

SSEAYP NEWS

THE LEGENDARY 40TH SSEAYP NIPPON MARU IS BACK!

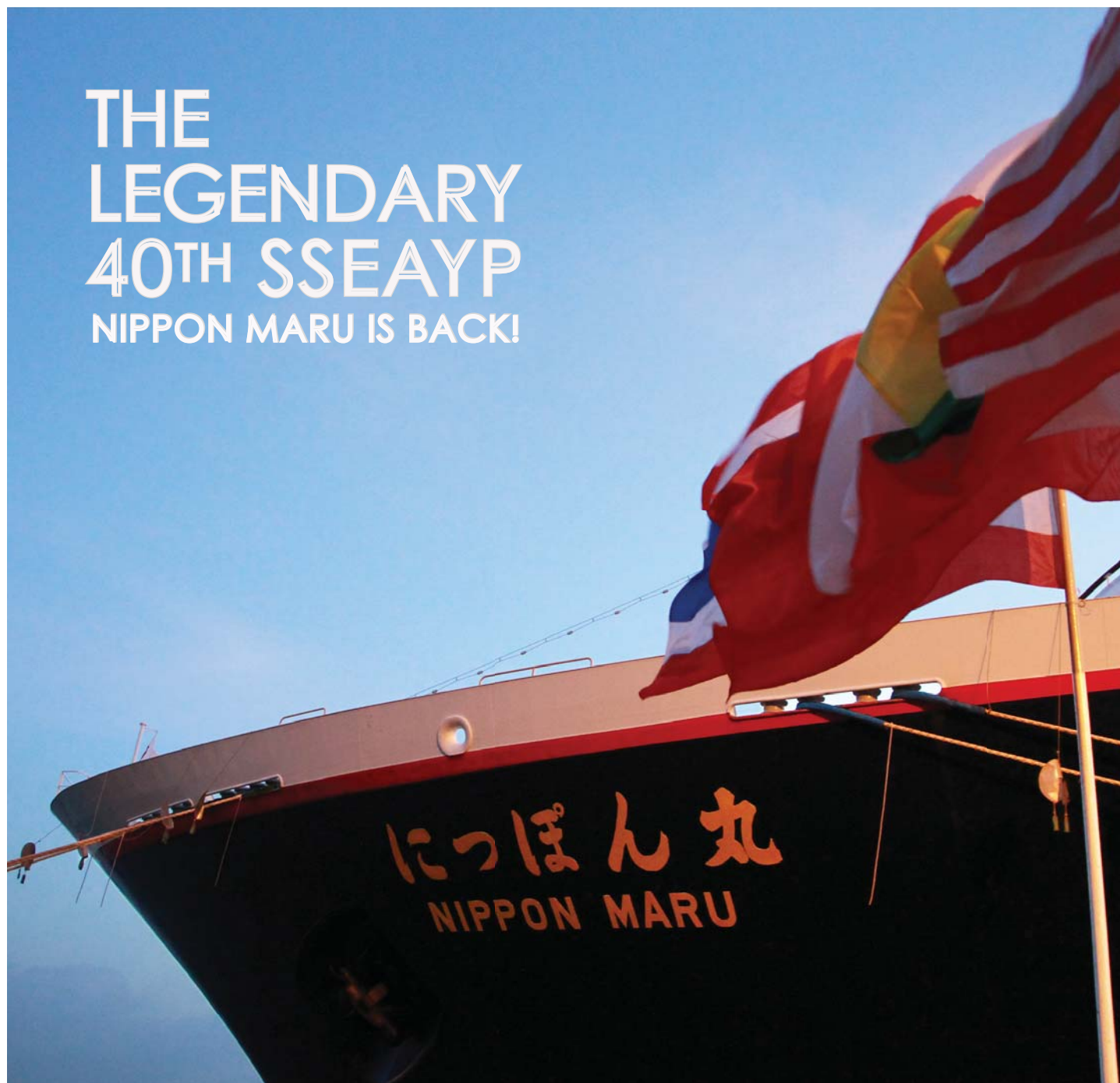


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The Legendary 40th SSEAYP Journey



SSEAYP marked its milestone as the program celebrated its 40th year of ASEAN-Japan friendship and cooperation and welcomed back our beloved Nippon Maru. For the first time in SSEAYP, Nippon Maru berthed at Naha Port, Okinawa. On top of these, we had an up-close panoramic view of the magnificent Mt. Fuji. All these definitely made SSEAYP 2013 the legendary batch.

On November 6, 2013, representatives of SSEAYP member countries signed a joint statement on-board Nippon Maru to commit to the continuation of the program as well as consider the future vision of the program, and also for participating countries to affirm their support, roles and responsibilities towards its success.

On December 12, 2013, SSEAYP was warmly welcomed with the generous hospitality of IYEO Okinawa members and local youth to a one-day institutional visit to the world heritage site of Shurijo Castle and Kokusai Street. Though the visit was short, the friendship built is long-lasting.

On December 15, 2013, to make it more memorable for the 40th SSEAYP, Nippon Maru anchored in the Suruga Bay to give us a close view of Mt. Fuji, another world heritage and the most famous symbol of Japan. PYs were welcomed such scenery with another SSEAYP story to be told.

