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Photo taken during Vietnam Country Program, second Port of Call for the 42nd SSEAYP

The 42nd SSEAYP started from 28 October until 15 December 2015. The ship left Harumi Port, Japan, and visited 4 Ports of Call along the way, before finally returning to Japan. Throughout the journey, the Participating Youths (PYs) engaged in both Solidarity Group (SG), Discussion Group (DG) and Club Activity (CA), as well as the various local programs at the respective Ports of Call. Through these activities, PYs not only forged new friendships, they also deepened their knowledge and understanding of one another's culture and beliefs.

ROUTE AND PORT OF CALL

ROUTE AND PORT OF CALL	DURATION
Japan (Tokyo)	28 Oct – 4 Nov
Philippines (Manila)	11 Nov – 14 Nov
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City)	17 Nov – 21 Nov
Representatives visited Lao P.D.R. by air	18 Nov – 20 Nov
Myanmar (Yangon)	26 Nov – 29 Nov
Malaysia (Kota Kinabalu)	5 Dec – 8 Dec
Japan (Tokyo)	15 Dec



► INTERVIEW



Mr. HIDEKI UEMURA ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE 42ND SSEAYP 2015

Mr. Hideki Uemura believes that SSEAYP is an essential platform for the youth to gain experience and exposure towards other cultures. He sees that the Participating Youths (PYs) have high abilities, outstanding communication and leadership skills beyond their age. But these skills were enhanced when they embarked on this journey and experienced SSEAYP firsthand. They were able to broaden their perspective and respect each other's differences. Mr. Uemura shares his dream to see the PYs as catalysts of change who will impact other youths in their own countries through the Post Program Activities (PPA) that they will conduct upon the completion of the SSEAYP program.



Captain SHIGEHIRO KUBO CAPTAIN OF NIPPON MARU

Captain Shigehiro Kubo, a first time captain for SSEAYP, has been working as a ship crew with the program for 25 years. Most of his career life is on board the ship including his 25th anniversary celebration last October. This time is considered as another remarkable experience for him for having a chance to dock in Myanmar for the second time after his first visit 20 years ago. In his perspective, Myanmar has changed a lot over the years in terms of development such as buildings and vehicles. The only thing that has not changed is its traditional costume. For the past 25 years on board, PYs this year are more active than the ones he met before. Lastly, he emphasizes that it is important for PYs to keep in touch with their beloved friends and have a safe journey back to their respective home countries.



NATIONAL LEADERS

The SSEAYP experience will not be complete without the leadership and guidance of the National Leaders (NLs). On behalf of the NLs, Mr. Zuraimi, Singapore National Leader was honored to be given this opportunity to lead the PYs for 51 days and expressed his deepest gratitude to the various local Program's Reception Committees for hosting the PYs and NLs.

Singapore - Mr Zuraimi Bin Abdul Basheer
Cambodia - Mr Chiv Ratha
Malaysia - Mr Mohd Mu Azam Shah Bin Abdul Mutalib
Lao P.D.R. - Mr Thathsaphone Lerththavone
Philippines - Mr Diaz, Alfredo Bayoneta
Japan - Ms Ikuko Nakano
Vietnam - Mr Nguyen Quoc Tuan
Myanmar - Mr Nanda Aung
Brunei Darussalam - Mr Pg Anak Mohd Sofian Pg Anak Ibrahim
Indonesia - Ms Syafwina
Thailand - Mr Damrong Jaiyot

COUNTRY REPORT

► SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

21 Dec 2014 - "Homecoming Party and Debriefing Session by BPY 2014", This initiative aims to unite and bring everyone closer together as an association, to further introduce and welcome the BPY 2014 into the association and further more, to hear more from them about their plans for the PPA.

23 Feb 2015 - BERSATU participated in the 31st National Day Celebration Parade.

28 Mar 2015 - BERSATU joined the global campaign "EARTH HOUR", an hour of symbolic action to make our stand against the climate change.

23 Aug 2015 - BERSATU participated in "Get-together Ceremony with His

Majesty Sultan" in conjunction with the 68th birthday of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

27 Sep 2015 - Department of Youth and Sports invited BERSATU for a sharing session with BPY 2015 during the orientation and leadership training. The alumni association briefed the BPY about the organization's structure and activities.

23 Oct 2015 - BERSATU organized a briefing session for the Host Family and OBSC Representative of the 42nd SSEAYP.

30 Oct 2015 - Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam invited BERSATU to a preliminary meeting for the Japanese

Language and Cultural Week 2016.

