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# Outline of the Program



## Objective

In a rapid globalization of today's world, where cross-border cooperation, coordination, and negotiation are indispensable at every field, leaders who are able to play a key role in initiating globalization are required at local communities as well as international society. Youth from various countries and various backgrounds participate in the Next Generation Global Leaders Program "Ship for World

Youth Leaders," and the objective of the program is to develop youth who can play a leading role in various areas where globalization and diversification are progressing so that they can contribute to the activities for the betterment of the society. In addition, the program aims to establish a strong human network beyond national borders.

## Participating Countries, Ports of Call, Vessel

### 1 Participating Countries, Ports of Call

There were 11 participating countries in the program, and a total of 233 PYs (112 OPYs and 121 JPYs) joined the program.

Australia  
Kingdom of Bahrain  
Republic of Chile  
India  
United Mexican States  
New Zealand  
Russian Federation  
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
United Republic of Tanzania  
United Arab Emirates  
Japan

The ship docked in the following two countries and the cities enclosed in parentheses.

India (Chennai)  
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (Colombo)

### 2 Vessel

For the Ship for World Youth Leaders, the M.S. Nippon Maru, chartered by Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Lines Ltd., was used. The operation of the ship was also entrusted to this company.



# Program Contents

During the SWY program, Japanese youth together with youth from ten countries participated in the Onshore /Onboard Training Sessions and ports of Call Activities

for 34 days. The participants took part in various kinds of training and exchange activities including discussions on common global issues and seminars.

## 1 Schedule of the Program

The schedule of the Ship for World Youth Leaders held in fiscal year 2015 was as follows:

Programs	Inclusive Date
Selection test for Japanese applicants	Sat., May 30, Sun., May 31 and Sat., July 25, 2015
Government Representatives Meeting	Tue., July 7 – Wed., July 8, 2015
Facilitators Meeting	Tue., Aug. 4 – Fri., Aug. 7, 2015
Formation of the administrative staff	Tue., Sep. 1, 2015 – Fri., Mar. 11, 2016
Preparatory Training Session (for JPYs only)	Sat., Sep. 12 – Thu., Sep. 17, 2015
Representatives' Meeting for Local Program	Tue., Oct. 13, 2015
NL Meeting	Mon., Oct. 19 – Thu., Oct. 22, 2015
Activities in Japan (for OPYs)	Sat., Jan. 16 – Tue., Jan. 19, 2016
Pre-Departure Training Session (for JPYs only)	Mon., Jan. 18 – Tue., Jan. 19, 2016
Onshore Training Session	Wed., Jan. 20 – Tue., Jan. 26, 2016
Onboard Training Session	Wed., Jan. 27 – Mon., Feb. 29, 2016
Post-Program Training Session (for JPYs only)	Mon., Feb. 29 – Tue., Mar. 1, 2016