Interview with the Administrator

Mr. Makoto Ito, the administrator of SSEAYP 2013, stated that this year, SSEAYP commemorated its 40th year in Tokyo to affirm the ASEAN-Japan cooperation. He believes in the continuation of SSEAYP because the program has created a positive impact on PYs. He also encourages them to engage, share and learn about one another's culture, minimize the gaps in differences and promote mutual understanding.

Mr. Ito observed that all ports of call countries arranged special country programs to welcome SSEAYP 2013. PYs had chances to interact with the local youth during the institutional visits. The experiences gained during the Country Program have provided PYs with new ideas that they can apply in their home countries.

Mr. Ito was very much impressed by PYs' talents. He also added that PYs have been very cooperative, disciplined and supportive. Mr. Ito strongly encourages PYs to be actively involved in their alumni associations and post program activities, and to promote SSEAYP in their own countries especially in the provinces where PYs are not yet represented.



Interview with the Captain of Nippon Maru

Mr. Keiji Kan has been the Captain of Nippon Maru since 2010 but this year was his first time in SSEAYP. With his vast experience and expertise along with his 122 competent crews on 3 rotating shifts, SSEAYP 2013 is undoubtedly in safe hands.

Though working round the clock, he made time to join SSEAYP activities. He really enjoyed National Day Presentation and Reunion on Board because he had chances to meet ex-PYs from the past batches, even those from 1974. He likes the PYs' spirit as they are very active though noisy at times. He hopes that they will make the best use of their knowledge, skills and experiences gained during the program when they return home.

In commemoration of the 40th SSEAYP, Captain Kan expresses his appreciation towards the pro-active participation of PYs and he hopes that he will meet them again at Reunion on Board in the future.



PYs' Impressions

'World AIDS Day Celebrated On-Board'

Nur Nadirah Hj Md Daud, BPY

World AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1 around the world, and was also celebrated on-board Nippon Maru during SSEAYP 2013. As a member of Discussion Group 5, Health Education (HIV & AIDS), I had the privilege to be in the working committee and participated in the Silent No More campaign launched by our DG. The campaign focused on addressing the stigma and discrimination that prevent young people from accessing proper HIV education in ASEAN and Japan.

Members from DG 5 and other DGs showcased their talented voice to support the campaign. I am grateful for the opportunity under the guidance of Mr. Nery Ronatay to experience the event. It was truly amazing to see such support towards us and how music can unite each and every one of us.

'My Cabin is My Second Home'

Anggun Pratama, IPY

I can proudly say that cabin 344 is the tidiest and the most organized among others. Although the room is full of toiletries, from hair care to toe care, we organize things every day and use the space under the bed to store unnecessary things. You can also find decorations such as a beautiful Indian curtain hung on the bed.

Moreover, cabin 344 may be one of the cabins that welcome the largest number of PYs. It's because of JM (Mama), a very popular figure on board. PYs come for manicure & pedicure, putting on make-up and getting dressed up, even the male ones. Some just come for advice about their love stories and all these are for free! When I got seasick and couldn't join the activities, JM was thoughtful to give me medicine and a gentle massage on my back. My cabin has really become my home away from home.

'I Have a Wonderful Mom in the Philippines'

Dao Quang Anh, VPY

My host family lives on a mountain in San Mateo overlooking Quezon City, which is two hours away from Manila. My mommy Ganda's family was the first family to start life on this mountain. Five years ago, her husband passed away and that was when she decided to host PYs and treat them like her sons.

I have never been to Manila, so arriving in the hustle and bustle of the city was a big culture shock for me. Since I am like her youngest son, she held my hand tightly wherever we went out for fear of me getting lost.

I can still vividly remember my mommy Ganda lovingly preparing all the tasty dishes for me. At the send-off, I was overwhelmed when I saw her chasing the ship, crying and shouting out my name. Two days might seem short but they gave me a wonderful family in the Philippines, a place where I can call home.

'I'm Glad that I Managed to Practice the Soran Bushi Dance'

Chea Vannika, CPY

Soran Soran Soran Soran!!! The voice keeps echoing in my head and I keep singing this song to sleep. Soran Bushi dance is my most favourite Japanese Club Activity. Each movement of this fisherman dance from Hokkaido has its own distinct meaning, from catching the fish to imitating the waves. To me, the movement is somehow powerful but fun.

At first glance, practising it seemed like a piece of cake. However, it was much harder than I expected as it involved a lot of physical movement. When it came to the pulling part, I couldn't bend my legs. It was like you woke up from a coma and exercised for the first time. I thought of quitting. But later, the dance surprisingly cured my seasickness and fully energized me for the whole day. Although I had aches all over my body that night and the following four days, I was glad that I persisted and mastered the dance.

'The First Time I Ever Saw Halal Food'

Azusa Mitsui, JPY

I had never seen Halal food preparation before arriving in Singapore. So when I saw a severed chicken in a local market near my host family's house, I was shocked as that was something unusual to me. My host mother explained that it was one of the easiest ways Muslim people can buy food without doubt.

That experience made me wonder how people from different cultures can live together in Japan. The country now welcomes many foreigners for business, sightseeing and study, but it seems that our culture has not developed for the Muslims yet. To live together in a more open society, we need to understand and respect other cultures and at the same time introduce new habits into our lives. I hope that in the near future my society will be developed into a more flexible one for coexistence with other cultures.

