



ASEAN Youth Network in Japan (AYNJ)

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1st AYNJ ASEAN Festival 2006

The 1st ASEAN Festival was held successfully on 30th April 2006, from 11.30am to 4pm, in Komaba International Student Hall in Tokyo. Following by the launching of The 1st ASEAN festival, it also witnessed the establishment of ASEAN youth network in Japan whereby all the participating organization in this network are ready to contribute in order to achieve the missions and objectives of the network. This significant event was hosted by Malaysian Student Associations in Japan and associated by Student Network of International Exchange (SNIE), Japan. It was fully participated by the other 9 ASEAN student's organization in Japan which include following organizations:

- # Cambodia Students Association in Japan
- # Vietnamese Youth and Students Association in Japan
- # Thai Student Association in Japan
- # Singapore Students Association in Japan
- # Brunei Youth Network in Japan
- # Association of Filipino Students in Japan
- # Indonesia Students Association in Japan
- # Imaizumi Memorial Burmese Scholarship Foundation
- # Lao Students Association in Japan

The festival attracted approximately 400 guests (250 foreigners) regardless of their nationality and age and the hall was unexpectedly filled with crowds of guests. The programs of the day were culture exhibition, food stalls and culture stage performances and it was prepared by students from 10 ASEAN countries respectively. While enjoying the delicious ASEAN's cuisine, all the guests could enjoy and join the cultural show at the same time. The stage performance which include choir, traditional dance, tradition musical instrument performance and traditional martial art performance by each country received a good response from the crowd. The festival came to a remarkably end with a bingo game. All the lucky guests manage to won away fabulous prizes which sponsored by sponsors as showed below:



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It is believe that fostering AYNJ network thru such ASEAN festival will not only enhance the relation between ASEAN youth in Japan but more significantly, it help to ensure that the future of the ASEAN-Japan relationship will be placed positively following by the emerging of ASEAN-Japan relation in the era of globalization. Moreover, such culture integration event among the youth is necessary as a platform to promote mutual trust and understanding thus enhancing the relation between ASEAN countries and Japan.

