

Take Actions for Social Change (TASC) 2023

Program Guideline

1. Purpose

To commemorate the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, the Japan Foundation and the Kamenori Foundation, in cooperation with the ASEAN University Network, are organizing an exchange program to deepen mutual understanding between young people in ASEAN countries and Japan.

This project provides an opportunity for international exchange and idea sharing with young people of the same generation from diverse backgrounds, targeting university undergraduates who wish to take concrete actions to solve social issues under the common interest of "co-creating a better world in 2050". Through the experience of "meeting", "studying together" and "working collaboratively toward the same goal" with other people who have diverse values and different cultural backgrounds, participants can "expand perspectives", "increase acceptance and tolerance of different cultural environments" and "acquire the desire and skills to take action leading to social change".

Each team of participants will develop their own questions and themes, which will be explored through online programs, field trips, and other specific case studies. Then, through dialogue with other team members, participants will co-create ideas and actions to create a better world, and each team will present a report on the outcome.

The program is expected to build human connections between young people in ASEAN countries and Japan that may last long, and participants are expected to play an active role in the future as global leaders who can help bring about meaningful social change.

2. Overview

- ◆Theme: "Envisioning a better world in 2050"
- ◆Participants: Approx. 30 persons (10 ASEAN countries and Japan, 2-3 persons from each country)
- ◆Language: English
- ◆Program Schedule: The program will consist of the following programs (attendance at all is mandatory)

Online Program		
Orientation	July 22(Sat), 2023	Explanation of program schedule such as online program dates
Online Seminar	July 30(Sun), 2023	Ice breaking and team building
ASEAN Field Trip (5 nights 6 days)		
Excursion	Thailand: August 27(Sun) – September 1(Fri) Indonesia: September 3(Sun)– September 8(Fri) Philippines: September 4(Mon) – September 9(Sat)	For details, please refer to section 4.
Online Follow-up		
Preparation for Presentation	September to November Online Seminar: October 15(Sun)	Online consultation period with mentor for presentation content and interim training
Japan Visits and Symposium (7 nights 8 days)		
Excursion	November 19(San) – November 26(San)	For details, please refer to section 5.
Symposium	November 24(Fri)	Presentation about action idea prepared by each student team
Closing Seminar	November 25(Sat)	Post-program reflections

4. ASEAN Field Trip

◆Dates: 5 nights/6 days in August - September 2023

◆Target:

- To deepen understanding of common global issues that get higher attention in the ASEAN region.
- To develop the theme by listening to the stories of practitioners and observing them on site.
- To deepen bonds among participants through dialogues and activities.

◆Venue and Theme:

(1) Thailand: August 27 (Sun) to September 1 (Fri), 2023; Theme: Aging Society

(2) Indonesia: September 3 (Sun) to 8 (Sat), 2023; Theme: Environment and disaster education

(3) Philippines: September 4 (Mon) to 9 (Sat), 2023; Theme: Diversity

*Participants will be divided into teams and participate in one of the above countries. The destination will be decided by the program secretariat.

*The theme and content of the field-trip program are subject to change for various reasons.

*During the field trip, participants are requested to bring their own PCs to work and make a presentation. If you don't have a PC that you can bring, please consult with program secretariat when you are selected to participate.

5. Japan Visits and Symposium

◆Dates: November 19 (Sun) - November 26 (Sun), 2023 7 nights/8 days

◆Target:

- To deepen understanding of the current status of social issues in Japan through site visits to various locations.
- To deepen understanding of Japan through exchange opportunities with Japanese university students.
- To present action ideas for creating a better world, based on the experience gained through the program.
- To review the program as a whole and prepare to apply the experience to future action.

◆Venue: Hiroshima, Kyoto, Tokyo (tentative)

◆Number of participants (tentative): Approx. 30 persons (10 ASEAN countries and Japan, 2-3 persons from each country)

◆Schedule (tentative)

DAY		AM (8:30-12:30)	PM (13:00-17:30)	Night (18:30-20:30)	Stay
1	November 19 (Sun)		Arrive at KIX airport	Orientation	Osaka
2-4	November 20(Mon) – 22(Wed)	Excursions to Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo			
5	November 23(Thu)	Preparation for final presentation			Tokyo
6	November 24(Fri)	Preparation for final presentation	Symposium	Reception	Tokyo
7	November 25(Sat)	Closing seminar		Farewell Party	Tokyo
8	November 26(Sun)	Depart from NRT/HND airport			

6. Application Condition

◆Requirements:

- Full-time students enrolled in the invited *university's undergraduate degree programs
*For details, please refer to the Appendix 1 attached hereto
- A citizen or permanent resident of the country in which the university in which he/she is enrolled is located
- Ability to participate in the full duration of the program, including the orientation
- Those who are taking some action on their own to solve common global and national social issues, or those who have a strong interest in such issues or have a strong interest in solving common global and national

social issues

- Those who are interested in international exchange and cross-cultural understanding
- Ability to understand the purpose of the program and to actively participate in program. Ability to submit all the assignments given by the organizer on time
- Sufficient English-language skills and positive attitude to have a global communication
- Those who have not lived abroad (including study abroad) for more than one year
- Those who are physically and mentally healthy and have no problems participating in all the programs
- Those who are able to prepare the necessary equipment for online exchange (computer [not smart phones], internet connection environment, etc.)
- Those who can actively participate in and cooperate with events requested by the organizers and co-organizers
- Those who agree to allow the photographs and videos taken during the program to be posted on the organizer's and co-organizers' websites and SNS etc., for PR purpose.

◆Participation fee:

There is no participation fee (The organizers will cover international travel expenses, meals and accommodation, and related *transportation fee).

*The round-trip transportation fee from the airport nearest to your home to the venue will be covered.

◆Documents to be submitted

- 1) Application Form (Assigned Form 1)
- 2) Essay (Assigned Form 2)

Both documents should be written in English.

◆Submission Method:

Please submit the application via e-mail

*Please provide your name and the name of the document as the file name.

Example: "(Your name)_Application Form", "(Your name)_Essay".

- Send to: aun.benyasiri@gmail.com cc. aun.suchanaadd@gmail.com
- Subject: "TASC 2023 Application"

◆Schedule of Selection:

Application Open	May 2 (Tue), 2023
Deadline for Application Submission	June 4(Sun), 2023
1st-Round Selection Result Announcement	June 7(Wed) (Tentative)
2nd-Round Selection	June 14(Wed) – June 30 (Fri) *20 minutes on any day (online)
2nd-Round Selection Result Announcement	July 4 (Tue) (Tentative)

◆Announcement of the results:

Those selected in the final results will be notified by e-mail.

Details of the 2nd-round of selection will be sent by e-mail to successful applicants of the 1st-round selection.

◆Acceptance for the participation:

The participants will be required to sign the participation agreement. Details will be provided to successful applicants in the 2nd-round selection.

◆Others

- As a general rule, submitted application documents will not be returned.

- The personal information of applicants will not be used for any purpose other than this selection process.
*For details, please refer to Appendix 2 attached hereto.
- Please check your e-mail frequently during the period between the submission of application documents and the notification of results.

7. Countermeasures against new COVID-19 infection

Infection control measures will be taken for the health and safety of participants and instructors/staff during the main program implementation. Specific details are subject to change depending on the infection situation.

Temperature checks, hand washing and disinfection with alcohol, and wearing masks during the main program

Ventilation of training rooms and installation of splash prevention panels.

8. Inquiry

For additional inquiry please contact:

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