## 2 Daily Schedule

	Date		1st period	2nd period	3rd period	4th period	5th period	
			Onshore	9:15-10:30	10:45-12:00	14:15-15:30	15:45-17:00	20:00-21:00
			Onboard	9:30-10:45	11:00-12:15	14:15-15:30	15:45-17:00	20:00-21:00
1	Jan. 14, Thu		Arrival of OPYs					
2	Jan. 15, Fri		Rest (Recover from jet-lag)	Orientation	Welcome reception			
3	Jan. 16, Sat		OPY: Local Program (Homestay)					
4	Jan. 17, Sun		OPY: Local Program (Homestay)					
5	Jan. 18, Mon	Pre-departure Training	OPY: Courtesy call and institutional visit in Local Program				Ice breaking	
			JPY: Pre-departure Training Session					
6	Jan. 19, Tue	Pre-departure Training	OPY: Return to Tokyo				Ice breaking	
			JPY: Pre-departure Training Session					
7	Jan. 20, Wed	Onshore Training Session	Orientation	Introductory Forum		Voluntary activities		
8	Jan. 21, Thu		Cross-cultural Understanding Seminar 1	Course Discussion introduction	Letter Group meeting	Committee meeting		
9	Jan. 22, Fri		Sport & Recreation	Holiday				
10	Jan. 23, Sat		Tokyo City Tour (by Letter Group)				NP practice	
11	Jan. 24, Sun		Leadership Seminar 1	Course Discussion 1		Introduction of Clubs		
12	Jan. 25, Mon		Project Management Seminar 1	PY Seminar 1		NP practice		
13	Jan. 26, Tue		Institutional Visit				Explanation for check-out	
14	Jan. 27, Wed		Dep. 16:00	Check-out	Transfer to Yokohama	Check-in (Nippon Maru)		ADM orientation
				Visit UN University				
15	Jan. 28, Thu		Dep. 16:00	Orientation by ship	Open ship / Departure ceremony	Departure		Psychology Seminar
		Evacuation drill						
16	Jan. 29, Fri		Leadership Seminar 2	NP practice		NP (Japan)		
17	Jan. 30, Sat		Holiday					
18	Jan. 31, Sun		Course Discussion 2	Lecture by Captain	NP (Bahrain)	NP (New Zealand)		
19	Feb. 1, Mon		Club Activity 1	Committee meeting	NP (UAE)	NP (Chile)		
20	Feb. 2, Tue		Cross-Cultural Understanding Seminar 2	Delegation mtg	NP (Mexico)	NP (Tanzania)		
21	Feb. 3, Wed		Course Discussion 3	Self-study	NP (Russia)	NP (India)		
22	Feb. 4, Thu		Official photo session	PM Seminar 2	NP (Sri Lanka)	NP (Australia)		
		Bridge tour						
23	Feb. 5, Fri	Arr. 8:00 Dep. 18:00	Singapore (refuel and water supply)					
24	Feb. 6, Sat		Leadership Seminar 3	PY Seminar 2		Lecture by Director		
25	Feb. 7, Sun		Advisors Seminar	Holiday				
26	Feb. 8, Mon		Course Discussion 4	Club Activity 2	Committee mtg	Delegation mtg		
27	Feb. 9, Tue	Chennai Arr.15:00	Preparation for POC	Arrive Chennai		Onboard reception		
28	Feb. 10, Wed		Port of call activities in India					
29	Feb. 11, Thu		Port of call activities in India					
30	Feb. 12, Fri	Chennai Dep.18:00	Port of call activities in India /Depart Chennai				Debriefing of POC	
31	Feb. 13, Sat		Holiday	Preparation for POC				
32	Feb. 14, Sun	Colombo Arr.10:00	Arrive Colombo	Port of call activities in Sri Lanka		Onboard reception		
33	Feb. 15, Mon		Port of call activities in Sri Lanka					
34	Feb. 16, Tue		Port of call activities in Sri Lanka					
35	Feb. 17, Wed	Colombo Dep.12:00	Depart Colombo	Debriefing of POC	Committee mtg			

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			Onboard	9:30-10:45	11:00-12:15	14:15-15:30	15:45-17:00	20:00-21:00
36	Feb. 18, Thu	Onboard Training Session	Project Management Seminar 3		Club Activity 3			
37	Feb. 19, Fri		Holiday					
38	Feb. 20, Sat		Course Discussion 5		PY Seminar 3			
39	Feb. 21, Sun		Arr. 12:00	Official photo session		Singapore (refuel and water supply)		
			Dep. 22:00					
40	Feb. 22, Mon		Leadership Seminar 4		Exhibition			
41	Feb. 23, Tue		Post-program Activities Session 1		Voluntary activities			
42	Feb. 24, Wed		Cross-cultural Understanding Seminar 3		Post-program Activities Session 2		Delegation mtg	
43	Feb. 25, Thu		Project Management Seminar 4		Preparation for Summary Forum			
44	Feb. 26, Fri		Rehearsal /Summary Forum					
45	Feb. 27, Sat		Evaluation		Completion Ceremony	Orientation for disembarkation	Farewell dinner	
46	Feb. 28, Sun		Preparation for disembarkation					
47	Feb. 29, Mon		Harumi	Disembarkation/ Dissolution party		OPY: transfer to Narita Airport		
			Arr.8:00			JPY: transfer to Post-program Training Session		
48	Mar. 1, Tue		Post-program Training Session					

