

The participants visited one of the villages that Fijian people still had cherished as their own roots, and got a glimpse of their traditional life. It may not be wealthy living, but the way they lived together in the whole community of “village” reminded us the way it was once in Japan.



Performance of traditional song and dance

### **August 16**

On the final day of the Official Program, the participants went on a day cruise to a remote island. First, the participants went to Port Denarau Marina by bus from a hotel in Nadi. They were able to observe Nadi town and Hindu temples from the window of a bus, and felt a connection between Fiji and India.

After about a thirty-minute cruise from Marina, the participants arrived at South Sea Island, surrounded by the beautiful sea with crystal clear waters and white-sand beaches. Upon arriving, they were welcomed by singing and dancing, which reminded them of National Presentation during SWY program. On the remote island, they spent their time in their own way, enjoying marine sports such as kayaking, diving and snorkeling or relaxing with enjoyable conversations under the trees. During a snorkeling tour, the

participants listened to the changes in coral reefs and the environment of the island.



Children of the village

In the early afternoon, the weather became worse, and it started to rain. So the ship was delayed, and the participants had lively conversation here and there while taking shelter from the rain. This reminded them of the time when they had discussion together about many things during SWY program.

Through visiting the remote island, the participants were able to experience the beautiful nature of Fiji, and felt the tenderness and hospitality of people living together in nature.



Kayaking around South Sea Island

**August 17**

In the cold rain which had continued on and off from the previous day, some participants took part in an Optional Tour to visit a remote Beachcomber Island by high speedboat. Beachcomber Island Resort where they stayed was a beach resort to enjoy various kinds of activities. After the Official Program, the participants spent a relaxing time there.



Weaving banana leaves

**August 18**

It stopped raining, and the participants took a ferry from Beachcomber Island Resort to Cloud 9, a restaurant & bar. They enjoyed snorkeling or sunbathing in their own way, drinking local alcohol or cocktail smoothie as well as eating hearth-baked pizza with relish. The participants drifted in the sea with tide or observed coral reefs by snorkeling. Seeing the participants feeling the nature of Fiji with all their senses and frolicking like a child was very heartwarming. They fully enjoyed beautiful coral reefs, colorful fish and tropical sun in Fijian crystal-clear sea.

In the evening, the participants who were a newly-married couple performed a marriage ceremony on the island. The ceremony was performed fantastically in the local style, where the couple was led by warriors wearing a grass skirt, and the red carpet which was paved with

coconut shells and crushed coral, was illuminated by the setting sun. After the married couple with a happy smile changed into a silhouette figure, the overwhelming impression remained for a while.

An overnight party was followed by the wedding, since the following day was August 19, the last day of the tour, the party, which was also a farewell party, became very lively.



Participants are enjoying the Optional Tour

**August 19**

Until just before leaving, the participants greatly enjoyed the island, feeding fish or snorkeling and then started back home with no regrets.

Last but not least, by encountering Fijian committee members' protective tenderness filled with a sense of safety during this GA optional tour, we were extremely grateful.



Enjoying the ocean of Fiji

## Comments

### Participation of the 9th SWYAA Global Assembly in Fiji

The 9th SWYAA Global Assembly (GA) was held from August 12 to 16 in Fiji, which is far from any continent. Probably due to this geographical location, there were only 40 plus participants, which were fewer than those in the GAs held in past years. However, it enabled us to have more opportunities to talk about many topics with other participants and establish close relationship. With a relaxed environment, the GA was held in a light-hearted atmosphere. I also felt the enthusiasm on the Ship for the World Youth. Participants worked hard to present their respective post-program activities and engaged actively in discussions.

