

Chapter
4

Implementation of the Program



Outline of the Activities in Japan

The OPYs arrived Japan on January 14, 2016. Next day, on January 15, a welcome reception was hosted in the evening, where Parliamentary Vice-Minister Mr. Hirohisa Takagi of the Cabinet Office gave a welcome speech. From January 16 to 19, a four-day and three-night Local Program was organized for the OPYs. Starting from January 18, the Pre-Departure Training Session for the JPYs started at the NYC. In the evening of January 19, the OPYs returned from local prefectures to Tokyo and moved to the NYC joining the JPY for the Onshore Training Session, hence, the training sessions for all the participants officially started. (Refer to Chapter 5 for the result of the trainings.)

During the Onshore Training Session from January 20 to 26, the NL and one ANL from each delegation had an audience with His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince and a courtesy call on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on January 20.

On January 23, PYs were divided into their respective

Letter Groups, and the JPYs escorted the OPYs around for the Tokyo City Tour. On January 26, PYs were divided into six different thematic groups and visited sites relevant to the Course Discussion topics (Refer to Chapter 5 for the result of the institutional visit). Course Discussion is considered as the pillar of the training program.

On January 27, all the PYs visited the United Nations University. Senior Vice-Rector of UNU, Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi delivered his greeting, and a lecture by Dr. Srikantha Herath, the Academic Program Officer of UNU-ISP (The United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace) and a Q&A session followed thereafter. In the afternoon, all the PYs moved to Yokohama and boarded the ship Nippon Maru. Open Ship (excursion of the ship) and the Departure Ceremony were conducted on January 28, and the ship departed the Osanbashi Yokohama International Passenger Terminal at 16:00.

Local Program

Iwate Prefecture (Youth from Chile and Tanzania)

Date	Time	Activities
Sat., Jan. 16	10:23 – 12:33 13:00	Transfer from Tokyo Station to Morioka Station (Hayabusa 13) Visit to Aiina, multi-use cultural and activities center Homestay matching
Sun., Jan. 17	All day	Homestay
Mon., Jan. 18	9:00 10:00 14:00 – 14:30 18:30 – 20:40	Assemble with host families Visit to Nanshou-sou, experience Japanese culture Courtesy call on Mr. Takuya Tasso, Governor of Iwate Prefecture Farewell Party
Tue., Jan. 19	9:30 – 11:10 12:50	Visit to Morioka Chuo High School (MCHS) Transfer from Morioka Station to Tokyo Station (Hayabusa 18)



PYs from Chile and Tanzania visited Nanshou-sou built in 1885 (Meiji period) and they experience Japanese traditional playing. Nanshou-sou is officially designated as the conservation garden and conservation building. They also paid a courtesy call on Mr. Takuya Tasso, Governor of Iwate Prefecture, and they received a warm welcome from him. In Morioka Chuo High School, PYs attended an English class in first graders and observed Japanese judo lesson.

Yamanashi Prefecture (Youth from Bahrain and Russia)

Date	Time	Activities
Sat., Jan. 16	10:00 – 11:28	Transfer from Shinjuku Station to Kofu Station (Super Azusa 11)
	12:00	Arrive at Yamanashi Prefecture Disaster Prevention Annex, lunch
	13:30	Homestay matching
Sun., Jan. 17	All day	Homestay
Mon., Jan. 18	9:00	Assemble with host families
	9:20	Courtesy call on Mr. Kunihiko Abe, School Superintendent of Yamanashi Prefecture
	11:00	Learn about Yamanashi prefecture at Yamanashi prefectural office
	13:30	City tour in Kofu city
	18:30	Farewell Party
Tue., Jan. 19	9:00 – 12:45	Visit to Yamanashi Eiwa Junior & Senior High School
	13:29 – 15:04	Transfer from Kofu Station to Shinjuku Station (Kaiji 112)



PYs from Bahrain and Russia visited Yamanashi prefecture. Due to the heavy snowing, the original program was changed, however PYs learned a lot about Yamanashi prefecture throughout the three-day and two-night homestay programs. After the homestay programs, they enjoyed the cultural exchange programs and the cooking class together with the students at Yamanashi Eiwa Junior & Senior High School.

