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## **Aeon Hosts Japan-Laos Teenage Ambassador Program in Japan from July 13**

The Aeon 1% Club Foundation invites 20 high school students from the Lao People's Democratic Republic to visit Japan from July 13 to 20 to take part in the Japan-Laos Teenage Ambassador Program for international exchange activities with 20 Japanese counterparts.

The Foundation has been hosting the Teenage Ambassador Program since 1990 to provide opportunities for high school students from Japan and other countries, particularly in Asia, to visit each other's nations and engage in international exchanges. Thus far, a total of 1,852 high school students from 18 countries, including Japan, have taken part in the Program. The Japan-Laos program started in 2013 in conjunction with Cambodia (16 students each from Laos and Cambodia), and this is the second exchange.

During this exchange, Laotian high school students will participate in various activities to experience Japanese culture and better understand its history. As "Teenage Ambassadors," they will also pay a courtesy visit to the prime minister's official residence. On July 15, the students will be joined by Laotian residents who will share their living experiences in Japan.

2015 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Laos. The Foundation's Program has been recognized by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as one of the initiatives to celebrate the occasion. Through the Program, we strive to deepen bonds of friendship between high school students of Japan and Laos, while extending the circle of bilateral goodwill between both countries.

Meanwhile, Japanese high school students will travel to Laos in October to reciprocate the visit.

The Foundation will continue to implement a variety of initiatives to help young people develop a global outlook and deepen their friendships with people of other countries.

### **Japan-Laos Teenage Ambassador Program**

1. Period: July 13-20
2. Participants: 20 high school students from Vientiane High School, Laos  
20 high school students from Ritsumeikan Uji Senior High School
3. Venues: Tokyo Metropolis, Chiba Prefecture, Kyoto Prefecture
4. Main activities:
  - July 13: Visits to Morigasaki Water Reclamation Center and Tokyo Skytree; Orientation
  - July 14: Visit to Edo-Tokyo Museum; Courtesy visit to the prime minister's official residence; Reception at the Embassy of Laos in Japan
  - July 15: Exchanges with Laotian residents of Japan; Visit to Kasai Rinkai Park
  - July 16: Attending a class in the local school
  - July 17: Zen mediation; Visit to Gion Festival; Experience of dyeing fabric, Kyo Yuzen; Home stay
  - July 18: Home stay
  - July 19: Home stay; Farewell party
  - July 20: Return to Laos