

Report furnished after official visit abroad

**29th Asian Pacific Children's Convention In
Fukuoka Japan – 2017**



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WP/JAYA/ BOY'S SCHOOL – MALABE.

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July 14th - July 26th

Sponsored by :- APCC – Japan and Ministry of Education

Participants :-

- Miss: N.W.N. Surangi - Cheporon
- Master: S.K. Edirisingahe - peace Ambassador
- Master: I.D. Chandrasiri - Junior Ambassador
- Master: K. Abishigan - Junior Ambassador
- Miss: R.M. Gunasekara - Junior Ambassador
- Miss: R.A.N.S. Rajapaksha - Junior Ambassador
- Miss: U. Jayani - Junior Ambassador



The summary of the 29th Asian Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka – Japan – 2017

■ Preparation :-

Prior to our visit to Japan beginning from April 29th to July 9th every weekends Ministry of Education was coordinated and conducted a training classes for our team including myself.

■ Departure and Arrival to Japan:-

On 13th July 2017 our team checking in, and boarded the Korean Air (KE474) airplane at Bandaranayke International Airport at Katunayakae and took off for Korea 19:00 hour, with well wishes from our family members and the officials from Ministry of Education.

On 14th July 2017 local time 07:00 Hrs. airplane landed at Incheon International Airport, Seoul, Korea where there was a one hour transit. Sri Lankan Delegation check in to the next flight KE787, bound for Fukuoka, Japan. Within less than one hour local time 09:20 Hrs. we landed in Japan at the Itazuke International Airport of Fukuoka.

■ Arrival in Japan:-

As soon as our delegation reach the Japan and after the custom procedures in Airport, APCC officials gave us every support they can. Because specially my luggage was held by Korean airport security. But APCC officials handled that problem and safely delivered my luggage within one day.

After we moved to the arrival area we were warmly welcomed by APCC officials. And after the health check by APCC staff took our delegation's welcome group photo. APCC has arranged a bus and take us to the Marine House to rest and to meet fellow participants from other countries.



▪ **In Marine House :-**

Upon reaching Marine House we were (Sri Lankan, Maldives and Mongolian delegation's) welcome by APCC officials with smile. They were very sorry for the Sithija one of our JA, who got caught with Smallpox and unable to participate APCC.

After arranged our accommodation there is a health checkup and one of our JA (U. Jayani) infested with head lice have to undergo the medical shampoo treatments.

APCC officials were very concerned about our comfort and well being. It's a very wonderful place for all the JA's and Chaperons also. We have to share our dormitory with a Pilipino delegation and it was a very happy experience to All the JA's. every day at 10.30 p.m. there were chaperons meeting to organize next day activities and to exchange our experience.

July 13th to 17th there were lot of activities organize for JA's to participate and enjoy .



At first all JA's were shy and not willing to talk anyone but with these activities there is no language or cultural barriers just the one big happy family. Japanese peoples are very punctual and it was a very good for the kid's to learn to work in time. At marine house restaurant we were served with a variety of foods. Tidiness and cleanliness must keep by JA's and it was a very good experience to our kids because at there homes they expect those things done by there parents.

On July 17th children from Fukuoka join the JA's during the day to participate "WAKU WAKU KIDS" program with JA's and traditional Japanese drum playing display. At the evening there was a farewell party and it was a very sad moment.



- On July 18th we left Marine House and went to 1- day school visit to **Nishi Nagazumi Elementary School**. Principal and the students warmly welcome us. There were many programs and activities to make us enjoy our visit. It is very exciting experience to our JA's. At evening met our host families and went to stay with them. It was a happy moment and also a very teary moment to JA's, because they refused to left me. With the promise to visit there school all is well and we say goodbyes until we met.

On One Day School Visit and first time meeting our host families.





At home stay

- My host family was Fujita family. There were wonderful and very friendly. Before I met them they never heard about Sri Lank. We were learn many things from each other and met many Japanese friends. I had visited many places.



- The 29th APCC Performance Event on July 23rd

This performance event held at Fukuoka Kyuden Kinen Gymnasium. Our delegation participate in this event and perform a very beautiful traditional wannam and enjoy the event. All of our host families join and encourage us.



After the event Sri Lankan Business society in Fukuoka gave all of us farewell dinner at temple.



- **On Wednesday, July, 26, 2017**

On this day we said farewell to our host families and our room leaders at Marian House. It was a very sad moment. We boarded the KE782 flight to come back to Sri Lanka. Our delegation reach Colombo, Bandaranayke International Airport at 04.30a.m. on 27 July 2017.

