

# SIGA HANOI 2015

## ASEAN-JAPAN COOPERATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE THROUGH ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

The 27<sup>th</sup> SSEAYP International General Assembly (SIGA) was held at Hanoi and Ha Long Bay - Quang Ninh Province in Vietnam from the 23 to 26 April 2015 with the theme "ASEAN - Japan Cooperation for a better future through alumni activities". Organized by Vietnam Alumni Club of Youth Friendship Activities (VACYF). This is the second time Vietnam has the honor to host SIGA.

Prior the General Assembly, the Social Contribution Activity (SCA) was conducted from 21 to 23 Apr 2015. The SCA participants visited National University of Vietnam for a workshop on "Youth voluntary activities", and the National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion to join the post-program activity "A Thousand Smiles" photo exhibition carried by the VPY 2014. After, the participants went to homestay program, hosted by Ex-VPYs and SIGA Volunteers.

The General Assembly started on 24 April with the keynote speaker Mr. Nguyen Long Hai - Vice Chairman of the National Committee of Youth of Vietnam. In his speech, he expressed his appreciation towards the Cabinet Office of Japan and the governments of 10 ASEAN countries for successful carrying out SSEAYP in which Vietnam has

participated for the last 19 years. He also emphasized the importance of alumni activities in promoting Japan and ASEAN cooperation as well as maintaining the sustainability of the program. The General Assembly included two other main events: a discussion session on "ASEAN - Japan cooperation for a better future through alumni activities", and a report on the activities of SSEAYP International, Alumni Associations and the Social Contribution Activity 2015.

After the General Assembly, the participants had their institutional visits in Hanoi and went to Ha Long Bay in Quang Ninh Province. At Ha Long Bay, the Council of Presidents paid a courtesy call to the province leaders and all participants attended the courtesy dinner hosted by the local authority. The following morning, all participants came back to Hanoi for closing ceremony and farewell dinner party.

After 6 days of exciting and meaningful activities, we have reminded ourselves of the great value that SSEAYP has added to our lives, our society, and the region, and once again affirm that there is no generational or geographical boundaries for friendship and cooperation.

## THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SIGA 2016 IN THE KINGDOM OF WONDER



The **SSEAYP International Cambodia** is delighted to invite all our SSEAYP family members and their beloved ones to the **28<sup>th</sup> SIGA**, from 29 April to 2 May 2016. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, SIGA will be held at Siam Reap, at the golden land of Angkor Wat, with the aim of enhancing the never-ending friendship and life-long cooperation among the ex-participants of SSEAYP.

As part of fostering the SSEAYP spirit and conserving the environment, the theme for this coming SIGA will be "**SSEAYP Cooperation for a Greener World**".

Activities of SIGA 2016 include Council of President (COP) Meeting, General Assembly, Seminars, Social Contribution Activities (SCA) and Institutional Visits to Angkor Wat, Bayon, and Ta Prom Temples. During SIGA, SCA of garbage collection around the temple complex will be held on 01 May 2016.

The Kingdom of Cambodia warmly welcomes all ex-PYs, host families and associate members of SSEAYP International to the Kingdom of Wonder, and immerse in one of the 7 wonders of the world.



VACYF president Ms. **Bui Diem Huong** (right) passing over the SI flag to SIGA Cambodia organizer representative, **Min Ing** (left)