### 3 Training Topics

Training Topics	Details
Orientation Plenary orientation (1hr 30min)  Ice breaking (1 hour)	Speech by the administrator, introduction of the advisors, NL, administrative staff, explanation about curriculums etc. Interactions among PYs
Training Topics Visit to the United Nations University (2hrs 30min) Leadership Seminars (10hrs) Cross-Cultural Understanding Seminars (15hrs) Project Management Seminars (8hrs 45min) Psychology Seminar (1 hour) Tokyo City Tour (1 day) Committee meeting (4hrs 45min) Course Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introductory Forum (2hrs 30min)</li> <li>- Discussion sessions (5 times) (12hrs 30min)</li> <li>- Preparation/Presentation for Summary Forum (7hrs 30min)</li> <li>- Institutional visit in Japan, India, Sri Lanka (total 3 times)</li> </ul> Sports and Recreation (2hrs 30min) PY Seminars (7hrs 30min) National Presentation (16hrs 45min) Post-Program Activities Session (5 hrs) Farewell Dinner (1 hour)	Lecture on UN activities and Q&A session Seminar on leadership by a lecturer Seminar on cross-cultural understanding by an advisor Seminar on project management by an advisor Seminar on psychology by an advisor Tour planned by the Letter Group members Planning and implementation of various activities by PYs Discussions under the theme “Youth Contribution in Society” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by each country about the situation of youth participation in social activities</li> <li>- Discussion led by facilitators</li> <li>- Summary of the course activities and presentation</li> <li>- Institutional visit according to course theme</li> </ul> Sports day competing against Letter Groups Seminar where PYs become the presenters Cultural introduction of each country by PYs Explanation by the former participants on post-program Last dinner party onboard with various events

Training Topics	Details
<b>Official Functions</b> Welcome party for OPYs Courtesy call  Open Ship Departure ceremony Orientation by ship, evacuation drill  Ports of call activities (India, Sri Lanka) (total 7 days) Preparation for port of call activities (5 hrs) Debriefing of port of call activities (2hrs 15min) Official photo session Explanation and preparation for disembarkation Evaluation session Completion ceremony Farewell party	Party to welcome PYs from abroad Courtesy call on the Prime Minister and audience with the Crown Prince by the country representatives Tour of the ship for family and friends Ceremony before departure Explanation on the ship facility and evacuation training in case of an emergency Institutional visits and interaction with local people and youth  Preparation for port of all activities and visits Sharing session for things learned through port of call activities Photo taking for the official report Explanation and preparation on the disembarkation procedure Filling out the program evaluation questionnaire Presentation of completion certificate Farewell party before dissolution
<b>Other Activities</b> Local program for OPYs Pre-departure /post-program training sessions Delegation meeting Letter Group activities Voluntary activities	Courtesy call, institutional visit and homestay Training sessions before and after SWY (JPYs only) Various activities by delegation Various activities by Letter Group (30 min. every day) Time where PYs can voluntarily plan and implement activities

\*Total: approx. 206 hours 15 minutes training programs excluding activities during ports of call

## Organization

The Ship for World Youth Leaders was organized by Director, Administrator, Deputy Administrator, administrative staff, advisors, NLs, and PYs. In order to ensure the smooth operation of the program, NL Meeting is conducted.

### 1 Administrator and Administrative Staff

Administrator	Mr. Hideki Uemura	Director for International Youth Exchange Affairs, Office of the Director General for Policies on Cohesive Society, Cabinet Office
Deputy Administrator	Mr. Tetsuo Oshikiri	Deputy Director for 2nd Youth Exchange Unit, Office of the Director General for Policies on Cohesive Society, Cabinet Office
Administrative staff	23 members	

- 【Duties】**
- The Administrator represents the Japanese government, with respect to this program, and is responsible for overseeing the operation of this program.
  - The Deputy Administrators support the Administrator and takes on the Administrator's responsibilities should the Administrator be unable to do so.
  - The administrative staff members receive directives from the Administrator and are responsible for implementing the program.