'NDP is Like a Festival'

Phetdouangchai Choummaly, LPY

The National Day Presentation of each country is truly a festival of music, dance and costumes representing the rich cultures and traditions of the participating nations. All PYs are like professional performers on stage. Some were really beyond my expectations, and they made me respect more the cultures of ASEAN and Japan.

I was particularly impressed by the Japan's NDP, which conveyed the inspirational messages from ASEAN to the natural disaster victims. This act demonstrated the strong relationship between ASEAN and Japan. Moreover, I fell in love with the artistic performance in "The Golden Vietnam" as well as in the beauty of each island's culture presented during the Indonesian NDP. The National Day Presentation was really an unforgettable memory for all PYs.

PYs' Impressions

'The Serious Part of SSEAYP Turns Out So Rewarding'

Bushan Mathavan, MaPY

I was selected to be in the School Education discussion group which was facilitated by P'Hlek. This is his third time as a facilitator and he made the discussion sessions fun-filled yet thought-provoking with many activities.

One such activity was the Enneagram, a leadership personality test where we had to answer a set of questions and from there we could identify the type of leadership skills one has. I was surprised to find out that I am a subtle type but not a dominant one as I always thought. I also discovered that I am passionate in public speaking. Thanks to the test!

P'Hlek also inspired me to contribute back to society. I was awed by the work he is doing to help the marginalized people in northern Thailand. This made me realize that the pursuit of happiness does not mean only material gains but also self-satisfaction. Thus, after the program, I plan to be a trainer and coach to inspire more ASEAN youth. I hope to be back as a facilitator.

'I am Proud of My SG flag'

Cedrick C. Mastura, PPY

The most momentous thing that we did with the Solidarity Group D is our SG flag. Everybody in the group brainstormed about the overall look and finally came up with a dolphin inspired flag for SG D! The dolphin symbolizes our journey as we have kept on sailing for more than a month together on board Nippon Maru. Perfectly, we got a blue cloth for our flag that we thought can symbolize the waters that we sail on. With all the creativity of each member, we painted the blue cloth with various colour markers, accentuating a big letter D in the middle while the rest of the group worked on the designs at the sides of our flag.

I am so happy that we were able to work together to produce such work of art and I am very much proud every time we hang the flag as it reminds me of how united we were as a group in anything that we did.



'My Once-in-a-lifetime Experience'

Linn Ko Ko, MyPY

For the sake of successful participation in the 40th SSEAYP, 29 members of Myanmar contingent including our National Leader underwent a two-month pre-departure training in Yangon University. We shared our perspectives and ideas as the preparation for this program.

This is my first time travelling abroad. It was such a unique experience that I had never dreamt of. Of course, I felt a little bit intimidated at first by the people I had never met before. However, as time went by, I felt more and more relaxed and comfortably adapted myself to the others.

I enjoyed each and every moment together with my contingent mates practicing cheers and performances for our National Day Presentation. Despite our tight schedule and some challenges, we managed to overcome all those in unity, and we were looking forward to the excitement that SSEAYP would bring.

'The Island of Happiness Really Opened My Eyes'

Pachara Sungden, TPY

Citizens tell a lot about their nation. The country program in Fukushima, Japan provided me a rare opportunity to discover various aspects of Japanese people that I had never known before. Fukushima was, by and large, known as the region affected by tsunami in 2011 and is still at risk of nuclear radiation.

What I remember the most during my stay there was the discussion with the local youth. When we played a given role of actual characters in Fukushima and exchanged opinions before deciding whether to stay or evacuate after the disaster, it was a thought-provoking session. I was touched to see young generations decide to stay to show community support.

I realized how Japan always gets through its difficult time. I am positive that Fukushima will soon be revitalized to live by its name as the Island of Happiness once again.

'I Treasure Each Moment We Had On-Board'

Fazylah Binte Abd Rahman, SPY

Life passed in a flurry of activities - even our free days were packed with VAs, meetings, NDP rehearsals, gangway rehearsals, and even photo shoots! As such, the influenza confinement almost came as a relief.

For two days, all activities were cancelled and PYs were kept in their rooms. Many of us took the opportunity to clean up our desperately neglected cabins, hang out with our cabin mates (that was the first time my cabin mates had time to sit down together for a noodle party!) and catch some well-deserved rest. We missed our friends terribly during this period though, and would howl and embrace our SG mates whenever we were summoned to collect our packed meals.

Everyone was glad when we were finally released from confinement and I suppose our time apart made us treasure each remaining moment on SSEAYP even more.

Post-Program Activities

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

On March 8, 2013, BPyS 2012 conducted a Youth Leadership Camp called *KemQiadah IX* for year 9 students of Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Science College. They conducted the ice-breaking session and team-building activities to develop the students' leadership skills. They learned to be more pro active and innovative.

Upcoming

Inspired by SSEAYP, the PPA of BPyS 2013 is *4D B.E.S.T (4 Districts Bruneians Experiencing SSEAYP Training)* with the slogan "We're Youth, We Love, We Share, We Care". The target group is youth from the 4 districts of Brunei aged 15-25 years old. The objectives are to assist the government in discovering potential youth leaders; to promote international youth programs in the local community; to develop youth to become internationally competitive and more pro active.

