

Make a Difference by Bridging Differences



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An overview of 39th SSEAYP 2012
and its activities during 52 days.

Credits

Cabinet Office Japan

Interview with Administrator

Mr. Toshio Kuzuma, Administrator of the 39th SSEAYP 2012 believes that this program is very special and powerful that unites people and creates bonds beyond national borders. Participating Youths (PYs) share and learn about each other's cultures and gain better understanding of their differences and similarities through various activities onboard and during the country programs. These help the PYs to broaden international outlook.

PYs are able to focus on communicating with others and promoting mutual understanding and friendship which last for a long time because of the limited space - onboard Fuji Maru and activities in each port of call. Onboard activities allow PYs to deepen their understanding about each country's situation and how they can contribute to the society.

Mr. Kuzuma expects PYs' active contributions to their respective societies in the future either through social contribution activities or in their professional endeavors. He encourages PYs to be actively involved in each country's alumni association and to keep in touch with the Japanese Government.



The attendance of around 300 alumni from various batches during the reunions onboard at the ports of call was impressive. This shows how SSEAYP has created bonds that last for a long time. These bonds deepen friendship among Japan and ASEAN countries.

Interview with Captain



Captain Seiji Kuba, as the second time to be Captain for SSEAYP, thinks that passenger safety is his foremost concern. In view of this, he navigated Fuji Maru through Sulu Sea at the tip of Leyte Province then to Pacific Ocean to avoid a storm which was in the path of the original route from Brunei Darussalam to Japan. During the cruise, he met PYs on various occasion and found

that PYs are very polite and positive. Much as he would like to accept the invitations for National Presentations, he did not have opportunities because he had to ensure the safe

voyage of Fuji Maru at the bridge.

He recognizes that SSEAYP has a long and distinguished history fully supported not only by the Japanese Government but also by all the other Governments of ASEAN member countries, host families and alumni associations. He hopes that SSEAYP will be continued and further developed in the years to come. He looks forward to all PYs' active participation in their respective fields and giving back to society all over the world and to continue to communicate with each other after SSEAYP. He encourages PYs to "Do your best to know each other, make good friends, take a positive attitude and be curious about various matters and various cultures."

Discussion Group Facilitators

Discussion program in SSEAYP has become one of the most important onboard activities, because this is the part where PYs learn and deepen their understanding from each of the eight discussion topics. The theme of this year's Discussion Program is "Youth Participation in Social Activities" which aims to raise PY's awareness on the importance of their participation in social activities, and to enhance PY's willingness and encourage their active participation in the post-program activities. The expected outcomes from the Discussion Program are that PYs will broaden their perspective and understanding of the various discussion topics and to use their knowledge and experiences and apply it into their Post Program Activities. Japan - ASEAN Youth Leaders Summit, held in Tokyo with additional 100 Japanese local youth, served as the first step into Discussion Program onboard.

The 2012 Discussion Facilitators:

1. Corporate Social Contribution
Mr. Songwoot Wattanapan (Thailand)
2. Cross Cultural Understanding Promotion
Mr. Somongkol Teng (Cambodia)

3. Environment (Climate Change)
Mr. Evan Ferdian (Indonesia)
4. Food and Nutrition Education
Mr. Koug Ry Ly (Cambodia)
5. Health Education (Measures against HIV/AIDS)
Mr. Ari Yuda Laksmana (Indonesia)
6. International Relations (Japan-ASEAN Cooperation)
Ms. Angel S. Azcuna (Philippines)
7. School Education
Mr. Leo P. Buccahan (Philippines)
8. Youth Leadership Development
Mr. Dimas F. Samudra (Indonesia)





Impression of PYs

LIFE ON BOARD (Rohaya Rahmadani, IPY)

SSEAYP is a unique experience of being in a family with multicultural members. It is a very exciting experience to meet youths from Japan and ASEAN and enrich our perspectives. Through various activities onboard, PYs are able to understand each other and come up with brilliant ideas during the lively discussions to address social needs. SSEAYP has brought us tears and laughter in our 53 day journey. In the end, all these experiences as ambassadors of goodwill will make us better leaders someday.

CLUB ACTIVITIES (Nguyen Xuan Phuoc, VPY)

I am so happy to join Thailand CAs. In the first event, I learned to make Thai handcraft, which helps me to understand more about Thai culture and language. So with the help of my cabin mate, I could pick up some Thai phrases and those proved to be very useful for my homestay in Bangkok port-of-call. In the second event, I learned how to pain umbrellas, practice Thai massage and yoga. I think when I come back home, I can do Thai massage for my family members and friends.



CABIN-MATE (Thee Oo Zin, MyPY)

I stay in the cabin number 514 with my cabin mates: Tika from Brunei Darussalam and Khuon Dina from Cambodia. They are my closest friends, my inspirations, my SG mates and also my sisters. We have shared everything about SSEAYP. Sometimes we even shared about our contingent issues. It is really nice that we can share everything. But the more wonderful is everything we share in our cabin. I have to admit that I was a narrow minded person before as I always have opinions on people according to their nationality, for example; I thought Japanese people are shy. But my cabin mates changed all my opinions. They make me feel like I am loved, cared and appreciated. Surely to say that I am lucky to be a PY; I am blessed to have Tika and Khuon as my roomies.

COURTESY CALL (Azli bin Ahad, MaPY)

The 39th SSEAYP 2012 Participating Youths had the honor of having a courtesy call on the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia in Jakarta. During his speech, the Deputy Speaker said that as youth ambassadors,

we need to be good examples to the younger generations through youth development and patriotism. We were all inspired with his speech and we hope that we will become leaders of our respective countries in the near future with development of our countries through integrity, innovation and productivity as our main agenda.

We were informed that Indonesia has the fourth largest population in the world with over 200,000,000 people. To get a seat in the Parliament, a candidate needs to earn at least a hundred thousand votes. We realized how competitive Indonesian election is.

COUNTRY PROGRAM (Soeung Rithypanha, CPY)

Experiencing country programs in Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Singapore, Indonesia, and Brunei Darussalam, it can make me understand those respective countries deeply as a local person. Unique food, lifestyle, way of living, language, music, and so on, teach me and improve my life experiences which I will not be able to receive from other program. Moreover, the warmly welcome and hospitality in each hosting countries makes me feel like I am in my own country. Before joining SSEAYP, I thought ASEAN and Japan countries are different, but now I found out that we all share common things and the goal of making ASEAN communities in 2015 would be able to realize. In the near future, ASEAN and Japan will be harmonized as a joyful and peaceful region.

SG ACTIVITIES (Oulathai Souphileuth, LPY)

The Solidarity Group activities help me to develop my skills and abilities to work in team as well as it has supported my deemed understanding on people. Through the SG activities, I was able to learn to express my appreciation to others and get more confidants than before. The experiences I got with my SG mates are very meaningful in which it is a part that raising my motivation all the time, especially opening my mind for a wide during activities. My SG mates are so wonderful and helpful that makes me understand the actual meaning of SG spirit. We always made noises but the noises were full of love and strong relationship among my SG mates.

