

## 1 Evaluation Method

At the time period of “Evaluation” 10:00-11:30 on October 19, the overseas participating youths were requested to fill out the questionnaires consisted of multiple choice questions (scale of one to five) and free description.

## 2 Response Rate

Overseas participating youths: 47 out of 47 participants responded. (100%)

## 3 Questions Asked

Overseas participants were asked questions on the entire International Youth Development Program. Concerning the Regional Program, contents of the questions were different from the group who visited Toyama Prefecture and Ibaraki Prefecture (Republic of Lithuania and Socialist Republic of Viet Nam), the group who visited Kagawa Prefecture and Aichi Prefecture (Republic of Austria and Republic of Peru), and the group who visited Kochi Prefecture and Okayama Prefecture (United Mexican States and Republic of the Philippines).

## 4 Summary

### Overseas Participants’ Reason for Participation in the Program

When asked about the reason why they joined the program, the most common answer, from 33 participants, was that they were “Interested in international exchange program.”

### International Youth Conference (October 6-9)

At the International Youth Conference, participating youths discussed the relationship between their corresponding theme in three courses, namely “Labor society in Japan and Each Country,” “Disaster Management,” and “National Identity & Multicultural Society.”

### Regional Program (October 10-October 18)

The home-staying program, which the overseas participants always look forward to, was conducted in Toyama Prefecture, Kagawa Prefecture and Kochi Prefecture scoring high marks in every prefecture. The discussion program with the local youths was held in Ibaraki Prefecture, Aichi Prefecture and Okayama Prefecture. Thanks to the preparations as well as arrangements by regional executive committee staff, good programs were created with utilizing unique features in regional areas.

## Overall Impression of the Program

The evaluation for overall impression of the program decreased by 0.5 points from last year's to 4.2 points. Following questions received especially high points of 4.68 and 4.62 respectively: "Do you agree that this program contributes in promoting mutual understanding between you and the Japanese people?," "Do you agree that this program is valuable to your future (ex. Career, Study, life)?" Free comments included a lot of positive descriptions such as about their experiences and networks gained in this program and their willingness to reinforce contributions to society.