We felt the Fijian style everywhere during this program, which we would not enjoy any other way. One of the most memorable things for me was when we visited a village that had maintained a traditional lifestyle. We were all deeply moved by their hearty welcome. There was an array of dishes on a long table waiting for us. Main dish called 'lovo' was fish and vegetable wrapped in leaves and steamed underground. The village people cooked them for us from three o'clock in the morning. While we were taking food from the table on our plates, many of them encouraged us to try this or that, saying, "This is delicious!" so our plates were quickly piled with various dishes. Every dish was really delicious and elaborate, and we had a wonderful time enjoying the very Fijian home cooking. In addition, their songs and dances were really impressive. They performed as if they were using their entire body as an instrument. Their rich sound and exquisite harmony were so fantastic that I remembered I had also been moved with songs



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IYEO Vice President, SWY3, Masaharu Koge

sung by Fijian or Tongan PYs twenty-four years ago as a SWY participant. As I thought it might be hard for them to learn the performance, I asked them about it. Their answer was "It



Opening ceremony (Minister for Youth & Sports, Hon. Mr. Laisenia Tuitubou, Vice-President of International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan, Mr. Masaharu Koge)

is nothing special, because we sing a lot in our everyday life." I was also surprised to know that the songs were a part of their life. Later I heard that this was the first time they had received foreign people in the village, and they had worked hard together to prepare for receiving us and made a big sheltering roof. During the visit, I realized not only Fijian lifestyle and culture but also their hospitality. During this GA, there were some words by OPYs which impressed me. During the farewell party, some OPYs offer their hands to me and said, "We really appreciate your efforts for the continuation of GA. We will keep our Post-Program Activities so that we could see everyone again next year."

This is the 9th GA, and I realized that GA became very important for us, especially for OPYs. Some countries are not invited for SWY program every year, so the number of their SWYAA members is very small, and even there are some countries that most ex-PYs are out of their countries. It is difficult for us who are in IYEO network in Japan to imagine how hard it is to maintain connections among ex-PYs and continue post-program activities. On the first day of the GA, participants made reports on each country's activities, and I found that many countries were engaged in successful activities under such difficult situations. Their reports were so enthusiastic that we all realized their efforts. I think that their enthusiasm made them say their words at the farewell party. It was a good opportunity for me to realize again the important role of GA is maintaining bonds among SWY family around the world.

## Organizing the 9th SWYAA Global Assembly in Fiji

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association of Fiji was privileged to be given the opportunity by the International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office of Japan, and International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO) to host the SWYAA 9th Global Assembly in Fiji from 12th to 19th August 2015. It was a pleasure for our SWYAA Fiji to showcase our warm Fijian hospitality to all of our SWY friends from so many different parts of this world.

The SWYAA Fiji hosted 43 participants from various countries and around 8 from the Fiji Alumni in Nadi. The 9th Global Assembly was officially opened by the Minister for Youth and Sports, Hon. Mr. Laisenia Tuitubou.

The official four (4) days program included the following; - a half day discussion on post program activities, institutional visits, cultural exchange with youth groups in a rural village and finally a full day cruise to an South Sea Island was organized.

These diverse participants rekindled the SWY experience and established new friendships with other batch members and the local youths during this 9th Global Assembly in Fiji. The Global Assembly is with no doubt the



Happy to receive an official bag

SWYAA FIJI President, SWY15, Patrick Morgam

best way to continue our reunion and keep the memories alive of the most prestigious youth exchange program that we ever participated. The reports as presented by each participating country demonstrated various projects and activities that SWYAA's have immensely contributed towards their post program activities within their countries.

A quick look at where past participants are now today show that they are contributing effectively in many different facets of society from being doctors, to regional coordinators, business people, private sector, foreign missions and working in Government.

We are extremely thankful for being able to have this opportunity to host this event in Fiji.

Our most sincere appreciation to the Minister for Youth & Sports, Honorable Mr. Laisenia Tuitubou; Ministry of Youth & Sports Officials; The Principal Deputy Director for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office of Japan, Mr Akihiko Kimpara; The First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Suva, Mr. Kazuo Tsukada; The Vice-President of International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan, Mr Masaharu Koge; The Secretary –General of SWYAA International, Ms Tamae Saito; and most sincere gratitude to SWYAA Fiji Officials mainly, Mr. Filipe Nagera (SWY11); Mr. Joe Fuata (SWY19); Ms. Prem Lata (SWY21); Ms. Devina Devi (SWY19) who had worked around the clock to provide the 9th GA participants a very enjoyable and memorable stay in Fiji.

In closing, I would like to say that I am confident that through our combined efforts and commitment, we will be able to achieve more and to be able to continue to develop even stronger relationships and friendships between various SWYAA.

