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Japan opens doors to Asian students, teacher scholars

The AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines is now accepting applications for the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) study tour in Japan this year to foster solidarity among Asian countries.

The program runs from December 8 to 21 and is open to private and public school students and teachers from the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and India.

JENESYS aims to create a commonly shared future vision for the region towards promoting mutual understanding through youth exchange among students and teachers in Asia.

According to Executive Director Joey Pelaez of the Center for Students and Co-curricular Affairs (CSCA), the Philippines has 60 slots for students and six slots for teachers.

“The students and teachers will enjoy and learn much through the study tours, attendance in Japanese schools and homestay,” Pelaez said.

To qualify, applicants should be enrolled in fourth year high school or its equivalent in the home country at the time of application; 15 to 18 years old upon arrival in Japan; capable of adjusting to family life abroad; have the ability to conduct daily conversation in English or Japanese; and have not joined any similar invitation program to Japan.

All expenses while in the host country, including the roundtrip airfare, shall be borne by Japan, while travel expenses to and from the city in the Philippines shall be charged against local funds, local school board funds or from solicitations from private organizations. Expenses for the issuance of passport shall be paid by the participant.

Applicants are required to pay an application fee of five hundred pesos to the AFS Returnees Foundation Philippines on or before October 19. For more details, please contact CSCA office at tel. nos: (02) 631-8495 or (02) 636-3603.

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