BPyS 2013 expect that from these activities, the participants will be more exposed to youth activities and be equipped with leadership and interpersonal skills so that they can further contribute to their own districts while developing in the youth a sense of patriotism and nationalism.

CAMBODIA

On March 2, 2013, CPyS 2012 implemented their post-program activity called, "Small Step, Big Change". We educated 400 parents and children in Kompong Speu province about the importance of de-worming, proper hand washing and rubbish segregation.

Upcoming

In Kompong Ro Village, Svay Reang, a lot of families and children suffer from malnutrition and lack of proper sanitary practices that lead to prevalence of diarrhea. In addition, there are many unused plots of land in their community.

After SSEAYP discussion sessions, CPyS 2013 have come up with a post-program activity called, *The P.L.A.N.T (Proper Living And Nutrition Training) Project*. This project comprises food & nutrition and health education topics that aim to educate 15 families on hygiene practice and proper nutrition. The experts will also teach them on how to plant and sustain kitchen gardens on their unused land.

INDONESIA

On December 2012, IPyS 2012 successfully conducted both their short-term & long-term PPAs, which were *Gotong Royong*, re-typing two *Braille Books* for the blinds and *Batik Kulon Progo* in Jogjakarta. Their aim was to encourage young generation to become batik makers in order to preserve batik as the Indonesian heritage.

Upcoming

Gemilang40 is a hand washing and toilet cleaning movement in a school to raise more awareness of proper hand washing and the importance of toilet cleanliness. As

most public schools have poor sanitation, Garuda40 (IPyS 2013) wants to improve the school's toilet condition and educate the students on the importance of having a healthy lifestyle. For the short-term project, Garuda40 will conduct a blood donation drive, *My Very First Blood Donation*, among youth.

JAPAN

SSEAYP Youth Development Program by JPYS 2012 was held at Akatsuki High School in Mie Prefecture on November 18, 2013. JPYS introduced the diversified cultures of SSEAYP to the students through a workshop. This enabled the students to expand their choice in life by developing their own personality and be more involved in the society.

Upcoming

As part of their post-program activity, JPYS 2013 will organize a *Diversify Japan* program to learn about Halal food which is not very well recognized in Japan. JPYS will develop teaching materials and visit elementary schools once a month for three months. They will teach students about Halal food, go for a field trip and deepen the students' understanding of Halal food and Islamic culture. Through this program, they hope Japan will be more diversified by the time of 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

LAO P.D.R

On November 2013, LPyS 2012 successfully conducted their post-program activity called *Heart of PYS (HOPYs)* at Nongbuathong Primary School, Parkngeum District, Vientiane Capital. The PPA was a continuation from their pre-program SCA. The objectives were to develop and improve the quality of education and to create a school model. The session included the sharing on lessons learned from SSEAYP 2012. More than 170 participants attended this post-program activity.

Upcoming

The PPA of LPyS 2013 is *Back to School*. The objectives are to raise awareness of sanitary education to locals, promote a healthier lifestyle and improve facilities of Hua Nar Primary School. LPyS 2013 chose to continue this project because they have already successfully conducted their SCA at the said school before joining SSEAYP 2013. LPyS 2013 hope to utilize what they gained from SSEAYP including sanitation, education on environment, social contribution and culture. The project will be implemented from January to November 2014.

MALAYSIA

With SSEAYP spirit, MaPyS 2012 gathered for their PPA *Environmental Advocacy Campaign* on October 27, 2013 at Port Dickson. The program started with Beach Cleaning where they collected about 125 kilograms of garbage in an hour. The next activity was Public Preaching and Signature Campaign where the public took the pledge to keep the beach clean. The event ended with Theatrical Hybrid Freeze Mob performance to create awareness of clean beach among the public.

Upcoming

MaPYs 2013 came up with a PPA *Bring the World to the Kids* with the objective of reaching out to Malaysian kids living in the rural areas. They plan to run a one-day workshop full of activities for primary school kids, which can inspire them to be more open-minded, motivated, and empowered for the future. This PPA will take place in February 2014.

MYANMAR

The PPA of MyPYs 2012 was *Hands in Hands, Hearts to Hearts* or *4Hs*. The MyPYs believed that education could change a person, a country and the whole world. For 2013, they taught basic education to more than 600 children in the Myittar Wardi Monastery. They donated teaching aids, and invested their time and energy as volunteers for English and Matriculation subjects. SSEAYP 2012 started teaching on June 2, 2013 and will end on the 2nd week of June 2014. This is a continual education program.

Upcoming

The PPA of MyPYs 2013, *My Oasis*, aims to provide fresh water and purified drinking water to primary school students and local villagers in Ywalut Village, Chaung Sone Township in Belu Island, Mon State. With this project, the students and the locals can easily access clean and fresh water and be more aware of better health and hygiene. MyPYs 2013 will contribute the initial US\$2,000. The preparation and proposal of this project will start in January 2014 and will be implemented in March 2014.

PHILIPPINES

The *Change for Change Project* of PPYs 2012 achieved its ultimate goal of helping the Yellow Boat of Hope community on June 12-16, 2013. With SGD 1,500 raised, 5 yellow boats were constructed and handed over to Bagong Pag-asa Yellow Boat community in June 2013.