Fukui Prefecture (Youth from Australia and India)

Date	Time	Activities
Sat., Jan. 16	10:33 – 12:45	Transfer from Tokyo Station to Maibara Station (Hikari 509)
	12:56 – 13:59	Transfer from Maibara Station to Fukui Station (Shirasagi 7)
	14:25 – 14:45	Arrive at Fukui Palace Hotel, watch sightseeing DVD
	14:45	Homestay matching
	15:00 – 16:30	Welcome tea party
Sun., Jan. 17	All day	Homestay
Mon., Jan. 18	8:30	Assemble with host families
	10:00 – 12:00	Visit to the Echizen Washi Village Japanese paper workshop by the 9th Mr. Ichibei Iwano (living national treasure)
	12:15 – 14:30	Visit to Jin-ai University, discussion program
	15:45 – 16:15	Courtesy call on Mr. Issei Nishikawa, Governor of Fukui Prefecture
Tue., Jan. 19	11:36 – 12:44	Transfer from Fukui Station to Maibara Station (Shirasagi 58)
	12:58 – 15:10	Transfer from Maibara Station to Tokyo Station (Hikari 520)



PYs from Australia and India visited the Echizen Washi Village and learned making Japanese paper from the 9th Mr. Ichibei Iwano, who was designated a living national treasure. In Jin-ai University, PYs attended the discussion program with the students. After that they paid a courtesy call on Mr. Issei Nishikawa, Governor of Fukui Prefecture and also they joined the exchange program with high school students.

Mie Prefecture (Youth from New Zealand and Sri Lanka)

Date	Time	Activities
Sat., Jan. 16	9:20 – 11:01	Transfer from Tokyo Station to Nagoya Station (Nozomi 217)
	11:30 – 12:19	Transfer from Nagoya Station to Tsu Station (Kintetsu 161)
	13:00 – 14:00	Arrive at Takada-kaikan, Orientation
	14:00 – 16:15	Welcome reception and homestay matching
Sun., Jan. 17	All day	Homestay
Mon., Jan. 18	8:45	Assemble with host families
	10:30	Arrive at Haitopia Iga, lecture about Ninja
	11:30	Visit to Ninja Museum of Igaryu and group activities in the museum
	13:30	Watch Ninjya show
	16:30	Courtesy call on Mr. Takashi Ueda, Vice Governor of Mie Prefecture
Tue., Jan. 19	9:00	Visit to Yokkaichi Municipal Museum
	12:48 – 13:16	Transfer from Yokkaichi Station to Nagoya Station (Kintetsu 1112)
	13:42 – 15:23	Transfer from Nagoya Station to Tokyo Station (Nozomi 226)



PYs from New Zealand and Sri Lanka enjoyed the three-day and two-night homestay programs. On Jan. 18, they visited Haitopia Iga with the local youths and received the lecture about Ninja. They also visited Ninja Museum of Igaryu and enjoyed exchange with the local youths through group activities. They attended Ninjya show and took a deep interest in Ninjya.

Shiga Prefecture (Youth from Mexico and UAE)

Date	Time	Activities
Sat., Jan. 16	9:50 – 12:08	Transfer from Tokyo Station to Kyoto Station (Nozomi 105)
	14:00	Arrive at the Center for Regional Development in Kusatsu city
	14:00 – 15:30	Exchange program with the Japanese elementary school and junior high school students of the children prefectural assembly
	15:30	Experience Japanese culture
	16:00 – 17:00	Orientation Homestay matching
Sun., Jan. 17	All day	Homestay
Mon., Jan. 18	8:30	Assemble with host families
	10:00 – 10:40	Courtesy call on Mr. Taizo Mikazuki, Governor of Shiga Prefecture
	13:00 – 15:00	Visit to Hikone Castle
	15:15 – 16:00	Japanese tea ceremony at Genkyu-en
	18:30 – 20:30	Farewell Party
Tue., Jan. 19	13:05 – 15:23	Transfer from Kyoto Station to Tokyo Station (Nozomi 226)



PYs from Mexico and UAE enjoyed calligraphy and Japanese games throughout the exchange program with the Japanese elementary school and junior high school students of the children prefectural assembly. They also visited Hikone Castle which was completed in 1662. The castle was built spending over 20 years by Mr. Naotsugu Ii and Mr. Naotaka Ii. At the courtesy call, they met Mr. Taizo Mikazuki, Governor of Shiga Prefecture who is also an ex-PY of SWY, and they exchanged opinions about international exchange in a pleasant atmosphere.

