

# SSEAYP Youth Conference 2022

～What Youth Can Do in the new era of cooperation towards the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation～

## 1. Outline of the Program

**P r o p o s e :** This Conference aims to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and ASEAN member countries by participating in various exchange activities. As a result, it is expected to cultivate the youth who can exercise their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society, take the world's social agenda as their own issues, and move into action to solve those issues.

**C o n t e n t s :** Further development of the relationship between ASEAN and Japan is expected. Under the theme of “What youth can do in the new era of cooperation towards the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation”, the participants will discuss what youth can do and how they should take action against common issues of ASEAN and Japan as well as the fields which require better cooperation in the future according to the following 9 topics.

1. Education, 2. Disaster and Risk Reduction, 3. Entrepreneurship (including NGO/NPO) ,  
4. Good Health and Well-being (including mental health), 5. Information and Media, 6. Economics of Japan and ASEAN,  
7. Poverty and Disparity, 8. Protection of Environment, 9. Soft Power and Youth Private Diplomacy

**D a t e :** November –December 2022 (6 Sundays in Total, 14:00-18:00 (JST) )

**Participants:** 3 Participants × 9 Topics × 11 Countries= 297 Participants in Total (27 PYs per Country)

**Requirements :**

1. Age between 18-30 years old as of a specific day from April 1-June 30 in 2022 designated by each government
2. Youth who is interested in youth exchange between ASEAN member countries and Japan
3. Youth who has a good command of English to participate in the discussion activities
4. Youth who has no experience of participating in the past SSEAYP

\*Participants of this program will be still eligible to join SSEAYP in the future.  
\*Former participants of the online SSEAYP may apply for SSEAYP Youth Conference 2022.  
However, priority should be given to new applicants.

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## 2. Schedule

No.	Date and Time	Program
Day 1	Sunday, November 13, 2022 14:00～18:00 (※JST/UTC+9)	14 : 00～14 : 45 Opening Ceremony, Orientation 14 : 45～15 : 45 Keynote Speech 16 : 00～16 : 45 Introductory Session (Ice-breaking) 17 : 00～18 : 00 Group Discussion I (9 groups)
Day 2	Sunday, November 20, 2022 14:00～18:00 (※JST/UTC+9)	14 : 00～15 : 30 Peer Learning Session I 15 : 45～16 : 15 Interaction Session 16 : 30～18 : 00 Group Discussion II (9 groups)
Day 3	Sunday, November 27, 2022 14:00～18:00 (※JST/UTC+9)	14 : 00～15 : 30 Peer Learning Session II 15 : 45～16 : 15 Interaction Session 16 : 30～18 : 00 Group Discussion III (9 groups)
Day 4	Sunday, December 4, 2022 14:00～18:00 (※JST/UTC+9)	14 : 00～15 : 30 Peer Learning Session III 15 : 45～16 : 15 Interaction Session 16 : 30～18 : 00 Group Discussion IV (9 groups)
Day 5	Sunday, December 11, 2022 14:00～18:00 (※JST/UTC+9)	14 : 00～15 : 30 Regional Program 15 : 45～16 : 15 Interaction Session 16 : 30～18 : 00 Group Discussion V (9 groups)
Day 6	Sunday, December 18, 2022 14:00～18:00 (※JST/UTC+9)	14 : 00～17 : 00 Presentation of Discussion Results, Closing Ceremony 17 : 00～18 : 00 Self-Evaluation

※The above schedule is subject to change.

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## 3. Discussion Theme

Participating youth will be grouped by the following 9 topics.

No.	Theme	Discussion Contents
1	Education	To understand the current situation and issues of online education in Japan and ASEAN member countries, and to discuss how youth can contribute to education in general (career education, education required with the times of change, etc.).
2	Disaster and Risk Reduction	To understand the disaster situation in Japan and the ASEAN region and to discuss the cooperation between Japan and ASEAN member countries and the contributions of youth to measures against disaster, which includes what measures should be taken to minimize the disaster damage caused under the pandemic of COVID-19.
3	Entrepreneurship (including NGO/NPO)	To understand the current situation and differences of youth entrepreneurship in Japan and ASEAN member countries, which includes the backgrounds and motives which lead to launch the business, and to discuss the issues and significance of starting a business from the youth's point of view.
4	Good Health and Well-being (including mental health)	To consider youth health from physical, mental and social perspectives, and to discuss the definition and realization of well-being. To discuss, in particular, how youth can contribute to solving problems such as loneliness and mental illness under the situation of COVID19.
5	Information and Media	To understand the usage, advantages, and issues of SNS (social networking services) in Japan and ASEAN member countries, and to discuss what can be done to improve the media literacy of youth.
6	Economics of Japan and ASEAN	To understand the economic impact of the COVID-19 in Japan and ASEAN member countries, and to discuss how youth can contribute to economic recovery and economic growth, and cooperation between Japan and ASEAN member countries.
7	Poverty and Disparity	To understand the situation of poverty and disparity in Japan and ASEAN member countries, and to discuss how youth can contribute to eradicating poverty and closing disparity, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on poverty and disparity, and the cooperation between Japan and ASEAN member countries.
8	Protection of Environment	To understand the environmental problems in Japan and ASEAN region, and to discuss what youth can do to protect the environment by introducing their daily activities to create the earth-friendly environment, and cooperation between Japan and ASEAN member countries.
9	Soft Power and Youth Private Diplomacy	To understand the significance, pros and cons, and effects of private diplomacy by soft power (traditional culture, history, subculture, etc.), and to discuss private diplomacy from the perspective of youth while comparing it with diplomacy between nations.