The yellow boats shortened the travel time of 3-4 hours to only 15-20 minutes for the Subanen children to reach their school. Their parents can also use the yellow boats for fishing and seaweed farming while the children are in school.

Upcoming

PPYs 2013 started *Project S.H.A.R.E.* (SSEAYP Helping, Assisting, Rebuilding, Empowering) on-board to help the communities affected by Typhoon Haiyan. PPYs 2013 adopted it as their PPA but with a broader scope. The objective of this PPA is to empower the marginalized and less privileged communities through psychosocial support (Share a Smile), capacity-building activities (Share Knowledge) and sustainable living (Share a Life). These three components of the project will benefit children (aged 6-12), young adults, and families. The PPA will be implemented on May 16-19, 2014 in Leyte.

SINGAPORE

To help international students better understand the rich heritage in Singapore, SPYs 2012 organized a local heritage tour for them on November 9, 2013 at Queenstown,

the event attracted participants from Sri Lanka, China, Vietnam, Indonesia & Malaysia. The main objective was to promote social integration of foreign youths into Singapore community.

Upcoming

After experiencing the SSEAYP spirit and graciousness on board Nippon Maru, SPYs 2013 learned to appreciate, compliment and affirm. And they felt that Singaporeans are not doing enough in this area. They then want to have this movement known as #sayTHANKSsg with the objective to enhance their culture of being grateful by appreciating the people there. Sharing sessions will be conducted in schools and community events to create awareness of others' actions and efforts; at the same time, learn the difference between compliment and affirmation.

THAILAND

As TPYs 2012 hoped to pass on their experiences and skills gained during SSEAYP to Thai youth, they successfully conducted a post-program activity, *KID-D Camp by KID-D Crew Project*, on May 8-12, 2012 at Shinawatra University in PathumThani province. The main objective was to provide an opportunity for Thai youth to develop themselves to become potential leaders who are able to carry out valuable activities for society. The participants were made up of 50 qualified high school students from all over Thailand.

Upcoming

Realizing the increasing number of migrant workers in Thailand and the communication gap between Thais and the migrant workers, TPYs 2013 have agreed to initiate a PPA called *BRIDGE: Borderless Bonding*. The main objectives are to bridge the communication gap and to promote mutual understanding between Thai youth and migrant children in Mahachai, Samut Sakhon province. The duration of the project is 8 weeks. The activities include curriculum development, volunteer recruitment, volunteer training, implementation, reflection session, fundraising, and public relations.

VIETNAM

After 7 months of preparation, VPYs 2012 chose Phu Da 3 primary school in the central city of Hue to carry out *Hand-in-hand* project to raise awareness of water resource protection and hand hygiene. USD 2,000 was generated, 200 bottles of liquid soap were donated, and 100 students were benefited from 1 upgraded restroom with new washing areas and facilities. Lessons on proper hand washing and how to be protected from hand-foot-mouth disease were also introduced.

Upcoming

The widening gap between senior citizens and young generation in Vietnam is getting more and more serious as it causes mental stress to the elderly and social fragmentation. VPYs 2013 therefore proposed *Photovoice: Healing the Gap*, a series of exhibitions which aim at raising social awareness of this matter, helping the elderly feel less lonely or valued as well as calling on youngsters to make a change and spend more time with their families.

Country Reports

SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL BRUNEI (BERSATU)

December 15 – 16, 2012: BERSATU organized SSEAYP REHAB CAMP at Berakas Forest Reserve to welcome BPYs 2012. It aimed to conserve the environment, inculcate loving towards preserving the nature and also share SSEAYP experience.

December 24, 2012: BERSATU organized an appreciation dinner for host families of SSEAYP 2012 in Brunei Darussalam and all the working committee. The guest of honor was the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

December 29, 2012: BERSATU organized SSEAYP Bowling Tournament. This was officiated by the President of BERSATU, at the Utama Bowling Centre.

March 3, 2013: BERSATU organized a charity event to raise funds for the National Humanitarian Fund for People of Gaza, Palestine and Bopha, Philippines by selling items and organizing Futsal Tournament among ASEAN, Japan and Middle East countries.

April 24 – 27, 2013: About 23 members of BERSATU and host families participated in the 25th SIGA in Vientiane, Laos led by Ms. Norhayati Nordin, the Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Zulkifle Asmad (PY1996) received the SI Award during the closing ceremony.

May 16 - 18, 2013: Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports entrusted BERSATU to coordinate the Homestay Program

for the participants of Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Korea Bilateral Youth Exchange Program 2013.

October 25, 2013: BERSATU organized a farewell dinner and thanksgiving ceremony for the safe journey of the 40th SSEAYP.



SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIA (SIC)

February 3, 2013: Mr. Heng Soknang was elected as the president of the 5th mandate.

March 2, 2013: SIC together with CPYs 2012 implemented their post-program activity called *Small Step, Big Change* in Kompong Speu Province educating more than 400 children, teachers, and parents about health education, de-worming, and environment.

April 9 – 17, 2013: SIC members helped to organize Cambodia's biggest event called *Angkor Sangkranta* on Khmer's New Year in Siem Reap.

May 12, 2013: SIC cooperated with Calmette Hospital and Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports to implement

a cervical cancer campaign involving more than 300 youth and local people in Kompong Speu Province.

