

Outline of the Ship for World Youth Program FY2023 (New program)

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1. Purpose

The Ship for World Youth Program (SWY) is implemented with the aims to cultivate the global leaders of the next generation who can contribute to society where participating youth from all around the world gather and improve abilities to deal with different cultures and leadership skills, etc. through having discussions and cultural exchange, etc. In addition, it aims to establish global human network beyond national borders.

2. Program Contents

Youth from 13 countries around the world and Japan will conduct various trainings and exchange activities while participating in a "hybrid program" that combines online exchange through information and communication devices from their home countries, and face-to-face exchange onboard the ship and at ports of call (local practical program and local visit program) after their arrival in Japan.

(1) Online exchange: Seminars, group discussions (*), planning for local practical program, cultural exchange, etc.

*Please refer to the discussion themes listed below. Participants will be assigned to the one of the themes based on prior survey of preferences.

1. Gender Equality (promotion of respectful society and employment regardless of gender)
2. Realization of Cohesive Society (society where all residents including foreign, disabled and elderly people can play active roles)
3. Quality Education (society where educational opportunities and quality education are secured and provided)
4. Youth Empowerment (unlock youth potential)
5. Succession of Local Traditions and Histories (protection and succession of local traditions, histories and cultures)
6. Development of Attractive Communities (increase life satisfaction so that people would like to continue living in the area)
7. Disaster Prevention Education and Tourism (awareness-raising activities and initiatives toward disaster prevention)
8. Disaster Prevention Measures (development of disaster prevention infrastructure)
9. Environmental Conservation and Tourism (balancing of environmental conservation and tourism)
10. Living Close to Nature (coexistence between human and nature)

(2) Face-to-face exchange:

- Onboard activities (cultural exchange, preparation for local practical program, etc. while cruising within the Japanese territorial waters,)

- Port of call activities (local practical program: collaborative work in a series of processes from planning specific projects to implementing projects in the field, in cooperation with organization such as local NPOs that work on social issues like SDGs)

(Local visit program: courtesy call, field study, cultural experiences, exchanges with local youth, etc.)

3. Participating Countries (tentative)

Argentine Republic, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, French Republic, Republic of India, Ireland, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Kenya, United Mexican States, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Republic of Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Republic of Zambia, Japan

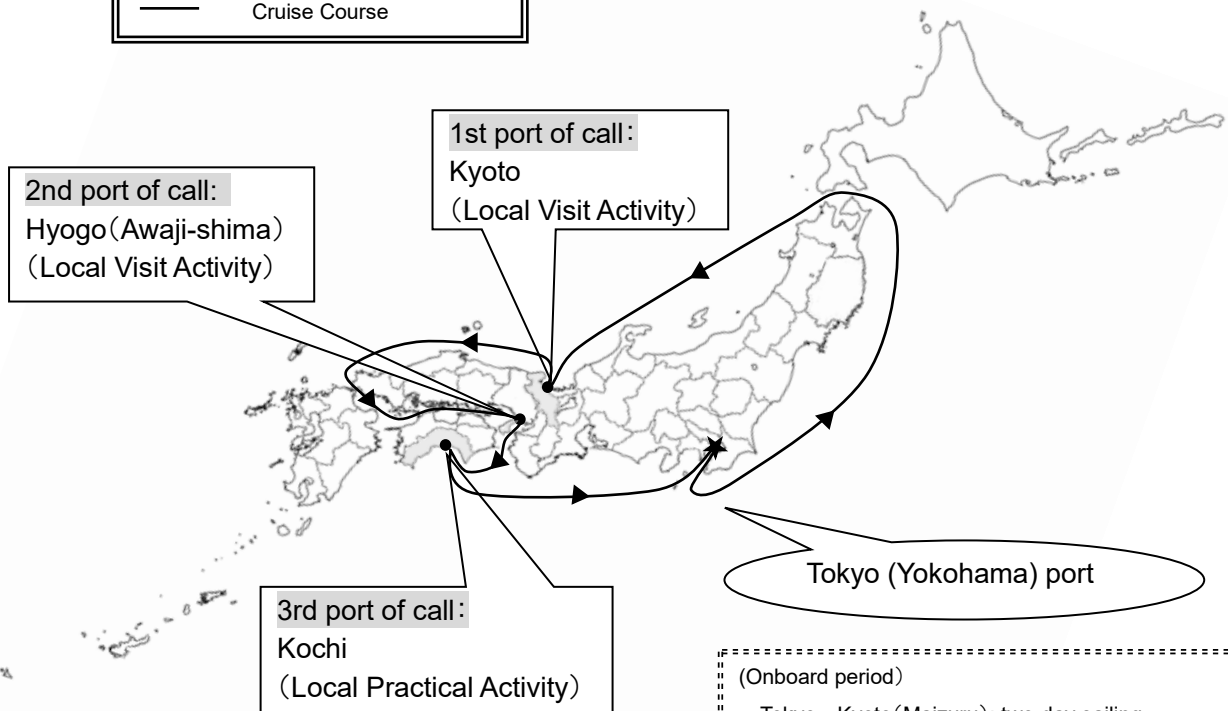
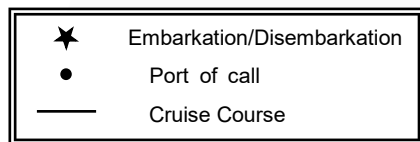
4. Number of Participants (tentative)

JPYs (approx. 100) and OPYs (approx. 130 (10 PYs per country x 13 countries))

5. Schedule (tentative)

- (1) Online exchange: from November, 2023
- (2) Face to face exchange: from January to February, 2024 (approx. 4 weeks: cruise & port of call activities)
 - Local practical program: 1 area (Kochi, approx. 8 days)
 - Local visit program: 2 areas (Kyoto & Hyogo, approx. 3 days each)

6. Ports of Call and Cruise Course (tentative)



(Onboard period)
Tokyo→Kyoto (Maizuru): two-day sailing
Kyoto→Hyogo (TBD): two-day sailing
Hyogo→Kochi: one day sailing
(Including preparation for local practical activity)
Kochi→Tokyo: two day sailing
(Including reflecting & preparation for summary forum)