



Ship for World Youth Alumni Association Tonga

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Ms. Masako Mori,
Minister for State for Youth Affairs
Cabinet Office

Your Honour

**Re: Ship For World Youth Program(SWY)
Funded by the Government of Japan.**


This is to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Japan for their continuous support to the Government of Tonga include the Tonga Ship For World Youth Association.(TSWYAA). On behalf of the Tonga Ship For World Youth Association(TSWYAA) I would like to congratulate for the Liberal Democratic Party(LDP) for winning of the National Election and ruling the Government.

The Tonga SWYAA understand that the above program running for many years funded by the Government of Japan. Youth participation from different country around the world. Although we are not sure what the decision made by the new Government in regards to the Ship for World Youth(SWY) program. I would like to bring to your attention the Golden Aim of the program: *to broadening the international perspectives of the Japanese Youth, promoting mutual understanding and friendship among the Japanese youth and the youth from around the world.* The program helps to develop the relationship amongst human(youth) from different country around the world. The value of the program is far more than our expectation. A wide variety of participants with diverse cultural, religion, and economic background. The program discussion became quite interesting and instructive. Furthermore, some of the members participated were actually working in the field of the course they attended during the SWY program.

It is realized that any country participate has a specific development in culture, religion and economic of its own. It is the development provides cohesiveness, togetherness and unity providing both youth of Japan and youth all over the world, with the desire to be integral part of the program and to be instrumental in winning credit and honour for the Japan Government

In light of the above I would like to give our full support for the SWY program funded by the Government of Japan to be continued in the future. Although a global economic problem affected, TSWYAA believed that the SWY program should be utilized, recognized and to be continued. This is the only program can bring together the world youth to share, discuss, and get to know each other even peace to the world. Thus the purpose of this letter

Yours Sincerely,


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President
FROM TSWYAA

Attn: Tamae Saito

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Date: 08th January 2013

Ms. Masako Mori,
Minister of State for Youth Affairs,
Cabinet Office

Dear Madame,

RE: SWY PROGRAM CONTINUATION SUPPORT LETTER FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

This letter serves to forward our deepest support to your high office concerning the above heading.

Our Country the republic of Vanuatu is amongst the world least develop countries which we depend a lot on donor partners support to build the capacity of our youth which they will be the strength of our country's future. The youth in our country had access scholarships and capacity development programs from various developed countries including Japan to build their future and the future of our country. Therefore SWY Program is amongst some of the highly recognized development programs that youth in our country are looking forward to participate in to enhance their understanding of the outside world and especially learning from Japan which the country itself is well developed through the strength of the Japanese people.

SWY program build a lot of country relationships when our youth involved themselves in the program and make friends with Japan and other country youth onboard. As a result of the SWY Program in the life's of our youth who had participated in previous programs, many of the Ex- PY's had become responsible people in our country and others had gained scholarships for further studies after learning new things onboard the SWY program.

I therefore raised our country's support in the continuation of the SWY Program to better support our youth, youth around the world and building partnerships between countries to build a better world for our future generations.

Thank you in advance to your high office and your time taken in considering this letter of support. SWVAA Vanuatu is looking forward to work more closely with you and the SWY Program in the near future.

Yours truly



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Your Excellency Ms. Masako Mori
Minister of State for Youth Affairs
Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Dear Minister Masako Mori,

My name is Leonardo Kajioka Nardon. I am the current president of the Brazilian Ship for World Youth Alumni Association. I was selected by the Japanese Embassy to participate in the 18th edition of the Ship for World Youth Program, back in 2006. I am a second generation Japanese Brazilian, whose Osakan grandfather immigrated to Brazil aboard the Buenos Aires Maru, which departed from the port of Kobe en route to Brazil. For a long time, I was amazed to see that my mother, aunt, grandmother and grandfather communicated in Japanese, even though they all lived most their lives in Brazil. I felt curious and amazed by the beautiful language they used, and regretted not learning Japanese when my mother tried teaching me as a young boy. As a student of the University of Brasília, I was selected to participate in the 18th edition of the Ship For World Youth Program.

The SWY Program fulfilled all my expectations. I was able to meet hundreds of young leaders from all over the world and discuss global issues such as support to refugees, global warming and sustainability. However, the most valuable learning I acquired from the SWY Program is that modern-day youth needs to be more involved in society and pursue social contribution activities. With that in mind, I returned to Brazil determined to work for the betterment of my society.

The year after my participation in the SWY Program, I was awarded the Ministry Of Education Culture, Sports, Science and Technology graduate and research studies scholarship, and was sent to Osaka University. After 2 years as a researcher in Osaka University, I was able to join the SWY Program as part of the Administrative Staff four more times. Like mine, about 40 other young Brazilian students' lives were affected by being selected to participate in the SWY Programs. People who did not even had passports, people who had not ever ridden airplanes, people who came from very poor villages deep inside the country –side of Brazil have had the chance to go to the other side of the world and see and feel things they had only seen in movies or television. The SWY program is an amazing opportunity for all who are lucky enough to be selected as participants. I have seen people who had zero experience in communicating in English thrive under the amazing conditions provided by the SWY Program and become active young leaders in their own communities. Our alumni association members are currently engaged in many projects and some of those young leaders who have emerged from the depths of the Brazilian school system are taking leading roles in proposing activities that will contribute with their own communities and Brazilian society as a whole.

These are only a few examples of how our lives and our society have benefitted from the SWY Program. Like ours, there are other Alumni Associations that share the same values and the same amount of respect for this amazing Program spread all over the globe. As members of that enormous international community, we strongly urge the Japanese government and the Cabinet Office decision-makers to reconsider the decision to terminate the International Exchange programs to ensure that future generations may also benefit from these programs.

Sincerely,


Leonardo Kajioka Nardon
President, Ship for World Youth Alumni Association Brazil