7 Dec 2015 - the Executive Committees of BERSATU were invited to the reception in conjunction with the 82nd Birthday Celebration of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.



His Majesty, the Sultan of Brunei as he slices the birthday cake presented by BERSATU

► SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIA

19-23 Nov 2014 - For the very first time in SSEAYP history, Cambodia hosted the program in Sihanouk Ville and Phnom Penh City where all the participating youths could experience the culture, traditional, foods, people and lifestyle of the Kingdom of Wonder.

7 Mar 2015 - CPY 2014 conducted their PPA Project called "1, 2, 3, Project" Phase II under the theme of "Better Education, Better Environment, Better Sanitation" at Pich Mdot Primary School, Kandal province.

10-17 Apr 2015 - SIC members volunteered as facilitators for a national New Year event, Angkor Sankranta in Siem Reap province.

12-17 Apr 2015 - SIC members partici-

pated in International Youth Cultural Festival as an organizer at Siem Reap Province. 10 ASEAN countries plus Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Australia and India joined the event.

23-26 Apr 2015 - 5 SIC members joined the 27th SSEAYP International General Assembly (SIGA) in Hanoi and Ha Long Bay, Vietnam.

27-30 Aug 2015 - CPY 2014 and CPY 2015 along with Ex-PYs implemented a mangrove-planting project 'One Tourist One Mangrove' as well as a Pre-Departure Training of CPY 2015 at Trapeang Sangke Eco-Tourism Community, which is located in Kampot Province.

18 Oct 2015 - SIC together with CPY

2015 organized a 5 km marathon called "Taramanathon" as a Pre-Program Activity of CPY 2015. It aims to raise funds to support Taramana organization for building classroom and library for underprivileged kids.



CPY from various batches planting mangrove trees in Trapeang Sangke Eco-Tourism community

► SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL INDONESIA

21 Dec 2014 - 3 days after coming back from SSEAYP, IPY 2014 conducted #MyBagProject, with the tagline, "Manage Your Garbage" as pilot project PPA in Manggarai, Jakarta. In collaboration with green communities, they educated children about basic waste management knowledge and conducted waste handicraft classes for mothers.

23-26 Apr 2015 - SII members, members of IOTA (Host Family Association) and government officials took part in the 27th SIGA in Hanoi and Ha Long Bay, Vietnam.

11 Jul 2015 - SII organized BUBERITY (Break Fasting and Charity) annually, this event not only allows the SSEAYP

alumni to gather, but also allows everyone to share the happiness with fellow orphan friends during Ramadhan.

8 Aug 2015 - SSEAYP Kumpul Lagi 1 (SSEAYP Reunion 1) aims to tighten friendship within SII members. It was attended by alumni coming from different batches.

23-27 Sep 2015 - Acknowledged by the Ministry of Youth and Sport Republic of Indonesia, Oddy Medrian was inaugurated as the President of SII for 2015-2017.

Oct-Nov 2015 - SII initiated #SIIcare-forHaze by calling for a fundraising to procure N95 Mask that would be distributed through its alumni networks

in Pekanbaru, Jambi, Palangkaraya and Banjarmasin. SII also educated the community about the importance of proper protective measures by creating educative tutorial video.



SII BUBERITY gathering during the holy month of Ramadhan

► INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE ORGANIZATION OF JAPAN

IYEO 30th Anniversary - IYEO marked its 30th year anniversary this FY2015 since its establishment in 1998 which is the UN year for Youth Exchange. In commemoration to this, IYEO have organized various events such as; Visual IYEO Human resource map, selection of IYEO mascot character, publication of IYEO annual magazine "Humano," Tohoku Visit Tour, Fund raising project, IYEO Library Project, IYEO members' map Project, etc.

"Visit Tohoku Tour" visited Rikuzentakata City, Iwate Prefecture and the surrounding areas on **24-26 Jul** with

40 participants aged 4 to 60s, from 5 different countries. The tour aims to provide an opportunity to visit the affected area of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that occurred in March 2011, in order to remember the disaster, to learn the current condition as well as challenges of the area, and to contribute to the society.

"Run Earth" (pronounced as RAN-NASU) is the official IYEO character/icon which was selected among IYEO members in commemoration with its 30th Anniversary. It represents IYEO members who run around the world meeting people from

all walks of life by crossing the border for the gathering. It also profiles IYEO members who are actively taking initiative in social contribution activities along with their occupation.



"Visit Tohoku Tour" at Rikuzentakata City, Iwate Prefecture on 24th to 26th July 2015

► LAO SSEAYP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

From Mar 2015 - the representatives of LaoSAA have attended several commemorative events of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Lao P.D.R.

