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## **Spring School Programme**

***“Walking along the Path of Japan’s Modern History, Culture & Heritage,  
and Contemporary Society”***

**13 – 23 March 2017**

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## **Introduction**

Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), in partnership with Chiba University and ASEAN University Network (AUN), is going to organise the **“Spring School Programme: “Walking along the Path of Japan’s Modern History, Culture & Heritage, and Contemporary Society”**, from 13 – 23 March 2017 in Japan. The programme offers ASEAN students a unique opportunity to study and expose to Japan’s modernisation, its history, culture, heritage, as well as the development of the society specifically through a wide range of corporations and industries.

## **Learning Objectives**

1. To encourage participating students’ learning process and personal development through international exchanges
2. To expose participating students to cross-cultural experiences
3. To enhance the creativity and capacity in the participating students’ soft skills
4. To provide a venue for networking and building a friendship among the future leaders of the ASEAN region

The programme is developed by employing a variety of learning components including lecture, field exposures, group seminar, self-reflection, group reflection and learning journal.

The study and visit programme includes the following itineraries: Chiba, Tamachi, Onarimon, Yokohama, Tokyo, Gotemba, Izu Peninsula, Kamakura and Yokosuka.

## **ASEAN University Network**

Established in November 1995 in response to the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit’s call to deepen regional identity and build human resources through strengthening the existing network of universities and institutions of higher learning, the ASEAN University Network (AUN) is an integral component of the ASEAN Community-building. The AUN Charter and the Memorandum of Agreement on the Establishment of the AUN spells out its role and responsibilities to: (i) promote cooperation among ASEAN scholars, academicians and scientists in the region; (ii) develop academic and professional human resources in the region; and (iii) to promote information dissemination among the ASEAN academic community.

Through collaborative activities addressing these priorities, the AUN contributes to deepening awareness of regional identity among the young people of the region. The AUN today is widely recognised for its vital role in building a regional pool of expertise that actively contributes to the ASEAN-Community-building through Youth Mobility programmes and exchanges, Academic Collaboration, Standards, Mechanisms, Systems and Policies of Higher Education Collaboration, Course Programme Development and Regional and Global Policy Platforms.

In more than a decade of its strategic and operational work, AUN's role has evolved from self-initiated, cost-sharing efforts to empowerment through expanded membership and outward-looking partnerships with institutions and networks of higher learning in several of ASEAN's Dialogue Partner countries. Through these partnerships, ASEAN's Dialogue Partners have developed an appreciation for a sense of shared commitment to the AUN's mission, values, resources and communities.

AUN today stands an integral part of ASEAN Community-building, with a clear role to play in the ASEAN Socio-Cultural community process, through its many partnerships for human resource development through higher education.

## Chiba University

Chiba University was founded in 1949, unifying several regional former national colleges and schools such as Chiba Medical College and Chiba Normal School. Its fundamental mission since then has been, as encapsulated by the inscription on the University Bell, *ad altiora semper* (always toward the higher), to equip students with the ability to make mature and informed judgments while nurturing and guiding their creativity. Pursuing these goals of excellence has resulted in Chiba University becoming one of the leading academic research centers of Japan.

Chiba University undertakes teaching and research to maintain, disseminate and advance knowledge. In its teaching Chiba University will seek to meet the interests of students and the needs of the community, and to foster generally the exploration and discovery of ideas and knowledge.

The university has achieved national acclaim and has grown to become a world-class university that has contributed significantly to the society. Chiba University has links with leading universities in all over the world. With 10 faculties, 11 graduate schools, one of the largest university hospitals in Japan, and 21 research centers in four beautiful campuses, Chiba University is achieving its goal to become a world-leading institution by working closely with students, researchers, faculty, administration, our local community, our country, and people all over the world.

Chiba University is also among the Six Universities Network/International Education and Research System, Japan (**SUN/SixERS**), a consortium of six Japanese national universities—Chiba University, Kanazawa University, Kumamoto University, Nagasaki University, Niigata University and Okayama University—has its aim to create a center for world-class innovative research, develop highly trained graduates for leadership in a

globalising world, contribute to local communities and promote international activities, through various forms of collaboration based on each university's respective strengths and traditions. The partnership agreement between AUN and SUN/SixERS was officially established in April 2013 to explore the possibility of collaborative framework on student mobility, student placement and internship. Exchanges with overseas partner universities, thus, are among SUN/SixERS' current initiatives and are keys to encourage a dynamic development and to achieve the anticipated milestone.

## Tentative Programme

### Spring School Programme “Walking along the Path of Japan’s Modern History, Culture & Heritage, and Contemporary Society”

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Hosted by Chiba University, Japan

#### March 13 (Mon)

~12:00 Individual Arrival at Narita Airport (Tokyo Int’l) by noon

12:00 Transport by bus to Yoyogi, downtown Tokyo, via Chiba University

14:00 Briefing & administrative announcements (at Chiba University)

17:00 Arrival at Yoyogi Olympic Center (YOC)

18:00 Welcome dinner for socialising (YOC)

Accommodation: Yoyogi Olympic Center (YOC)

#### March 14 (Tue)

10:00: Leave for Tamachi, downtown Tokyo by train, Lecture by SUN/SixERS on Japan’s Six Cities and Universities (SUN/SixERS Tokyo Office in Tamachi)