May 31 – June 1, 2013: 6 SIC members helped to organize the 2013 Asian Youth Forum in Phnom Penh.

June 16 – 27, 2013: SIC members volunteered as liaison officers for the World Heritage Convention in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

September 6 – 22, 2013: SIC members organized discussion forums and other activities for INDEX program with JPYs, CPYs, and 17 local youth.

September 7, 2013: SIC conducted a workshop called *Meet the Young Inspirational* that inviting 5 successful

speakers, 2 of which were from SIC, to give inspiring speeches and advice to more than 200 students.

September 28, 2013: SIC together with CPYs 2013 implemented their pre-program project called *The Kiddo Program* raising funds to help 160 kids supported by Taramana organization.



SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL INDONESIA, INC. (SII Inc.)

December 22, 2012: IPYs implemented their short-term PPA, *Gotong Royong*. They helped clean up the area to promote cleaner environment. They also retyped two books for more accessibility to the visually-impaired. Allowing the exposure to Indonesian traditional products, IPYs 2012 went to Kulon Progo, Jogjakarta to conduct a marketing workshop for the batik makers so that they can extend their product lines, e.g. scarves, bags, pouches, etc.

March – Dec 2012: Strategic partnership between SII and the Ministry of Youth and Sports in conducting SSEAYP's

main annual activities.

April 2013: Ex-PYs, host families and government officials joined the 25th SIGA in Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.

May 2013: SII held a charity event, *Indonesia Gemilang*, for the flooded area at SDN Kandawati II, Tangerang. We donated school materials & stationeries to students association.

July – August 2013: "BUBERITY" (Breaking fast together + Charity) during Ramadhan to give support to the elderly.

We also joined various events between

SII members and Host Family.

November 2013: Mr. Drs. Imam Gunawan MAP as Assistant Deputy for Youth Resources Improvement, together with Mr. Badaruzaman (IPY 2007), attended and signed the Joint Statement of SSEAYP.



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE ORGANIZATION OF JAPAN (IYEO)

IYEO Challenge Fund scheme: In line with the IYEO aim for financial year 2013, "To develop people who can exercise leadership in the society," the IYEO Challenge Fund scheme marks its third year since its introduction. The IYEO Challenge Fund aims to encourage the members to contribute to the society and to make the organization more active. Applications are reviewed and selected by the board members twice a year. Seven applications were selected for 2013, two of which are initiated by SSEAYP ex-PYs as SSEAYP Post Program Activities.

The 2nd edition of J-SSEAYP was organized by the ex-JPYs of SSEAYP38

under the theme of "Moving towards the global human resource by co-working with the people from all around the world" on **September 28-29** at National Olympics Memorial Youth Center in Tokyo.

"SSEAYP Youth Development Program by the ex-JPYs of 39th SSEAYP 2012 ~Imagine our Future~" was held at Akatsuki High School in Mie Prefecture on **November 18**. This class was composed with presentation on the SSEAYP and workshop with the students to introduce learning journey of diversity through SSEAYP so as for the students to expand their choices of life.

Donation for Philippines: The total amount of donations for victims by the Super Typhoon Haiyan was 902,805 yen as of **February 17, 2014**. It was transferred to SSEAYP International Philippines (SIP) to be utilized for immediate relief activities to purchase necessary goods.



LAO SSEAYP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (LaoSAA)

Lao SSEAYP Alumni Association consisting 28 committee members working for LAOSAA and the new election will be conducted in January 2014.

LaoSAA had the honor to host the 25th SIGA from April 25-27, 2013 in Vientiane, Lao P.D.R. with the theme *SSEAYP Exchange Cultural Experiences* with 415 attendees.

May 2013: LaoSAA successfully helped Lao Youth Union to select representatives of Lao PYs to join SSEAYP 2013 as well as INDEX Program 2013.

September - October 2013: The 40th SSEAYP 2013 Administration Team visited Lao P.D.R. to inspect the preparation of the Country Program. During that time, LaoSAA supported LPYs 2013 to conduct an SCA at Hua Nar Primary School, Xaythany District, Vientiane Capital as well as the charity cultural performance for flood victims in Savannakhet Province, the middle part of Laos where they promoted SSEAYP.

November 21 – 22, 2013: The organizing committee warmly welcomed all young ambassadors of SSEAYP 2013

to Lao P.D.R. where they had a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Lao P.D.R. and the Secretary General of Lao Youth Union. They had home visit program and visited some historical places.



SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA (KABESA)

Since Malaysia will be hosting SIGA 2014, SIGA Steering Committee was formed to ensure smooth and successful preparation. They visited Langkawi in April and June 2013 to survey the location, accommodations and transportation.

August 3 – 4, 2013: During Ziarah Kasih Ramadhan, SIM raised around RM 4,500 in the form of food and money which was contributed to 18 underprivileged families in Kuala Lumpur and the rural area in Selangor for Eid Preparation.

August 24, 2013: SIM organized by Eid

Celebration for 40 children from Orphanage, House of Syaheera in Cheras KL. We arranged games, prizes and birthday celebration for the children.

August 30, 2013: SIM had a courtesy call on Tun Mahathir Mohammed, Malaysia's former Prime Minister to invite him to officiate SIGA Langkawi in April 2014. SIM is honored as he agreed to officiate and deliver the keynote speech.

