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## **ABEST21 Global Knowledge Network -Online Japan Studies Seminar (JSS)- “Future in Asia and what coexistence in the age of economic, social and cultural globalization should be like” -JICA Seminar-**

“JICA Seminar” was held on November 10, 2021 as an introduction to the series of Online Japan Studies Seminars “Future in Asia and what coexistence in the age of economic, social and cultural globalization should be like”, organized by ABEST21 and supported by the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia, the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). About 15 students from 6 schools in four countries participated in the seminar. First Secretary (Education Attaché) TAKAHASHI Yusuke, Embassy of Japan Indonesia, and Dean Professor Dr. Ir, Noer Azam Achsani, School of Business, IPB University, Indonesia, joined the seminar as guests.

The Program of the seminar is presented below.



## I. Opening Remarks:

ABEST21 President and CEO Professor Emeritus Dr. ITOH Fumio



backgrounds in harmony.

ABEST21 President and CEO Professor Emeritus Dr. ITOH Fumio explained the objectives of the Japan Studies Seminar, and introduced the main theme of the JICA Seminar – to “deepen the understanding of Japan” by the students who will play an active role in the globalized society, where future professionals will need to be able to co-exist with others from different cultures and social

## II. JICA Seminar:

### “Japan’s Cooperation and Friendship with Developing Nations - Overview of Japan’s ODA Policy and JICA’s Role”

Mr. TAKEBAYASHI Taro, Southeast Asia Division 1 (Indonesia / Malaysia), Southeast Asia and Pacific Department, JICA, Japan



Mr. TAKEBAYASHI Taro explained that JICA aims to build relationships with developing countries based on trust, and work together with them to solve their

problems. He also shared some of JICA's cooperation projects in ASEAN countries, including Indonesia and Malaysia.

### “Living and studying in Japan from a Malaysian perspective”

Mr. Mohd Hafdzuan Bin Adzmi, Biofuel Division, Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities of Malaysia

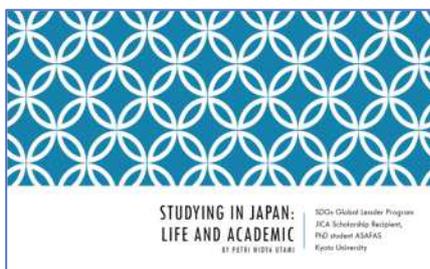


At first, Mr. Mohd Hafzuan bin Adzmi shared his experiences from the time when he stayed in Japan as a student of Japanese

University. He concluded that these experiences helped him to develop fresh perspectives on Japan, and to learn the importance of having an open mind and making a contribution to society.

### “Studying in Japan: Life and Academic”

Ms. Putri Widya Utami, Student of Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University



Ms. Putri Widya Utami discussed the reasons why foreign students are interested in studying in Japan, based on her

experiences. Then she showed a typical living environment of the foreign students in Japan, and said that she enjoyed the difference between seasons called "Shiki" – spring, summer, autumn and winter.

### III. Important Information on JSS:

ABEST21 President and CEO Professor Emeritus Dr. ITOH Fumio

After JICA's Seminar, ABEST21 President Dr. ITOH Fumio reminded the participating students about the regulations of the Seminar, which need to be followed in order to achieve the aims of the Seminar and ensure that the online Seminar goes smoothly. After that, President ITOH gave a five-minute lecture on the Chapter One of "BUSHIDO." He will give such lectures on each of the Chapters at each Seminar session, aiming to enhance students' understanding of the Spirit of "BUSHIDO."

After the JICA Seminar, the students had some time to exchange their opinions in each group.

Next session is going to be held on November 17, 2021 at 12:00 – 13:00 in Tokyo time.

For further details, please visit to ABEST21 website: [www.abest21.org](http://www.abest21.org)



*Inazo Nitobe, "BUSHIDO-The Soul of Japan,"  
The Leeds & Biddle, Philadelphia, 1900*



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