

# 1. Outline of the Program

**P u r p o s e :** The purpose of the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP) is to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and the ASEAN member countries by participating in various exchange activities both online and face-to-face. It aims to broaden their perspective on the world, and furthermore to strengthen their spirit of international cooperation and practical skills for international collaboration. As a result, it is expected to cultivate the leaders of the next generation who are capable to exercise their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society.

**C o n t e n t s :** While utilizing the characteristics of the SSEAYP implemented in the past, the program that combines online and face-to-face exchanges will be conducted with the commemorative event of the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation.

**Themes:** Under the program theme of “What youth can do in the era of cooperation commemorating the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation”, following 5 Discussion Themes related to SDGs are set.

1. Quality Education
2. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
3. Economic Growth and Sustainable Cities and Communities
4. Energy, Measures against Climate Change, Recycling-oriented Society
5. Good Health and Well-being

**D a t e :** November to December, 2023

**Participants:** 20 Japanese Participants + 10 Participants x ASEAN 9 countries = 90 Participants (Total of 110 Participants)

10 National Leaders (1 x 10 countries)

# SSEAYP 2023










## 2. Schedule of the Program

| Time & Date  | Program   | Contents  |
|--|---|---|
| Nov. 12 & 19 (Sundays)<br>14:00-18:00 (*JST/UTC+9) | Online exchange program                               | Opening, Orientation, Keynote Speech, Group Discussion, Seminars, etc.  |
| Nov. 29 (WED) & 30 (THU)                           | Face-to-face exchange program<br><Program in Tokyo ①> | Nov. 29: ASEAN participating youth: Arrival in Japan, Orientation<br>Japanese participating youth: Assemble in Tokyo, Orientation<br>Nov. 30: Inauguration ceremony, Contingent Meeting, SG meeting, etc.   |
| Dec. 1 (FRI) - 4 (MON)                             | Local Program   | Orientation, Courtesy Call, Homestay, Interaction with Local Youths   |
| Dec. 4 (MON) - 7 (THU)                             | Face-to-face exchange program<br><Program in Tokyo ②> | Dec. 4 - 7: Group Discussion, Field Study, Presentation of Discussion Results,<br>The Commemorating event of the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-Japan<br>Friendship and Cooperation<br>(Dec. 6: ASEAN Government representatives & AA representatives arrive in Japan) |
| Dec. 8 (FRI) - 9 (SAT)                             | Meetings related to SSEAYP                            | Dec. 8: ASEAN participating youth: Departure from Japan<br>Representatives Conference, AA meeting)<br>Dec. 9: Representative s from ASEAN government s and AAs: Departure from Japan  |

\*Contents and dates of the program stated above are subject to change

## 3. Discussion Themes

Under the common theme of "What youth can do in the new era of cooperation commemorating the 50th year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation", five themes with SDGs contents are set. Participating youth will be divided into the following five themes during group discussion sessions.

| No. | Theme   | Discussion contents  | Related SDGs   |
|-----|---|--|--|
| 1   | Quality Education   | Participants will understand the current status and challenges in the area of Education in Japan and ASEAN member countries, and discuss how youth can contribute to education in general (e.g., career education and education required in changing era).   |   |
| 2   | Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment                             | Participants will understand the current status and challenges in the area of gender equality in Japan and ASEAN member countries, and discuss how youth can contribute to the environment where people can participate and play an active role in society regardless of their gender.                               |   |
| 3   | Economic Growth and Sustainable Cities and Communities              | Participants will understand the current status and challenges of the living environment and disasters, including transportation infrastructure and public spaces, in Japan and ASEAN member countries, and discuss how youth can contribute to the development of environmentally sustainable and resilient cities. |       |
| 4   | Energy, Measures against Climate Change, Recycling-oriented Society | Participants will understand the energy situation in Japan and ASEAN member countries as well as the environmental impacts of fossil fuel use, and discuss how youth can contribute to the promotion of environmentally sustainable energy use.  |    |
| 5   | Good Health and Well-being  | Participants will discuss physical, mental, and social health of youth, and the definition of well-being as well as how to achieve it. In particular, participants will discuss how youth can contribute to solving problems such as loneliness and mental illness due to the COVID-19 pandemic.                     |   |