Vinaka Vakalevu (Arigato Gozaimasu)

## Chapter 3

# The Next Generation Global Leaders Program 2015 “The Ship for World Youth Leaders” Post-Program Activities Promotion Programs

February 21 – February 29, 2016



# The Next Generation Global Leaders Program 2015

## “The Ship for World Youth Leaders”

### Post-Program Activities Promotion Programs

#### Outline

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Three representatives from the International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO) presented SWY Alumni Association (SWYAA) post-program activities about building domestic and international networks among ex-participating youth (ex-PY). They conducted the Post-Program Activities Session on February 23 and 24, 2015

on the way from Singapore to Tokyo, Japan.

Apart from the Post-Program Activities Sessions, they exchanged their ideas with the participants directly and provide them information about SWY/SWYAA post-program activities at the information booth they set up on the ship.

#### Purpose

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The Post-Program Activities Sessions and other voluntary activities were implemented with the following objectives in mind:

- To enable the Participating Youth (PY) of the Next Generation Global Leaders Program 2015, “the Ship for World Youth Leaders” to have deeper understanding of the international youth exchange program implemented by the Cabinet Office, IYEO and SWYAA.
- To introduce examples of post-program activities by ex-PYs (Japanese and Overseas) in order for PY to understand how to develop such activities through IYEO or SWYAA, after participating in the Ship for

World Youth Leaders.

- To stress the importance of leveraging the network of SWYAA and other organizations (NPOs etc.) which ex-PYs belongs to, to enhance post-program activities.
- To enable PYs to recognize ideas on their post-program activities, and develop clear plans to share them with other PYs, taking advantage of their learning through Onshore and Onboard Training Sessions.
- To exchange post-program ideas through activities and give the participants advice as ex-PYs representatives of IYEO.

#### Dispatched Representatives

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- Eri Nakano Ex-Participating Youth of SWY21 (Right)
- Koki Mizutani Ex-Participating Youth of SWY22 (Center)
- Sae Matsuo Ex-Participating Youth of SWY22 (Left)



Three Dispatched Representatives

## Schedule

Date	Schedule
Sun., Feb. 21	The representatives assembled in Tokyo, headed for Singapore and boarded to join The Next Generation Global Leaders Program 2015, the Ship for World Youth Leaders. The ship departed from Singapore.
Mon., Feb. 22	Preparation for the Post-Program Activities Session Launch of the SWYAA and IYEO information booth
Tue., Feb. 23	Post-Program Activities Session 1 Preparation for the Post-Program Activities Session 2
Wed., Feb. 24	Preparation for the Post-Program Activities Session Post-Program Activities Session 2
Thu., Feb. 25 ~ Sun., Feb. 28	Evaluation of the session, share the information about post program activities Removal of the SWYAA and IYEO information booth
Mon., Feb. 29	The Next Generation Global Leaders Program 2015, the Ship for World Youth Leaders Arrival in Harumi, Tokyo Prefecture, the representatives depart and dismiss.

## Contents of the Session

### Session 1 (Feb., 23)

Duration	Contents
9:30-10:00	Introduction of Post-Program Activity Session Dispatched Representatives Ice breaking (Introduction quiz of the SWYAA International) Introduction of the ex-PYs on board Explain the objective of the session and the definition of Post-Program Activity
10:00-11:10	Group Work "Action plan idea sharing" Presentation of the Post-Program Activity, Eri Nakano Think about the idea of the Post-Program Activity action plan. Share the idea in a small group, and get feedback. Talk about the Challenges you may face while implementing such plan and share the solution.
11:10-11:20	Break
11:20-12:05	Introduction of SWYAA and the activity in each country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamae Saito, Secretary General of SWYAA International</li> <li>• Global Citizens Camp (Aomori Minami High School), Koki Mizutani</li> <li>• Selection Process, SWYAA Mexico, NL of Mexican delegation, Jose de Jesus Ruiz Fernandez</li> <li>• RUSWY Train, SWYAA Russia, NL of Russian delegation, Alina Rashitovna Lotfullina</li> </ul>
12:05-12:15	Summary of the session

