and Okinawa, they took part in the intensive discussion program with local youths while in Toyama, Osaka and Kagawa, they enjoyed homestay.

Prefecture	Country
Ishikawa, Toyama	Cambodia, Papua New Guinea
Yamaguchi, Osaka	Dominican Republic, Mozambique
Okinawa, Kagawa	Latvia, Egypt

## 2. Ishikawa Prefecture

Date	Time	Activities		
Sep. 26 (Sat.)	9:32	Depart from Tokyo Station by Kagayaki 507		
	12:06	Arrive at Kanazawa Station		
	12:30	Lunch		
	14:00	Cultural experience; Tour at Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa Castle Park, Tea Ceremony inside the Garden		
	15:30	Opening of the Discussion Program / Orientation		
	15:45	Course Discussion (Environment, Education, Culture)		
	18:00-20:00	Cultural Exchange with local youths Cultural performance per country		
Sep. 27 (Sun.)	9:30	【Program by three groups】		
		Environment	Education	Culture
		9:30 Departure by Taxi Kanazawa-city Seibu Kankyo Energy Center Environment pollution conscious waste treatment plant. Provide effective resource usage and active educational opportunity for environment.	10:10 IT Business Plaza Lecture on Education of Ishikawa Prefecture - Inviting a specialist on education followed with Q&A session	9:30 Departure by taxi Utatsuyama Craft Workshop General organization for cultural promotion and traditional craft development. Place to nurture, demonstrate, participate in craft making.
		12:00	Lunch in the hotel	
	13:00	Review and summary presentation by group		
	17:45	Comments from overseas participants		
18:30	Dinner			

Sep. 28 (Mon.)	10:00	Visit to Kosaka Elementary School		
	11:50	Lunch		
	12:55	Tour in the Ishikawa Prefectural Police		
	14:00	Courtesy Call on Ishikawa Prefectural Government * Speech by each country * Gift exchange		
	15:00	Visit traditional town (tourist attraction, Higashi Chaya Gai)		
Sep. 29 (Tue.)	9:30	Company Visit; Komatsu Corporation		
	12:00	Activities; Japanese Lunch will be provided after activities.		
		A	B	C
		Food Culture Japanese Cooking Experience	Japanese Calligraphy	Japanese Language
	14:30	Explore the 21st Century Museum of Art (Optional)		
18:00-20:00	Farewell Reception * Speech by the representative of Ishikawa Prefectural Government * Speech by each country * Cultural performance by each country			
Sep. 30 (Wed.)	10:00	Move to Toyama Prefecture by bus		

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In this time, I have made a new discovery of three charms of my local city.

I made the first discovery by making an institutional visit for discussion activity. When I made a preliminary visit to the institution, I was able to listen to very interesting explanation that even Kanazawa residents were barely able to know. Considering of the contents of the discussion activity, by asking questions to the person in charge, I was able to understand what kind of measures Kanazawa city takes, or what sort of goals or expectations that the people worked for the place have. I am convinced that those things were well involved in the discussion theme, and well given as topic for the institutional visit on the day.

Next discovery is the new encounter with IYEO members. Every year Ishikawa Prefecture has sent a few people to the exchange program coordinated by the Cabinet Office. Some of the ex-participants had never had chances to

work together as volunteers. But this year we were able to be in touch with them and got involved in this time. Since these members are from different programs, we could share different experiences of each other, listen to each life and work, and had a great time. This made us expand the horizons in the same local area. Also every year, there are members who are not currently Ishikawa based but came and help. Their warm support encouraged us and we re-