14:30: Visit ASEAN Center by train, Onarimon, downtown Tokyo

Accommodation: YOC

#### March 15 (Wed)

Yokohama Day

11:00: Visiting & Briefing at Yokohama JICA Office

PM: Visiting Yokohama-based NPO for local community support activity, and visiting Hikawamaru (Ship) Museum

Accommodation: YOC

#### March 16 (Thu)

Tokyo Day

9:30: Morning Briefing and Lecture on Japanese Culture & Language (YOC)

PM: Visit Imperial Palace & Museums (Science Museum and National Museum of Modern Art)

Accommodation: YOC

#### March 17 (Fri)

Tokyo Day

AM: Visiting NHK (National Broadcasting Association)

PM: Visiting Meiji Shrine and Harajuku

Accommodation: YOC

#### March 18 (Sat)

All Day: Day for resting & self-study (Tokyo Free Day)

Accommodation: YOC

### March 19 (Sun)

AM: Leave Yoyogi for Mt. Fuji area (Gotemba) by Bus via Fuji Goko (Kawaguchi Lake)

PM: Arrival at Gotemba

Eve: Night Lecture on Mt. Fuji

Accommodation: National Institution for Youth Education (NIYE) Chuo, Gotemba

### March 20 (Mon)

Excursion to Izu Peninsula

Accommodation: NIYE Chuo, Gotemba

### March 21 (Tue)

Leave Gotemba back to Tokyo via Kamakura & Yokosuka

Accommodation: YOC

### March 22 (Wed)

AM: Lecture on Japanese Business

PM: Visit Tokyu Corporation in Shibuya (lecture & group work)

Eve: Farewell reception (at Tokyu or in Shibuya)

Accommodation: YOC

### March 23 (Thu)

Individual Departure Day

## **Eligibility**

1) Applicants must be undergraduate students from 30 AUN member universities as listed below:

#### **Brunei**

- Universiti Brunei Darussalam

#### **Cambodia**

- Royal University of Phnom Penh
- Royal University of Law and Economics

#### **Indonesia**

- Universitas Gadjah Mada
- Universitas Indonesia
- Institut Teknologi Bandung
- Universitas Airlangga

#### **Laos**

- National University of Laos

#### **Malaysia**

- Universiti Malaya
- Universiti Sains Malaysia
- Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

- Universiti Putra Malaysia
- Universiti Utara Malaysia

#### **Myanmar**

- University of Yangon
- Yangon University of Economics
- University of Mandalay

#### **Philippines**

- Ateneo de Manila University
- De La Salle University
- University of the Philippines

#### **Singapore**

- National University of Singapore
- Nanyang Technological University
- Singapore Management University

#### **Thailand**

- Burapha University
- Chiang Mai University
- Chulalongkorn University
- Mahidol University
- Prince of Songkla University

#### **Vietnam**

- Vietnam National University, Hanoi
- Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City
- Can Tho University

- 2) Applicants studying in any fields are welcome
- 3) Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on the 4.00 scale or 2.30 on the 3.00 scale
- 4) Applicants must be in good health and is physically and mentally fit to travel
- 5) Applicants must have a good command in English
- 6) No Japanese language proficiency required
- 7) Have interest in Japan, its history, culture, modernisation and development of the society
- 8) Priority will be given to those who have not travelled to Japan or haven't been a recipient of any MEXT-funded programmes

**Number of Participating Students: 30**

## Scholarship Coverage

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) offers each participant **JPY 80,000** as scholarship to cover local expenses in Japan and the spring school tuition fees are waived under AUN - SUN/SixERS agreement.

Out of JPY 80,000, as much as JPY 40,000 is subtracted for:

- Local accommodation (13 – 22 March 2017, total 10 nights), including breakfast
- Airport pickup from Narita International Airport
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Train transportation (bus expenses waived)
- Entrance fees
- Others

It follows that remaining JPY 40,000 (minimum) is available as stipend for individual participant' all lunches and dinners (except for welcome and farewell receptions), expenses for one free day (March 18, apart from breakfast), individual transportation expense back to the airport on March 23.

## Students' Own Support

- Round-trip air ticket (to and from Narita International Airport, Japan)
- Visa processing fee
- Travel insurance
- Medical checkup before departure to Japan
- Personal expenses

## Application Requirements:

- 1) Completed **Application Form** with photo (*SS2017-AppForm-Name Last name*)
- 2) Scanned copy of **Parental Consent Form** (*SS2017-ConForm-Name Last name*)
- 3) Scanned copy of transcript of records (*SS2017-Transcript-Name Last name*)
- 4) Curriculum vitae (not more than 2 pages sent in PDF file) (*SS2017-CV-Name Last name*)
- 5) Scanned copy of passport which is valid for 6 months during the time of traveling (*SS2017-PP-Name Last name*)

\*\*The required documents must be saved in a soft copy and compiled in **one zip file folder** with the following naming format (***SS2017-University-Name Last Name***).

## Selection Process:

- Applicants should submit all requirement documents stated above to the university's **International Relations Office or other authorised bodies** for preliminary selection and nomination.
- The International Relations Office will **select and nominate 3 applicants in priority order**, and submit the nomination list together with the complete application packages to AUN Secretariat via e-mail to **Ms. Pasita Marukee** at **[aun.pasita@gmail.com](mailto:aun.pasita@gmail.com)** by **3 February 2017**.
- AUN Secretariat will select final 30 applicants and send the notification letter to the International Relations Office on **7 February 2017**.



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