### Session 2 (Feb., 24)

14:15-14:25	Explanation of the day 2 session
14:25-16:15	Group Discussion "Action planning" Get an explanation from the proposer and seek support from PYs. Discuss the Post-Program Activity in 16 groups and decide about the objectives, duration, and role. Make a PR poster and fill up a planning sheet.
16:25-17:00	Presentation about the action plan, evaluation of the session, summary, submission of the plan sheet, PR of the information booth of SWYAA/IYEO

## Achivement

The main purpose was achieved through the two sessions. The goal set was “to actively support each other beyond the borders and be the one who can move your thoughts into action.” What they did in the session was to let others know who has what kind of idea of post-program

activity, who want to support which project, and to plan the feasibility of the project. 16 projects were setup during the session and PY was assigned to support them. Dispatched representatives are eager to support the project to be delivered.

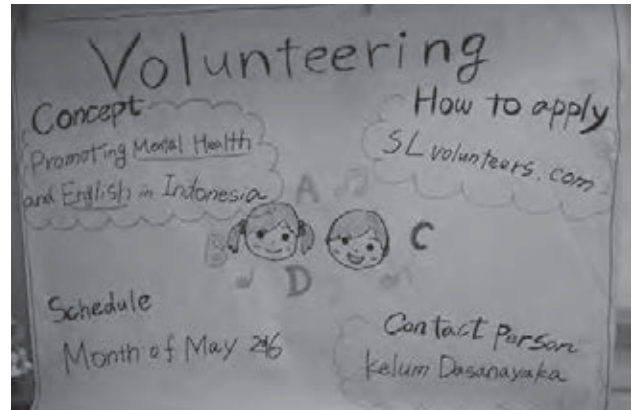
## Projects to Be Implemented After the Program

### CCU MOOC/ SWY Education Network



To share the SWY experience and knowledge that each one has by video [Founder:Megan Lock (Australia), Matías Rodríguez Gutiérrez (Chile)]

### Developing English Language & Mental Health



To promote mental health and English skill in Indonesia with collaboration of UK Volunteer [Founder:Kelum Dasanayaka (Sri Lanka)]

### Disaster Risk Socialization



To inherit and disseminate natural & technological risk information, providing the information to respond to a disaster [Founder:Jose Ruiz Fernandez (Mexico)]

### the Broken Postcard



To raise awareness and promote project online [Founder:Miguel Vera-Cruz (Australia)]

### Go for Green

#### ~ Tree-Selfi Challenge ~



To initiate forestation globally [Founder:Shehan Kannangara (Sri Lanka)]

### Local Festival with Young People



To disseminate the traditional culture by involving young people to enjoy the local festival [Founder:Junya Hatakoshi (Japan)]

### RUSWY Train



Train for World Youth, to travel through Russia by train with ex-PY, to familiarize with Russian culture and contribute to sustainable society by voluntary and cultural activities [Founder:Alina Lotfullina (Russia)]



**Seeds of Change**



To teach people how to create the community garden in their neighborhood [Founder:Raiza Pilatowsky Gruner (Mexico)]

**SWY House**



To open a house to impliment a Post-Program Activity [Founder:Marie Sada (Japan)]

**SWY PR**



To promote SWY program in Japan efficiently in several ways [Founder:Shizuka Iwabuchi (Japan)]

**Tokyo 2020 Olympic Volunteer Movement**



To share the volunteering experience from the former Olympic volunteers to success the Tokyo 2020 Olympic [Founder:Anastasiia Berezina (Russia), Karina Subbotina (Russia), Tatsuya Murakami (Japan), Ruriko Kikuchi (Japan)]

**Socially Environment Achieve Town (SEAT)**



To help build & develop, self-sustainable & resilient communities globally [Founder:Kabwe Tulinagwe Mwenge (Tanzania)]

**SWY Novel**



To publish a book about the SWYAA activities to disseminate to the future PY [Founder:Daria Buchakova (Russia)]

**SWY Website**



To create a reliable source of reaching network [Founder:Muizz Alaradi (Bahrain)]

**United Nation SWY**



To create the platform to feel UN closer working with ex-PY who is working at UN [Founder:Kosmo Takagi (Japan)]

