

## ASEAN and Japanese youth receive instruction on Good Health and Well-Being in Indonesia

ASEAN-Japan Youth Forum: Take Actions for Social Change 2024

The Japan Foundation (JF), in cooperation with the ASEAN University Network, is conducting an exchange program to deepen understanding between young people in ASEAN countries and Japan. This program is part of the Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0, a comprehensive people-to-people exchange program that promotes exchanges and develops human resources within the next Japan-ASEAN generation. The program targets undergraduate students who share a common interest in co-creating a more peaceful and better world by 2050 and who wish to take concrete action to solve social issues. It also provides an opportunity for international exchange and idea sharing among a diverse group of young people of the same generation but of different backgrounds.

The program, with a theme of Good Health and Well-Being, consists of two main parts: a field trip to an ASEAN member state (December 2024) and teamwork held in Japan (February 2025). In the first half of the program, which will take place in Indonesia, participants will visit the capital city, Jakarta, as well as Aceh, a coastal city which faced the most severe impact of the Indian Ocean tsunami and earthquake, 20 years ago in December 2004. Program participants will visit villages that were rebuilt after the tsunami, and medical and welfare facilities. They will also have opportunities to learn about the resilience and mental health of disaster survivors.

Participating students will prepare action plans for co-creating a better world through dialogue with their teammates and will give presentations on the outcomes of their team's work on the final day of instruction in Japan. It is expected that this program will foster long-lasting personal networks between young people in ASEAN countries and Japan, and that participants will bring about positive social change.



Photos from the 2023 program

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## Details

Project: ASEAN-Japan Youth Forum: Take Actions for Social Change 2024  
Organizer: Japan Foundation (JF)  
Co-organizer: ASEAN University Network  
Program period in Indonesia: Tuesday, December 3, to Sunday, December 8  
Program vision: Envisioning a peaceful and better world in 2050  
Theme for 2024: Good Health and Well-Being  
Number of participants: 20 (university students from ASEAN countries and Japan)  
Language: English

### Key dates:

Aceh (Sumatra Island)

December 4 Visit to Gampong Nusa village  
Visit to Forum Bangun Aceh Medical Facility  
Visit to Baitul Mal Aceh Welfare Facility

December 5 Visit to Kuta Baro Community Health Center

Jakarta (Java)

December 6 Visit to the ASEAN Secretariat  
Visit to the Indonesian Ministry of Health  
Briefing by the Director of the Center for Indonesia's Strategic Development  
Initiatives (Venue: JF Jakarta office)  
December 7 Visit to Angsamerah Foundation Clinic  
Workshop hosted by Social Connect: Mental Health Community  
(Venue: JF Jakarta office)  
December 8 Wrap-up session (Venue: JF Jakarta office)



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