Apr 2015 - LaoSAA acting president attended the 27th SIGA in Vietnam and reported the implementation and outcomes of our alumni's previous year activities, especially the accomplishments of social contribution and post SSEAYP program activities.

Jul 2015 - LaoSAA and LPY 2014 organized a 3 day pre-departure training camp in Vangvieng for LPY 2015. Several presentations and games were conducted to help them understand

better about SSEAYP and to be properly prepared for the program on board.

Sep 2015 - LaoSAA and LPY 2015 organized "Hand in Hand I" project at Thinthan primary school, Vientiane Capital. This program focused on (i) creating favorable study conditions for the students, and (ii) enhancing their awareness on ASEAN, hand hygiene and benefits of tree planting for the environment.

Nov 2015 - LaoSAA organized a 3 day country program to welcome 16 representatives of the 42nd SSEAYP. The program representatives paid courtesy calls on the Deputy Prime Minister of Lao P.D.R. They also had an opportunity for a cultural interaction and exchange

with the local people through a one night home stay program.

Dec 2015 - LaoSAA president and committee members joined 48 parades of 19,000 marchers marking the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Lao P.D.R.



42nd SSEAYP 2015 Country Program in Laos P.D.R

► SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA

Jan - Mar 2015 - SI Malaysia was invited to be part of the brainstorming panelist by the Ministry of Youth & Sports for the plenary and execution of the international youth exchange programs. SI Malaysia representatives were appointed by the ministry to take responsibility mainly as selection panelists and key interviewer for the selection camp organized by the ministry, together with the Malaysian Youth Council.

Apr - Jul 2015 - As part of the transformation planning of SI Malaysia, several small meeting sessions with members were conducted to explain the positioning of SI Malaysia with regards to conventional communication methods, as well as to promote new media as the main communication channel to senior members.

Aug - Dec 2015 - The scheduled AGM of SI Malaysia in August (session scheduled earlier was postponed due to 1st Pre-Departure Training of SSEAYP 42/2015) saw a good session between members and the main committee, where more positive feedback were shared, especially those related to the transformation planning of SI Malaysia.

Oct 2015 - Project S.O.S. (Save Our Streams) was organized by MaPY 2014 in 3 phases in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The batch teamed up with several other youth organizations in Kota Kinabalu to make 4,100 mudballs and the Final Phase was held to throw 7,000 EM mudballs into the Sembulan River.

17-28th Oct 2015, SI Malaysia was tasked by the Ministry of Youth &

Sports to conduct the Pre-Departure Training of the Malaysian contingent of the 42nd SSEAYP at Klang, Rakan Muda Sport Complex.

SI Malaysia was also invited to be part of the Country Programme planning and execution for SSEAYP 2015 to be held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.



SI Malaysia members in SIGA Ha Noi 2015

► SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES

SIGA 2017 - In preparation for SIGA 2017 which will be held in the Philippines, SIP Board had chosen Ilo-ilo, Guimaras Island and Boracay Island as its venues. The participants will experience the rich culture and warm hospitality of the locals in the region.

Post Program Activities - Last year's batch, Dayaw Kalinaw, implemented their project A.C.C.E.S.S last May at Sitio Panlabuhan, Agusan del Sur in Mindanao, Philippines. They were able to provide motorized and paddled boats, water filters, solar panels, and other necessary supplies to the beneficiaries.

Batch 2013 continues to implement their PPA called "Project Share". For

their PPA called "Project Share". For this year, they visited the House of Hope of the Southern Philippines Medical Center in Davao City, Philippines and spent quality time together with the children.

SIP National Awards - The SSEAYP International Philippines, Inc. constantly acknowledges the invaluable contributions that the alumni have made for the country.

For this year, it had chosen four outstanding alumni who have been inspired by their SSEAYP experience to bring positive change into their communities.

The following were given recognition in their respective fields: Ms. Rossini

Conwi (Batch 1986) for Strengthening of SSEAYP; Mr. Heidrun Milan (Batch 2010) for Media, Culture and the Arts; Mr. Basil Sali (Batch 2010) for Youth Empowerment; and Dr. Dominador Aguirre (Batch 1978) for Government Service.



