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<Programs to have participated>

“Japanese Language Program Winter 2016” hosted by
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Q1. The reason/purpose of studying in Japan

Japan is the dream country for many adolescent and young adult in Indonesia. For student, there are many colleges which can execute research with high technology. It also provides scholarship too. I knew Japan since junior high school from Detective Conan manga. I read all of Conan manga and watched its movie too. Many things I learned such as elementary and senior high school life, different accent between Tokyo and Osaka, different character of people, name of city/area/prefecture, history of place, martial art, and etc. It was nice.

Prof. Rhenald Kasali, one of lecturer in University of Indonesia, said in his book that student must at least going once to abroad, especially country with different writing (not alphabet). Being in other country, we can increasing our knowledge, learn different culture, and think in many ways to survive.

In Public Health, I found Japan has low maternal mortality ratio, low sexual violence and child abuse, good health insurance, low pollution, good transportation system, good education (affective, cognitive, and psychomotor) and so on. My lecturer said if that in Japan do regular medical check-up were implemented from elementary school to maintain health and nutrition of people. As a result, Japanese people are tall, smart, and high quality of live. It is amazing. So, is there still any reason not to go to Japan?

Q2. The reason/purpose of your participation in Meiji University Japanese Language Program in Winter

I told my friend that I wanted to go to Japan to learn their culture. I planned to work part time there about two weeks. So, I could get money for living cost and learn way of live of Japanese people in one time. A few days later, my friend told information about Japanese Language Program in Winter 2016 in Meiji University. Meiji gave us choices for homestay and provided chance to get scholarship from JASSO. What a coincidence, I thought.

Q3. About what you felt/got/learnt by participating in this program

In Japan, we went to homestay from airport by ourselves. It was a challenge but I liked it. I learned to go by train, found the platform in wide station and memorized all the stations that I went through. It was puzzling to see kanji everywhere, though there is alphabet in English. I enjoyed it.

Learning Japanese Language in Meiji University was very fun. The lecturers taught the lesson step by step, systematic and full of practice. They answered our question directly, so we could catch the lesson if we didn't understand at first. I learned *Furoshiki* Wrapping. I was surprised, simple sheet can wrap thing from smile size till very big size. It was traditional but interesting. For my practice, I wrapped my souvenir and brought it from Japan to Indonesia with *Furoshiki* sheet (gift from Meiji). I am happy with that.

Another activity field was Kimono Dressing. I wore *Furisode*. It was beautiful design of kimono. When we walked to near temple, almost all Japanese people along way were looking at us. They were smiling, so my nervous fell off. Wearing tight kimono, walking with slippers in small steps, looking around the temple with student supporter and taking some pictures with another student in different country was a wonderful experience.



Q4. About your future plan/dream

I plan to go to Japan again and live there for a few years. Before that, I will continue learning Japanese Language in Indonesia. Once I have graduated and got bachelor degree, I intent to apply for Monbukagakusho scholarship. Learning how Japan creates public health system, meeting with my homestay family in Kamakura, improving my self-discipline in there is my future plan. At the end, I can create something that will maintain and improve health of Indonesian people.

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