November 28 - End of Dec 2013: Ministry of Communication & Multimedia Malaysia initiated fund-raising

for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in Philippines. Together with other organizations, SIM persuaded the public to donate through SMS. All the funds received will be donated to the victims.



SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES (SIP)

In 2013, SIP conducted SCA / community outreach programs. **July 13**, SIP participated in the Medical-Dental Mission of Governor Ramon Lacbain II (PPY1991 / NL2005) in Zambales. SIP distributed 150 bags of goods to the Aeta community and assisted in the free-feeding activity. SIP celebrated Eid'l Fitr in the Women's Jail in Quezon City on **August 10** by distributing 120 bags of goods to the women inmates. Under SIP's Book Donation project, 2 boxes of books were donated to the Pacita Complex Elementary School in Laguna in a gift-giving and feeding program on **October 17**.

PYs 2010 PPA which aims to establish and reinforce Community Learning Centers in the Philippines launched its 5th CLC called 7,107 Project: Verde in Samar on **October 5**.

For 2013, PYs 2011, in cooperation with the Department of Education, conducted the 1st Inter-High School ASEAN Quiz on **September 21**. On that same day, a Dep-Ed Youth Summit was held which stressed on love for the country. Books and school supplies were distributed.

SIP's activities included sending 6 participants to the Hopeful Children Project in Thailand, participation in the

25th SIGA in Laos with 12 delegates, participation in the selection and training of the SSEAYP 2013 PPYs, and preparation and implementation of the Country Program in the Philippines.



SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL SINGAPORE (SIS)

SIS had the Biennial General Meeting early this year. The highlight of 2013 is the collaboration between Singapore Press Holdings Chinese Newspaper Division and SIS for the *President's Challenge at Gardens by the Bay* from **September 13 - 22, 2013**. Our objective was to raise funds for the 55 beneficiaries appointed by the President of SIS, through selling of floating lanterns (krathongs) made by SIS members and students of Anderson Secondary School. For 10 days, SIS members were rostered according to participation year and assisted in the sale of the krathongs. We raised a total amount of SGD 11,210.

The second highlight is SSEAYP Day held on **October 5, 2013** at Scape. This was to commemorate the first sailing on October 7, 1974 and to establish closer ties with our alumni members. Photomontage which was contributed from the past 39 batches of SPYs was displayed. Members came together to do a batik painting of national flowers.

Collaborated with the youths from Radin Mas Youth Executive Committee on **November 17, 2013** for a fun and educational day with less privileged children between the ages of 6 and 12. The children learned about the fascinating history of the toys in the museum. They also learned craft through puppet making

workshop from which they can explore a new way to express themselves. SIS will hold the 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner on **March 29, 2014** at Universal Studio Singapore, Resorts World Sentosa.



ASSOCIATION OF THE SHIP FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUTH OF THAILAND (ASSEAY THAILAND)

Since established, ASSEAY Thailand has continuously conducted main activities including selection of PYs, pre-departure training, and SSEAYP country program in Thailand. This year, we have selected ex-TPYs and non-PYs to participate in several international programs as either staff or participants such as the ASEAN Youth Camp in Thailand, etc.

Fundraising for the Philippines: ASSEAY Thailand and several groups of ex-TPYs have donated USD 8,600 to help the disaster victims in the Philippines through ex-PPYs and SIP. The donations were collected during ROB in Bangkok from auction funds and by selling souvenirs, Rice for Lives

campaign, as well as through the contributions of kind individuals. To commemorate the 40th SSEAYP Anniversary, we organized the *Hall of Fame* section during the ROB in Thailand. It was to express our appreciation to ex-TPYs who have contributed to society and ASSEAY Thailand.

The 23rd *For Hopeful Children Project* was held during **March 23-25, 2013** at the Royal Thai Marine Corps in Sattahip, Chonburi. Since initiated in 1991, the number of volunteers and young Thai participants has increased every year which is a clear sign of the success of the project.

Our Beloved Hometown Project was initiated in 2011 by ex-TPYs 2007 as their

post-program activity. The project aims at helping children in the rural areas in the north of Thailand to be able to identify and address the problems in their communities and work cooperatively to solve those problems. The project continues to be carried out every year.



VIETNAM ALUMNI CLUB OF YOUTH FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMS (VACYF)

2013 marks the 40th year of diplomatic relations between Vietnam and Japan. VPYs took part in several commemorative events held across the country.

January – September 2013: Lan Phuong (Maria) VPY 2009 starred in ‘The Partner’, the film honoring the friendship between Vietnamese revolutionary Phan Boi Chau and Japanese doctor Asaba Sakitaro 100 years ago. It was aired on Vietnam Television (VTV) and the Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS) on September 29.

January – May 2013: VACYF members in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City held 4 workshops to provide information about

SSEAYP to those who were interested.

July 2013: VPYs 2012 implemented *Hand-in-hand* projects in Phu Da 3 Primary School, Thua Thien Hue Province to build a new restroom as well as instruct the students how to wash their hands properly.

July – October 2013: VACYF members organized orientation workshops for new VPYs in Hanoi, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City and provided necessary advice before departure.

November 2013: VACYF members helped to organize country program in Vietnam, which proved to be successful in introducing a hospitable and lively Vietnam to PYs 2013.