Pre-Departure Training Session

The Pre-Departure Training Session for JPYs started on January 18 for two-day and one-night. NL and SNL led the meeting for their mental preparation and unifying JPYs before getting on the Ship. They also discussed how to organize activities in the committee meeting. All the JPYs

were involved in practicing for the National Presentation and also rehearsed the presentation. Some time was allocated for discussing how to prevent sexual harassment. An explanation and lecture about IDI was also held during the Pre-Departure Training Session.

Onshore and Onboard Training Sessions

The Onshore and Onboard Training Session, which took place from January 20 to 26 at NYC and from January 27 to February 29 on board Nippon Maru, were composed

of two morning periods, two afternoon periods, and one evening period to cover various trainings. Refer to Chapter 5 for the contents and outcomes of each session.

1 Committee Activities

In order to implement productive activities by effectively using onboard activities sessions, committees comprising of PYs, chosen either from their delegation or Letter Group, were formed.

The aim of the committee activities was for PYs to

learn how to form consensus and execute their leadership skills in an international environment through discussions among international committee members when planning and implementing activities. This aim was achieved as can be observed from the success of the respective activities.

AGL Committee

The AGL Committee comprised of the AGLs from each Letter Group was in charge of role call and checking body temperature to assist the wellbeing of all the PYs. The AGLs also voluntarily planned and implemented activities such as morning exercise for health-promoting and display of posters to prevent spread of infectious diseases, which contributed to preventing wide spread of diseases such as influenza.

AGL meetings held on board was utilized not only to receive and confirm the information from the administration, but also used as a forum to share information among the Letter Groups and discuss what they can do as AGLs. The information from the administration was communicated to PYs during the Letter Group meetings that followed the AGL meetings.

Course Discussion Steering Committee

A Course Discussion Steering Committee was formed in order to ensure the smooth implementation and management of the Course Discussion program. The Committee was comprised of the administrative staff, the training advisor, and selected PYs. The roles of the committee were decided and implemented as the following:

- Assist the facilitator and cooperate to manage the course

- Pass on the opinion to the facilitators as the representatives of PYs should there be any opinions raised
- Plan and facilitate the Introduction Forum and Summary Forum including the arrangement of the materials and equipments needed in each event
- Write a summary report of the course he/she belongs to

Committees for Various Seminars

Committees were formed in order to ensure the smooth implementation of the respective seminars, namely, Cross-Cultural Understanding Seminars, Leadership Seminars, and Project Management Seminars. The roles of the committees were decided and implemented as the

following:

- Support the management of the seminar, following instruction from the advisors
- Plan and facilitate some parts of the seminars
- Write a summary report of the seminars

PY Seminars Committee

Under the theme of “Actions Taken for the Betterment of Society,” PYs actively presented what they are engaged in or their field of expertise, such as social issues and volunteer activities using various methods such as workshops and discussions. As a result, presenters’ presentation skills improved and autonomy was enhanced, and they were able to learn about each other’s background and activities which promoted mutual understanding and

developing international views among PYs.

Two periods each was allocated for PY Seminars on January 25, February 6, and 20, and PYs who hosted the seminars planned and implemented their session for 75 or 150 minutes. PY Seminars Committee supported the presenters for the smooth operation of the seminars such as management of the schedule and preparation of the equipments and articles.

National Presentation Committee

The National Presentation (NP) was the venue for PYs to introduce their country’s history, culture, traditional culture as well as general information including politics and economy in order to deepen understanding and appreciation of all the participating countries including their own.