Awardees of SIP National Awards 2015

► SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL SINGAPORE

It has been fruitful 2015 for SSEAYP International Singapore, as apart from being actively involved (in partnership with the National Youth Council) in the recruitment and/or training of Facilitators, National Leader & Singapore Participating Youths, SIS continues to organise numerous activities which allows us to fully engage our members, such as:

Host Family Gathering: On 21 Dec 2014, SIS held a gathering for our host families at the NYC Academy for them to not only catch up with one another, but also to receive updates on what's in the pipeline for 2015. It has always been a key prerogative in our mission to continue to engage our host families, and ensuring that they are always up to date with the AAs activities.

Reunion On The River: Nippon Maru may not be in Singapore for 2014 and

2015 but it did not stop SIS from having their own version of Reunion-On-Board (ROB) - Reunion On The River on 6 January 2015. More than 200 PYs had a great time catching up with fellow ex-PYs at Marina Bay Sands, where everyone had a fun-filled evening of food, games and even a beautiful and relaxing River Cruise ride along the Singapore River.

SSEAYP Day Exhibition 2015: For the very first time, SIS organised a week-long celebration for SSEAYP Day 2015 from 5 to 10 Nov 2015. The opening launch was graced by Mr Hawazi Daipi, Former Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower and Youth Leader SSEAYP 1980, while we had numerous distinguished speakers from various fields who spoke on various topics,

such as "The important role of SSEAYP in an increasingly complex ASEAN environment", "Explore, Experiment, Experience & Embrace".

SIS also continued to engage alumni members with a series of Social Contributing Activities (SCA), such as Learning Journey with MINDS, CNY Celebrations with SWAMI Home, and SWAMI Home Family Day.



SSEAYP Day celebrations 2015 by SIS at the Japan Cultural Center

► ASSOCIATION OF THE SHIP FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUTH OF THAILAND

Dec 2014 - ASSEAY hosted the Japanese participants from "ASSEAY Thailand-IYEO Fukushima Exchange Program". ASSEAY also received many yellow hats from Japan to distribute to children in different schools.

Mar 2015 - "The 25th For Hopeful Children Project" was organized by Fund For Friend (FFF) and ASSEAY Thailand at Royal Thai Navy Base in Sattahip, Chonburi province. There were over 800 volunteers, both local and international, taking care of underprivileged and disabled children.

Apr - Jun 2015 - Interview and selection for the 42nd batch of TPYs were processed by ASSEAY and Department of Children and Youth (DCY).

Aug 2015 - Pre-Departure Training was conducted for 14 days at Maharaj training center by ASSEAY and DCY.

Aug 2015 - TPY 2015 had done their "Pre-Program Activity (PrePA) in Bangkok for 5 days which was named "The Assembly of Thai Youth Empowerment for ASEAN Readiness" under DCY and ASSEAY administrations.

Oct 2015 - Pre-Departure Training

(PDT II) was completed for TPY 2015, getting everything ready before departing for Japan. This was jointly conducted by DCY and ASSEAY.



Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the "For Hopeful Children Project" in Sattahip, March 2015

▶ VIETNAM ALUMNI CLUB OF YOUTH FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Jan - Apr 2015 - Alumni held SSEAYP workshops in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh city to help youths understand about the objective of SSEAYP, providing them support as they prepare to apply for SSEAYP.

21-26 Apr 2015 - 27th SIGA and SCA was held in Hanoi and Ha Long Bay, Vietnam with the theme "ASEAN - Japan Cooperation for a better future through alumni activities".

Apr 2015 - VPY 2014 implemented their Post-Program Activity "A Thousand Smiles" in Hanoi.

May 2015 - Alumni sat in interview

panel for selecting participants for the 42nd SSEAYP.

Jun 2015 - Alumni together with Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union organized the first SSEAYP Vietnam Participating Youth Selection Camp for 5 days.

Jul 2015 - Alumni conducted training activities for SSEAYP by respective regions.

Aug - Sep 2015 - VPY 2012 continued their 3rd PPA project "Hand to hand" in Dak Lak Province, Vietnam.

Oct 2015 - Pre-departure Training for the 42nd SSEAYP was held in Ha Noi.

Sep - Nov 2015 - Alumni was part of the Reception Committee for the 42nd SSEAYP Country Program in Vietnam.

Nov 2015 - Alumni went to Philippines, Myanmar and Malaysia for Reunion on Board during the 42nd SSEAYP 2015.



VPY 2014 conducting their PPA "A Thousand Smiles" in Hanoi

PY IMPRESSION

The 42nd SSEAYP journey ended successfully on 15 Dec 2015 at Port Harumi. All 309 PYs had a lively exchange of ideas, experiences, and traditions, and though the ship journey has come to an end, it actually signifies a new beginning as an Ex-PY, as the saying goes "once a PY, forever a PY!"

