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### Japan Education Fair presents information on study in Japan

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Nineteen Japanese schools took part in Japan Education Fair in Jakarta aimed to give Indonesian students who wish to study there all things they need to know about the country.

The second fair held on Aug. 21 was organized by the Japanese course at Pandan College in collaboration with the Japan Embassy and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

Participating schools included Lakeland College Japan Campus, Yokohama International Education Academy, Saitama International School, Aoyama International Education Institute and Yokohama College of Design.

Event chairman Richard Susilo said the fair also aimed to provide as much information as possible in Indonesian for those who were interested in studying in Japan, since the majority of this information was in Japanese.

In addition, the fair was also designed to show people how to overcome barriers often encountered when studying in Japan.

“People still choose English-speaking countries as the main study destinations because of the language barrier,” he said.

“I can assure you that Japan also has everything for you to learn. The culture, including the language, trends and its advanced technology can help make your studies into one great package.”

Richard said students could learn Japanese directly in Japan, but would benefit from taking an introductory course in the language before leaving Indonesia.

This would help them apply for the numerous scholarships available there, he said.

Japan Embassy representative Sasaki Tani said the number of Indonesians students studying Japanese was increasing each year. Last year, a total of 716,000 students took Japanese courses, compared to 273,000 in 2006.

“This put Indonesia in third place in terms of the number of its students taking Japanese language courses, after

Korea and China,” he said.

This would hopefully improve education ties between the two countries, Sasaki added.

As well as the exhibition, the fair also presented seminars and discussions in which people could get thorough information on education at all levels in Japan, and how to live and adapt in Japan.

The next Japan Education Fair will be held February next year. — JP

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