In the limited time of 45 minutes, each delegation, after due consideration and practices, decided on how to best present their countries, and through this process of creating the presentation they developed sense of cooperation and created a strong sense of unity. As a result, they presented an array of beautiful cultural dances, music, and introduction

to the country’s history and culture through photos and visual presentation that were very well thought out. They also presented about social problems in their countries, and through these presentations, PYs gained understanding about diverse culture of respective countries.

The NP Committee comprised of PYs was responsible for running the NP of all the participating countries from rehearsals to the real stage, and the members were particularly helpful in schedule coordination, arranging the lighting and sound systems and the preparation of large props, among others, which contributed greatly to the success of the NP.

Events Committee

The Events Committee was in charge of planning and implementing the Sports and Recreation on January 22 and the Farewell on February 27. During the ports of call activities in India and Sri Lanka, they were also responsible for hosting the Mini National Presentation including MC and escorting presenters to the stage. On top of that, as a voluntary activity, the committee organized “Talent Show” which demonstrated PYs remarkable knacks and gifts.

The Sports and Recreation started with warm-up

exercises, and then PYs promoted friendship by joining counterbalancing games based on the Letter Group such as obstacle race, gesture game, and “tug-of-war.”

For the Farewell, during the stand-up dinner party, the committee members demonstrated songs composed by a band formed during the SWY program, speeches by representatives of each delegation and Soran dance performed by international PYs who learned how to dance during the program.

Club Activities Committee

Club Activities were implemented as means for PYs to teach their cultural skills such as dances, songs, and traditional arts to other PYs. The committee members liaised with the Club representatives, allocated PYs to the Clubs, and supported the implementation of the

Club Activities on February 1, 8, and 18. The committee members were also in charge of planning and running the Exhibition on February 22, which was the time for all PYs to present the result of the Club Activities.

2 Other Trainings and Activities

Post-Program Activities Session

Three representatives from the IYEO gave explanations of SWYAA post-program activities and about building domestic and international networks among the ex-PYs. They joined the last leg of the program from Singapore to Tokyo and conducted the Post-Program Activities Session on February 23 and 24, 2016. Apart from the Post-Program Activities Session, they exchanged their ideas with PYs and provided them with information about SWYAA and SWY post-program activities etc. at the information booth they set up onboard.



Group Activities

Various activities were organized by Letter Groups (named A to K), with each group having approximately twenty PYs with a mixture of JPYs and OPYs from ten different countries. Letter Group was the basic unit of organization for activities during the program. During the Onshore Training Session on January 23, Tokyo City Tour was organized by JPYs and during the Onboard Training Session, the group met for 30-minutes every afternoon.

Through these activities, PYs not only shared information but also shared issues or happiness. The group activities were also significant in bringing out group unity and sense of mutual closeness among the group members. On the daily group meeting, they took the time for sharing what they attained on that day as well as establishing their goals and intentions for the next day.

Voluntary Activities

In the evening of January 20, afternoon of February 23, and during the free time and holidays, various activities involving the PYs' common interests were organized upon the initiative of PYs themselves. They ran the entire program including planning and management, and deepened their mutual understanding and friendship through these activities.



Sake University to learn about Japanese sake

Completion Ceremony and Post-Program Training Session

On February 27, a completion ceremony was held at the Dolphin Hall. The completion certificates were presented to PYs in a very solemn atmosphere. The NLs represented their respective delegation to receive the certificates on stage. The awarding of certificates was followed by a speech from the NL of New Zealand, Mr. Te Oranga Mataraua Takahipaitu Witehira, who represented all the PYs. Mr. Hideki Uemura, Administrator, also gave a speech to conclude the ceremony. The certificates from the United Nations University were also given to PYs during the ceremony.

Post-Program Training Session for JPYs was conducted at the NYC and Fukuracia Shinagawa Crystal Square for two days on February 29 and May 1. During this period, the JPYs prepared for the Report Session that will be held in June. Debriefing session was also implemented by NLs. Another session was also held by the representatives of the IYEO to explain about the network for post-program activities where they can utilize the knowledge and experiences gained during the program. At the Closing Ceremony, Mr. Hiromu Onoda, Deputy Director General for Policies on Cohesive Society of the Cabinet Office handed the completion certificate to the JPYs.