DISCUSSION GROUP

"IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO EXCHANGE THE IDEAS"

I understand the current status within the region. I am inspired to do something meaningful to spread the spirit of youth entrepreneurship.

- Rifi, **IPY**

I feel lucky to be in DG 2 (Cross-Cultural Understanding Promotion) where I learn to appreciate and understand the diversities of culture.

- Adi, **IPY**

CLUB ACTIVITY

CA is surely one of the most valuable and fun activities of SSEAYP, it gives us an opportunity to make new friends from different contingents and understand their unique traditional games. More importantly, it strengthens our friendship and promotes a sense of team spirit because we mostly play as a team.

- Bobby, **LPY**

FLAG HOISTING

Flag hoisting ceremony is one of the most important ceremonies we have in SSEAYP. Standing in lines by contingent, wearing attire A1, and seeing our country's national flag hoisted on stage evaporates the sense of pride and patriotism within ourselves. It also reminds us on how lucky we are to be chosen as one of the PYs, and how important each and everyone of us are, playing the role as the ambassador of our countries.

- Roudhah, **BAYL**

GROUP LEADER

My short stint as a Youth Leader (YL)/Group Leader (GL) in the 42nd SSEAYP has been both humbling and enriching. As a YL/GL, I learned to work and manage people both within my contingent, as well as my Solidarity Group, where everyone came from different countries and cultures. While the role came with additional responsibilities and a considerable amount of additional meetings as compared to other PYs, it was heartening to bond and work with the other GLs as we figured our way through the SSEAYP journey together. I have enjoyed my time as a YL / GL along with all its accompanying challenges, and I am sure it will remain as one of the most memorable experiences in my life!

- Wendy, **SYL**

GL meeting was quite fruitful and productive and we have definitely enhanced our skills, experiences in term of negotiation, communication and leadership during and after this program.



GLs gathering at Lido Terrace



Group shoot of PYs who contributed towards PY Impression

NATIONAL PRESENTATION

I'm impressed by National Presentations (NP) of Indonesia and Thailand. They were so creative showing their national beauties.

- *Quan, VPY*

I enjoy all NPs. PYs are so talented. They know how to tell their cultural stories in charming ways. Besides, many NPs had special dress-codes, so I had the chance to wear different national costumes. This is also a fun and great experience to me.

- *Tobey, VPY*

INSTITUTIONAL VISIT

“Every single participation of youth is important because it minimizes the gap of misunderstanding which brings positive change for the future”

The day I arrived at Yangon University of Economic, I could feel the warm welcome and hospitality of the people. I had chance to meet the local university students and together, we made one innovative product with a purpose of solving social problems this day.

Personally, I learned a lot. Not only did I learned their creativity, but I also realized that being humble and open-minded are very important to create an inclusive society.

- *Yoyo, CPY*

SOLIDARITY GROUP

Solidarity Group (SG) activities give me the impression of being as one even though we are from different countries and background. I learned about the unity we shared among us promotes not only international friendship and mutual understanding among the participating youth but among countries, too.

- *Zaki, MaPY*

“IT STRENGTHENS THE BONDING AMONG US”

SG Activities successfully occupied PYs time with beneficial and enjoyable activities.

- *Afini Razak, MaPY*

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY

Personally, I feel that voluntary activities (VA) are the best way to dig deep into other cultures and undeniably the very interactive learning style. Among the various kinds of VAs such as films, tea party, noodle party, martial arts trainings, acting workshops, my favourite VA would be one of the Indonesian films, where I had the opportunity to learn about the thrilling beauty of nature such as Mount Mahameru, the language shared by the islanders, currency, food and morals. Well if this simple reel can open our eyes into other cultures, it's needless to mention how beneficial and wonderful the other VAs can be.

- *Arkar, MyPY*

HOMESTAY

During my homestay in Myanmar, I gain a lot of new experiences. The host family made me feel like they are my 2nd home in which I would like to visit again. It was not only a house to stay, but also full of love like a home to live in. I love my host family in Yangon!

- *Ayaka, JPY*

LIFE ON BOARD

“THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...”

I couldn't think of other ways to start a great day on M.S. Nippon Maru. Everyday onboard, PYs participate in several activities such as DG, CA, and VA. Some of us end the day by relaxing in grand bath while some go stargazing before night call.

- *Ern, TPY*

SELF REFLECTION

The measures of this program have gone beyond the luxury of experiencing cultures in having been to six countries. When the waves have calmed down and the 11:00 o'clock night call over, that genuine feeling of having understood the value of friendship and oneness amidst differences will remain as a never-ending ticker tape connected from Nippon Maru, stretched throughout the rest of our lifetime.