November – December 2013: VACYF members collected VND 28,700,000 (USD 1,355) to support Filipinos suffering from Typhoon Haiyan. The money was given to the chairperson and the president of SSEAYP International Philippines during the ROB on December 8.



**The 25th SIGA Laos: SSEAYP Exchange Culture Experiences
April 25 – 27, 2013 in Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R .**

Lao SSEAYP Alumni Association (LaoSAA) had a great honor to host SIGA for the first time held on April 25 – 27, 2013 in Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R. The 25th SIGA, *SSEAYP Exchange Culture Experiences*, was attended by 415 participants including high ranking Lao leaders, honorable guests from the Embassies of ASEAN and Japan, SSEAYP ex-PYs, host families, Lao youth leaders, and local volunteers. The event included a panel discussion on relations and cooperation between ASEAN and Japan, institutional visit, sightseeing, exhibitions and interaction activities based on their interests.

Prior to main program, an SCA was held in Pakjeng School, Vientiane Province, Lao P.D.R. on April 22 - 24, 2013 with the collaboration of SSEAYP ex-PYs, Lao local youths and volunteers.



**The 26th SIGA in LANGKAWI, Malaysia: Touch of Nature
April 23-28, 2014**

SI Malaysia is delighted to host for the 4th time the annual SSEAYP International General Assembly (SIGA) in the magical island of Langkawi. The former Prime Minister and Father of Modernization in Malaysia, Tun Mahathir Mohammad, will be the Patron of the 26th SIGA and will deliver the keynote speech on *Environmental Crisis: Impact & Effect on Socio Economic Growth* during the opening ceremony.

SI Malaysia is inviting the SSEAY family to experience the *Touch of Nature* and the beauty of the magical island of Langkawi on April 25 – 28, 2014, as well as SCA which will be held on April 23-25, 2014.

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Route and Ports of Call



The 40th SSEAYP started from October 29 to December 16, 2013. The ship left Tokyo, Japan for 4 ports of call, through various activities over 51 days, strangers have become friends, individuals have become a family and Nippon Maru has become their second home. The 40th SSEAYP journey ended with strong camaraderie among Japan and ASEAN friends.

ROUTE AND PORTS OF CALL DURATION

- Nov. 7: Tokyo (Japan)
- Nov. 14 – 17: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)
- Nov. 20 – 24: Bangkok (Thailand)
- Nov. 21 – 22: Representatives to Vientiane Capital (Laos) by Air
- Nov. 29 – Dec. 2: Singapore (Singapore)
- Dec. 6 – 9: Manila (Philippines)
- Dec. 12: Naha (Japan)
- Dec. 16: Tokyo (Japan)

Discussion Group Facilitators

SSEAYP Discussion Program was formally initiated in 2005 for PYs to deepen their understanding and broaden their knowledge of their group topics. The discussion group facilitators worked with PYs from the start of the program to ensure the effectiveness of each discussion session and the outcomes of each group. Furthermore, they were there to guide and support PYs before passing on the outcomes of their groups to OBSCs Reps. PYs were also expected to share what they had learned and gained during SSEAYP discussion program & in turn contribute to their societies.

The 2013 Discussion Facilitators and their respective group themes:

1. Corporate Social Contributions - Ms. Precious Ann A. Legario (Philippines)
2. Cross-cultural Understanding Promotion – Ms. Korawee Sapmanee (Thailand)
3. Environment (Natural Disaster Reduction) - Mr. Andi Syuki (Indonesia)
4. Food and Nutrition Education - Ms. Natsuko Minemura (Japan)
5. Health Education (Measures against HIV/AIDS) - Mr. Nery N. Ronatay (Philippines)
6. International Relations (ASEAN-Japan Cooperation) - Mr. Theraseth Patvarapong (Thailand)
7. School Education – Mr. Thanit Kongkaew (Thailand)
8. Information and Media - Ms. Khaisarah Mansor (Singapore)

On Board Ship Conference Representatives

This year, ten OBSC representatives from ASEAN and Japan boarded Nippon Maru at Manila Port, Philippines. The discussion with the Facilitators helped them have a clearer vision of what had been done during the Discussion Program sessions.

In the Post-Program Session I (Plenary Session), OBSC representatives introduced their Alumni Associations and explained last year's PPAs and also the roles to advocate the planning of each country's PPAs.

During the Post Program Sessions with respective contingents, OBSC Reps provided assistance and advice in the conceptualization and finalization of their PPAs based on what PYs had learned from their Discussion Groups and the current issues in their countries. OBSC Representatives were also responsible for producing this year's edition of SSEAYP News.

Upon arrival in Tokyo, OBSC Representatives had a Courtesy Call at the Cabinet Office and reported on the AA's highlighted events. Mr. Yutaka Iwabuchi, Director General for the General Promotion on Youth Affairs and Childrearing, expressed his appreciation for their contribution for the success of SSEAYP 2013.



- Mr. Thatsaphone Lerththavone (LPY 2005)
- Mr. Hail Adly Haji Matali (BPY 2005)
- Ms. Devera Daisy Miranti Faridz (IPY 2007)
- Ms. Naomi Uemori (JPY 1999, NL 2009)
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- Mr. Le Hoang Linh (VPY 2009)
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