



# Forum Topics

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## *The Completion of the 48th IATSS Forum!*

*We would like to report to you all that on November 12th, 2011 we completed the 48th IATSS Forum with the Group Study Presentations and Completion Ceremony. We would also like to express our deepest appreciation to all the people who have given us so much support and cooperation.*

The massive earthquake which hit Japan this March made the 48<sup>th</sup> IATSS Forum doubtful. However, 16 participants from 8 Southeast Asian countries except for participants from Malaysia participated in the Forum. In addition, three Japanese participants joined the group in the middle of the program. Finally, we were able to successfully hold the Completion Ceremony without incident.

During the 55 days of the training based in Suzuka City, the participants visited a variety of cities, such as Nara, Kyoto, and Tokyo. Despite their tight schedule and hard work in seminars, field study, Group Study, study tours, and cultural exchange events, all of the participants, while somewhat baffled, made a great effort and accepted the challenges without losing sight of their objectives and targets. As a result, they showed us a distinct performance in each program.

The participants all had different lifestyles, cultural and professional backgrounds; however, throughout the program, they experienced a variety of things that they had not encountered before and overcame many difficulties together. We believe that those precious experiences will be a great guide for their future. We also believe that these firm bonds of friendship built in Japan among participants as well as with the lecturers, Japanese volunteers and other people who have supported this program will remain in the heart of each individual even after their return home.

Closing Ceremony

[48th Batch song](#)  
["We are one"](#)





Gasshuku



Visit to Suzuka City Hall



Arrival at NAGOYA Airport



Japanese Cultural Introduction



Seminar "Politics"



Japanese Traditional Stage Performance  
"Noh"



Seminar  
"Japanese Aesthetics"



Culture Exchange Day



Tokyo Traffic Control Center



Seminar  
"Enterprise Strategies"



Seminar  
“Logistic Strategy”



Seminar  
“Technology Development”



Group Study Presentation