- *Melissa, PPY*

POST-PROGRAM ACTIVITY

▼ BRUNEI DARRUSSALAM

PPA for BPY 2014 titled “**YOUTH CULTURAL MOVEMENT**”, which was designed as an initiative towards promoting Brunei culture in general, while centering and emphasizing the importance of Bruneian traditional culture especially towards today’s technology-driven youth. It was successfully held from 7th-9th Aug 2015 at the Jubilee Park in the Capital. It aimed to give an opportunity for participants to experience and learn various activities which focused on the understanding and appreciation of Brunei Darussalam’s culture. In this PPA, BPY 2014 invited BERSATU Association, together with the Faculty of Arts and Social Science undergraduates from the University of Brunei Darussalam, to organize this event.

UP COMING

PPA for BPY 2015 titled “**GREEN RANGER PROJECT**” raising awareness about disaster risk reduction (DRR), promoting the environment conservation, strengthening the use of 3Rs as Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. This project focuses on instilling a sense of responsibility and improvement on practical knowledge and ultimately, a cleaner environment. The project will take place in June 2016.

▼ CAMBODIA

Between August 27th and 30th, 2015, CPY 2014 visited Trapang Sangke Fishing Community to implement a project called **Kampot Project - One Tourist, One Mangrove**. With participants from the community, over 50 high school students, CPY 2014 and CPY 2015 conducted a sharing session for the students as well as local youth. In addition, they also planted over 300 mangrove trees. The aims of the project are enable the local youth and community villagers to understand the significance of mangrove reforestation and develop eco-tourism in their community.

UP COMING

Due to an increasing number of vehicles, which are mainly used for transportation and tourism, there are some negative impacts on the complex of the ancient temple (acid rain, vibration and noise pollution). To fix this problem, CPY 2015 creates a PPA project called, “**3 in 1 Angkor Green Bikathon**”, which is a cycling event with the aim to raise awareness of greener environment, to promote healthy lifestyle as well as to raise funds in order to build and equip a school library for the local community.

▼ INDONESIA

#MyBagProject and #MyBagCampaign

MYBag stands for Manage Your Garbage, this post program activity by IPY 2014 aimed to generate awareness about garbage and waste management. The 20 projects related to garbage and waste management had been successfully implemented across Indonesia. To support the project financially and make it sustainable, IPY 2014 produced reusable bags called #MYBag for fundraising.

UP COMING

IPY 2015 will conduct #YES (Indonesian Youths 4 Environmental Issues 2 Society) project to disseminate the awareness of disaster risk management and environmental issues to the society in 27 provinces across the nation as a way to support the resilient community in ASEAN Community 2015.

▼ JAPAN

C-SEAYP was initiated by JPY 2014 on Sep 19 to 21 at the Ashigara Camp Site as a PPA. The aim was for Japanese youth to have strong interest internationally through mutual understanding by cultural exchange in a camp setting consisting of extraordinary experiences for most of the participants. 12 Japanese participating youth, 7 participating youth from Singapore and Thailand, together with 32 committee members were involved. Their activities included cooking, discussion, walk rally, candle night, star gazing, etc.

UP COMING

JPY 2015 is planning for “**Cross Cultural Walking Rally in Japan**”, scheduled on August 2016 to give an opportunity to appreciate different cultures from foreign people living in Japan.

▼ LAO P.D.R

LPY 2014 had conducted their PPA, namely “**The Mini Youth Camp**”, in May 2015, at Savannakhet Secondary School, Savannakhet Province. This camp was designed to create awareness of local youths about ASEAN Economic Community and Japan-ASEAN cooperation as well as to help them prepare for their education and career. The camp was also aimed at enhancing relationship and cooperation between youth from central and provinces. More than 50 participants attended the camp, including the acting president of Lao Alumni Association (LaoSAA).

UP COMING

LPY 2015 came up with “**Hand in Hand II**” project under a slogan of “Stop Ignoring Start Educating”. This project aims to provide the local community with basic knowledge and raise their awareness about sex and HIV/AIDS issues, and it will tentatively be held in April 2016, at Santhong District, Vientiane capital.

▼ MALAYSIA

The **S.O.S.** Project (Save Our Streams) was inspired by the EM technology availability in Malaysia and the need to do something when it comes to cleaning our river. MaPY 2014 came up with a project that allowed the public to learn about this technology, and at the same time help directly improving the ‘adopted’ river condition. The project was divided into two main phases - the first phase scheduled on 5 Sep 2015 held at Youth and Sport Department, Putatan Sabah was a full day workshop targeting to produce quality mudballs using the EM technology. The team, together with volunteers, split the sessions into two different days so they could achieve their 4,100 mudballs target.

