

Affiliation	Country	Checkbox	Reasons for participation	Impressions of the event	Reflection on your own country
Nagoya University	Philippines	Very Good	To visit new places and meet new people	It was a well-planned and enjoyable itinerary that allowed for a smooth and memorable experience. I learned many new things about Asuke and Toyota City, from its rich history to its beautiful natural surroundings. The team from Nagoya Ryugakusei Net was kind throughout the trip.	Yes, the places we visited highlight how Japan thoughtfully preserves its natural landscapes and historical sites while promoting them as valuable tourism assets. I hope the Philippines can take inspiration from these best practices to enhance its tourism and heritage conservation efforts.
Nagoya University	Canada	Excellent	I just arrived to Japan and I want to discover as much as possible during my stay.	Amazing! Comfortable transportation. Fun, knowledgeable and supportive NPO participants. Enough time for activities and the schedule was respected. A learning experience of sites I wouldn't have thought of visiting without this opportunity.	
Nagoya University	中国	Excellent	My main reason for participating in this program is to fully enjoy and experience the pleasant transition from the long winter, before the weather turns hot again.	The town is quite peaceful, but I was curious about how the shopkeepers manage to make a living with so few people around. However, I later learned that during festivals and the fall season, the town actually attracts a lot of visitors.	
Nagoya University	Philippines	Excellent	I was interested to know more about the beautiful places around Japan and to meet new people.	It was a good experience. I got the opportunity to learn and see Japan's rural life. I was also able to meet great people, and the Japanese facilitators were all helpful to us. I would love to join again.	Yes, it inspired me to think that if Japan can do it, we can probably do it as well in the Philippines. With the right support of the government and engagement of the people, it is possible, just like what I saw on the tour.
Nagoya University	Vietnam	Very Good	I like to go to ancient places that retain the nature and unique beauty of the locality.	The teachers took us to visit the textile museum, where we learned about the history of traditional pottery and weaving, witnessed the sophistication and colour blending in each pottery and fabric product. I was especially interested in the jade green ceramic products. We were also taken to Korankei, a place with majestic beauty. At this time of year, the places are beautifully decorated with colourful fish-shaped kites. I hope to be able to return to this place in the fall as the professor recommended.	
Fujita Health Univer	Pakistan	Excellent	To explore Japan and to find friends.	I am so happy to join this tour. First of all, a big thanks to all the efforts for making it great. Visiting Asuke Village for the first time was like stepping back in time, the preserved charm of the old village, nestled along the ancient salt route was truly captivating. I am amazed to know the history behind everything like Japanese yen banknotes are made from a plant. This use reflects Japan's deep connection to nature but also its dedication to craftsmanship and tradition. I use money every day but now to me, Every note is more than just a currency because it's a blend of art and centuries of papermaking heritage. At Asuke, I explored traditional village life and crafts, guided by a kind and knowledgeable sensei who made the experience even more special to me. Visiting Folk Crafts Museum in Toyota City was also a wonderful experience, where I find myself admiring the beautiful exhibits influenced by the 19th-century British Arts and Crafts Movement and Japanese folk traditions. Thanks for providing me with best spot for my lunch to sit among nature and seeing water flowing. The administration was incredibly warm and welcoming, it was an unforgettable and enriching experience. Furthermore, I want to say a lot of thanks for giving me the opportunity to find friends as I am new in Japan. Because of this trip, I find experience, knowledge, friends, a good memory and also saw nature closely. I want to know, can we get our pictures clicked by organizers?	Yes, definitely. We also have Heritage museums, old buildings to present our culture in my country. But seeing Japanese heritage and live process of making some beautiful crafts was amazing. It truly remind me that it is very important to save our culture for the next generation.
Nagoya University	Nigeria	Excellent	To explore and understand the rich cultural heritage of Japan	The event was an excellent opportunity for meeting new friends and for exploring the well preserved and rich culture of Japan	Yes, especially the ceramics. The ones here are more wide and open while that in our villages have narrow openings
Nagoya University	Indonesia	Excellent	I love traveling, especially to quiet places where I can enjoy nature. That's why I was really interested when Nagoya Ryukunet organized a trip to Asuke Village. I also wanted to share this hobby with my child, so I brought her along on this trip.	Although it was a bit challenging at first since this was the farthest trip I've taken alone with my 2-year-old child, I truly enjoyed the experience. The organizers were also very thoughtful and attentive to both me and my child. Thank you for helping look after Hanaa-chan during the trip—I think she really enjoyed it too. We hope to join you again on the next trip!	
Nagoya University	Vietnam	Excellent	I would like to know more about Japanese culture and beautiful landscape in Aichi prefecture.	The organization is very well.	
Nagoya university	Vietnam	Excellent	I would like to explore more about the Japanese traditional craft	I'm impressed with the way these museums operations with experts are working inside to show their skills and knowledge	
Nagoya University	Philippines	Excellent	I just got a part time job as a tour guide.	As always, the event was organized perfectly. We had enough time to admire the folk arts of Toyota Folk Craft Museum and wonder the old town of Asuke and the craftsmanship village. Also a great learning experience as the organizers and professors explained everything well and were able to answer all our questions. I like the idea mingei and zakki coined by Yanagi, giving meaning and value to everyday practical objects made my anonymous craftsmen. The Sansyu Asuke Yashiki craftam village and Asuke old town is also interesting as it was able to preserve the life and crafts of old Japan along the salt road.	Yes. Unfortunately in my country the Philippines, many old villages were forced to modernize. Another challenge is the Philippines is home to hundreds of indigenous tribes and ethnolinguistic groups and each have their own traditions, art, and villages. Only a few had the means to preserve these cultural heritage. However, the good news now is each locality are now encourage to promote local history giving them opportunity and financial aid to develop old towns, traditions, crafts and art. Some good examples are Igorot tribe of Northern Luzon and the Maranao tribes of Mindanao.
Nagoya University	Kenya	Excellent	I wanted to learn about Japanese culture, meet people and enjoy Jaapanese cuisine.	The event was very wonderful and I enjoyed every bit of it. First of all, nature made everything very beautiful reminding me of the importance of preserving the environment. The gardens, artifacts, and buildings capture Japanese culture and traditions giving a lasting impression of preserving culture. The artifacts with the influence of Korean and Chinese culture gave importance to human connection and cultural appreciation. The old village and its history preservation were very inspiring and highlighted the importance of preserving skills and knowledge that contributed to civilization.	Yes, the event helped me to think about my country's folk art, old villages, and historical sites and how it is important to preserve them.
Nagoya University	Bangladesh	Excellent	To visit new places, to meet new people, to understand Japanese culture .	It was well organized and well chosen. Everyone was so kind and beautiful. Thank you very much.	Yes, it did. We also lose many of our folk art, music, and events. This event taught me if we wish, how beautifully we can preserve our tradition.