## 2 Director

Director	Mr. Masahiko Sue	Officer of Statistical Information Strategy, MIC
【Duties】	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director represents all delegations consisting of PYs at various official occasions and gives advice for overall trainings.</li> </ul>	

## 3 Advisors

Advisors	Mr. Hidetake Enomoto	Principal, Yoku-ikiru Kenkyusho (Living Well Institute)
	Mr. Mike H. Matsuno	Consultant, Asian University Relations and Partnerships, California State University Monterey Bay
	Ms. Naomi Okada	Executive Director, Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development
	Dr. Yasuhito Hirai	Doctor, occupational physician/ psychiatrist
【Duties】	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The advisors share the responsibility of educating PYs, in line with the purpose of the program</li> </ul>	

## 4 Participating Youth

The participating youth (PYs) conducted a variety of activities during the Onshore and Onboard Training Sessions by belonging to 4 groups: national delegation, Letter Group, committee, and Course Discussion.

### National Delegation

Each delegation had one National Leader (NL), except the Japanese delegation, which also had one Sub-National Leader (SNL). There were also two Assistant National Leaders (ANL) in each delegation, who were selected from the PYs.

【Duties】

- The NLs are the representatives of their respective countries and serve as leaders of their delegations. As

members of the NL Meeting, they discuss and make decisions on fundamental issues relevant to life and activities during the program according to requests from the Administrator. Meanwhile, the SNL supports the NL and jointly takes the responsibility stated above.

- The ANLs support their NLs and SNL, and act on behalf of NL or SNL in case of his or her absence.

### Letter Group

PYs were divided into eleven groups which became the basic functional unit around which activities onshore and onboard were organized. Each group consisted of about twenty youths, and efforts were made to ensure heterogeneous grouping in terms of nationality, age, occupation, etc. One NL was assigned to each group as Group Leader (GL), and from among the participants, three Assistant Group Leaders (AGL) were chosen, of whom two were JPYs and one was OPY.

【Duties】

- GL
  - i. Lead PYs in their group
  - ii. Lead their group in activities onshore, onboard and at ports of call

- iii. Serve as a liaison with other groups
- AGL
  - i. Assist the GL, and should the GL be absent, to lead the group of PYs
  - ii. Assist the GL and share in the work as needed while onshore, onboard and at ports of call
  - iii. Coordinate and disseminate information within the group. To connect and communicate with other groups
  - iv. Assist the nurses by monitoring the health and well-being of participants in the group, and provide general support for the optimum living environment of the participants

## Committees

Various activities and events were organized and conducted in order to facilitate exchanges among PYs the participants and to promote mutual understanding and friendships. To maintain communication with the administration and those in charge of planning and managing of these activities, the following nine committees were formed.

- AGL Committee
- Course Discussion Steering Committee
- Cross-Cultural Understanding Seminar Committee
- Leadership Seminar Committee
- Project Management Seminar Committee
- PY Seminars Committee
- National Presentations Committee
- Event Committee
- Cultural Introduction (Club) Activities Committee

## Course Discussion

Having “Youth Contribution in Society” as a common theme, six Course Discussion themes were established as a forum where PYs discussed common issues from global perspectives.

- Community Development Course
- Disaster Risk Reduction Course
- Education Course
- Environment Course
- Information and Media Course
- Youth Entrepreneurship Course

## 5 NL Meeting

NL meeting consisted of the NLs of all the delegations.

NL meeting disposed the functions outlined below to ensure the smooth operation of the program. Meetings were held either formally or informally.

- To discuss and formulate decisions on matters related to program participation, life and welfare of the participants and the general operation of the program, in accordance with the policies and requests of the administration.
- To serve as a forum for the exchange of information between the NLs with respect to schedules and program activities.

To listen to reports from the various committees responsible for activities, especially those that warrant decisions that may impact on the whole group or the program operation. Should there be issues or opinions resulting from the choices made by the committee/s, these can be addressed during the NL meeting. The decisions made during the NL meeting are binding and mandatory and must be communicated to the concerned committee/s. The concerned committee/s must make the necessary adjustments accordingly.