There were about 60 youth volunteers including 44 students from schools in Putatan area which voluntarily came to support in making 7,000 mudballs for S.O.S Project.

UP COMING

Saving Nemo - Planting artificial reefs to create new marina life communities by providing food, shelter and protection. Our aim is to save them from extinction.

▼ MYANMAR

In Jan and Feb 2015, the **Care4Life** project of MyPYs 2014 reached out to the Sagaing University, Mandalay Blood Bank, Mawlamyine University and Mawlamyine Blood Bank. Firstly, MyPYs could disseminate and raise the awareness of HIV / AIDS in the above mentioned regions and institutions where impoverished people with little knowledge of the syndrome reside. The MyPYs also organised a workshop which demonstrated the proper and correct usage of the condoms for safer sex and to prevent pre-marital pregnancy. Secondly, MyPYs engaged in the blood donation for those who are in urgent need of blood, as well as to save blood for future use in the blood banks.

UP COMING

MyPY 2015 will be implementing the post program activity titled **#i_was_a_child**. The aim of the project is to educate children on health and environmental health for a better life in the remote area. There will also be a donation drive comprising of uniform, books, and stationeries. This is a one day PPA which will be held on 29th January, 2016.

▼ PHILIPPINES

PPY 2014 conducted their first PPA on May 1 to 3, 2015 at Sitio Panlabuhan, Agusan del Sur in Mindanao, Philippines. As part of Project **A.C.C.E.S.S** (Aiding Cultural Communities, Enabling Sustainable Societies), they initiated "Agusan Funds for Little Kids" where they provided transportation, sustainable lighting and water filtration facility to Manobo Tribe, an Indigenous community residing in the community. The batch, together with partner agencies, donated 1 motorized boat/paddled boats, 6 water filters, 50w solar panels, school supplies, medical/agricultural items and toiletries to target beneficiaries.

UP COMING

Project **SHINE** is the three-year project of PPY 2015. The project aims the following objectives to select indigenous communities in the Philippines: (1) Promote Health Education (2) Enhance the quality of Primary Education and (3) Develop Community-based Eco Tourism. For the first Post Program Activity, Project SHINE will address the needs of the indigenous people living in Barangay Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet, Northern Luzon, Philippines.

▼ SINGAPORE

Project Scrubs aims to inculcate a sense of altruism in today's youths in helping the less fortunate elderly, and that they will spread the acts and thoughts of altruism to other youths as well. The first visit of Project Scrubs was on the 4th of April 2015, in which 11 SPYs from 2014, as well as

ex-SPYs from other batches, and even a MaPY from 2014 joined in to work with volunteers from Society of St Vincent de Paul to assist 6 units with household chores, shifting and disposing of heavy furniture and other miscellaneous chores which the elderly required.

UP COMING

SPYs 2015 intend to embark on a 6 months campaign, titled "**The Ripple Movement**", where they will gather 50 children from underprivileged background to experience 50 different types of experiences ranging from "jogging with the blind", "party for underprivileged kids" among many others. They hope that through this movement, these children will be inspired and empowered to volunteer, and continue to give back to the community by spreading the awareness to other children as well.

▼ THAILAND

Kiriwong Junior Guide by TPY41 was initiated as PPA and was processed from Jan to Apr. The idea was to promote the folk wisdoms in Kiriwong and strengthen their capacities. There were 27 Ex-Tpys, together with 50 local students, and local tourists participated in this project.

PATTANI Retweet was one of the programs that our alumni had participated in. It was created by a group of university students and teachers who wanted to promote Pattani in which many negative aspects from outsiders proclaimed. These groups of young people are trying to promote different perspectives and pictures of what truly Pattani is to others by making one photo book consisting of many photos which were collected from different angles of shooting around Pattani.

UP COMING

TPY 2015 will be implementing their PPA titled "SSEAYP Says: Chapter I: Hug Me Please" between January to July 2016. The PPA aims to give inspirations and change the attitude of people in Thai society towards HIV infected victims.

▼ VIETNAM

On January - April 2015, VPY 2014 conducted "A Thousand Smiles" project focusing on children with fatal diseases. In phase 1, the project involved visiting and giving gifts to paediatric patients in 6 hospitals. In phase 2, a fundraising exhibition displaying 30 photos and stories of these children's struggles was held on 22 Apr 2015 at the Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, Hanoi. Funds raised were donated back to the hospitals where the first phase of the project was deployed for children's treatment.