## Comments from the Representatives

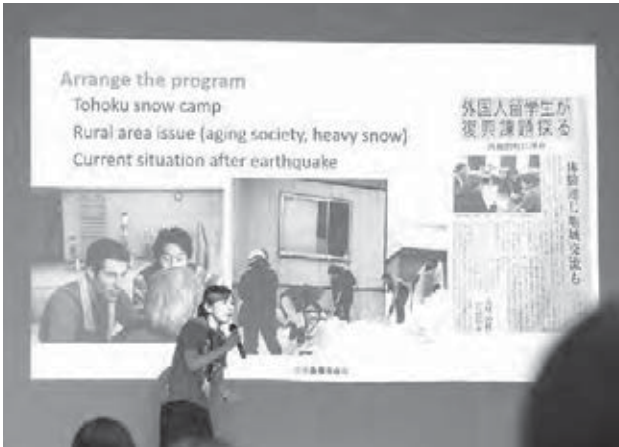
### Post program activity of each PY

Ex-participating Youth of the 21st of Ship for World Youth Program, Eri Nakano

It was my dream to participate SWY again and get on board Ms. Nippon Maru. It was a great satisfaction receiving an invitation to take part in SWY 28 for Post Program Activity (PPA) Session because I felt my PPAs are finally recognized. At the same time, I had an uneasy feeling about how to make a presentation of my PPA. As a result of the discussion with the session team members, I decided to present not the specific one but the whole process of my interests through SWY experience and the activity depending on them. PY tend to set a high hurdle to PPA but I want them to broaden the image of it. To let them know PPA is not only “organizing the program” or “establishing a society.” One of our session aim is to direct PY attentions to consider the activity based on “first step” which arise from their interests gained through onboard experience.

In this session, we spent around one week with PY, from Singapore to Japan. Through the sessions which we managed, we conduct both “input work, showcase of ex-PY PPA as I have described previously,” and “output

work, PY think their PPA after SWY.” Each PY has different experience and knowledge and there are some gaps between them therefore some of them could express their “first step” PPA during PPA session and others needed more times. Considering this situation, it was valuable to spend the time after the sessions in order to get to know more about their interests such as PPA’s idea which they want to work on, anxiousness to new life after SWY, and future dream. I really enjoyed talking with them because these feelings came up from their heart and I hope to offer some assistants. This experience was an encounter with new SWY family and I was inspired by them. After SWY28, it was my pleasure to meet many PY from SWY28 participated the event organized by Tokyo IYEO, where I act as a board member, and observing that they are making a new connection with the ex-PY. Through these sessions, I decided to continue to provide the opportunity to communicate with PY and move on to a new challenge such as SWY28.



Presents the “Tohoku snow camp” she planned and implemented



PY discuss about the activity plan after the program

## Importance of Supporter

Ex-participating Youth of the 22nd of Ship for World Youth Program, Koki Mizutani

When I was asked to join the program as a coordinator for post program activities session, the first thing that I thought about was “What message should I deliver to young leaders from all over the world?” Almost six years has passed since I joined the program as a participating youth. Looking back on my life since then and thinking for about 2 nights, I finally come to my headline message “the importance of supporter.”

In the session of day 1, I introduced my post program activity named “Global Citizens Camp,” which is a project started from one Japanese participant’s idea. The fellow members joined the project and further developed the idea. The project became more appealing doing it in a group, even the development process became more exciting, and we could achieve a better outcome. Also in the session of day 2, we not only talked about concrete ideas of the projects, but also asked for support for each project and made a “Supporters List.” This approach was well-

received by participating youths, and we got many positive feedbacks such as “I feel confident about my project idea,” “It raises my motivation to make my project happen.”

There are variety of ways to give support. Not only tangible support or direct advice, but also listening to problems, or introducing a person who has experience with the issue, or even offering just one word, can be a big support. From my experience, whenever I am faced with the various difficulties, SWY family members always support me. They always said “We are proud of you,” even for small success or challenges. I have received this word probably more than a hundred times in the past 6 years since I got off the ship. It definitely helped me a lot.

Taking inspiration from the post program activity sessions, I wish that the participating youths can find their own supporters, and developed as “we can do it together.” Furthermore, I hope to get involved in the projects, as one of the supporters for SWY28 participants.



Deliver a message to PY



PY share their interest in a small group