UP COMING

VPY 2015 will implement a fund-raising campaign called "**Warm Blanket**" to provide warm blankets, warm coats, and stationeries for underprivileged students in Ta Van, Xeo My Ty, Sapa from 18 to 20 Dec 2015, with the hope that these students would have a warmer winter and a better future. VPY 2012 will continue their "Hand to Hand" project the 4th time in Aug 2016.

SIGA HANOI 2015

ASEAN-JAPAN COOPERATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE THROUGH ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

The 27th 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 28TH 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 **28th SIGA**, from 29 April to 2 May 2016. For the 2nd 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)

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42ND SSEAYP FACILITATORS

8 facilitators came together on board Nippon Maru and brought the PYs from all 11 contingents together on a fruitful and enriching journey as they discussed on the 8 respective themes for the 42nd SSEAYP.

“It is fine not to like everything, but important to have something meaningful. So PYs, make a good bonding with your mates and treasure your time together!” - *Wiwit, DG2*



Polkrit Thomya (Thailand) - Youth Entrepreneurship
Wiwit P. Hidayat (Indonesia) - Cross-cultural Understanding Promotion
Ma. Lourdes Eudela (Philippines) - Environment (Natural Disaster Reduction)
Saengnapha Uthaisaengphaisan (Thailand) - Food and Nutrition Education
Megumi Ueda (Japan) - Health Education (Measures against HIV/AIDS)
Tito III Leduna Aldecoa (Philippines) - International Relations (ASEAN-Japan Cooperation)
Low Chai Siong (Singapore) - School Education
Devianti Febriani Faridz (Indonesia) - Information and Media

Being a facilitator is tough! We have a role, a responsibility and a goal to achieve at the end of the program. However, I'm so impressed as the PYs are very active, engaging, and so smart. This year is a SSEAYP of new generation and a new beginning - *Art, DG1*

It's really heartwarming when we're able to see a PY transform for the better in front of our eyes - *Devi, DG8*

I saw a change in the dynamics of the Discussion Groups. There is now a more active response and participation from PYs of Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar - *Jay, DG6*

This year's PYs carried out a slower rapidity of work decisions, yet, their qualities were incomparable - *Meay, DG4*

Once in a lifetime is not enough. It's a cheer of DG5, PYs shouted 'Megumi! Megumi!' many times on many occasions. It brought me lots of happiness and emotions - *Megumi, DG5*

Coming back to the program as a facilitator is very special to me. The whole sessions are just amazing, amazing and amazing! - *Malou, DG3*

Returning to Nippon Maru to facilitate the discussion is truly engaging and fulfilling! It completes my SSEAYP experience - *Anthony, DG7*

42ND SSEAYP OBSC REPRESENTATIVES

It was a homecoming sensation for the ten OBSC (On Board Ship Conference) representatives from 10 Alumni Associations as they boarded Nippon Maru at Kota Kinabalu on 6 Dec 2015. The program for the OBSC started with a turnover discussion with the facilitators, followed by a meeting with their respective National Leaders. The team began working on the plenary session, as well as the SSEAYP News.

In the 1st Post Program Session, the OBSC representatives engaged the PYs with a series of presentations on the respective Alumni Association, as well as the Post Program Activity of the 41st SSEAYP. The OBSC team made the session as fun as possible by peppering the presentation with games, dances, and Q&A, where PYs were given opportunities to win attractive prizes!

The remaining Post Program Sessions were conducted by the OBSC representatives, where the PYs brainstormed potential ideas to come up with the concept and proposal for the PPA which they will conduct on when they are back in their respective countries.

When the ship docked in Tokyo, Japan, OBSC representatives made a courtesy call at the Cabinet Office, and presented the respective Country Reports to the Cabinet Office as well.

In conclusion, the OBSC team became one big close-knitted family, where each and every one played their part in ensuring the timely completion of the SSEAYP News, as well as facilitating the Post Program Activities.



**We started out as strangers,
We left as one big OBSC family!**



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Dk Maswati Binti Pg Tajuddin (BPY 1995)
Ma. Lourraine Alerta (PPY 2012)
Akiko Sakai (JPY 2009)
Icu Surtini Marwati (IPY 2012)
Hoang Minh Thong (VPY 2012)
Silisack Malavong (LPY 2009)
Desmond Yew (SPY 2008)
Pakin Santanan (TPY 2009)
Chhuong Yiv Chhoy (CPY 2013)