

# Outline of the 48th SSEAYP

## 1. History and Purpose

The Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP) was launched in 1974 as a joint project between Japan and ASEAN member countries, based on the respective Joint Statements issued between Japan and respective ASEAN member countries. The aims of the Program are to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and the Southeast Asian countries, to broaden their perspectives on the world, and furthermore, to strengthen their spirit of international cooperation and practical skills for international cooperation. As a result, it is expected to cultivate the leaders of the next generation who are capable to exercise their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society. This year, the ship program will resume for the first time since 2019 and conduct various exchange activities onboard and in the countries to be visited.

## 2. Activities

- a. On board activities: Discussion program, cultural exchange, post-program activity session, etc.
- b. Activities in countries to be visited: Courtesy calls, home stay, field study, interaction with local youths, etc.

Themes: Under the program theme of “Youth Participation ”, following 6 Discussion Themes are set.

1. Soft Power and Youth People to People Diplomacy
2. Economic Growth and Sustainable Community
3. Global Environment and Climate Change
4. Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery
5. Good Health and Well-being
6. Digital Society

## 3. Organization

- a. 1 Administrator, 1 Deputy Administrator, Administrative staff (approx. 20)
- b. 158 Participating Youths (PYs)
- c. 20 Japanese PYs, 135 Southeast Asian PYs (15PYs × 9 countries) + 3 observers  
(10 National Leaders (NLs), etc. are excluded)

# The 48th SSEAYP (tentative program)

Date	Program	Contents
Oct. 20	Online Pre-Meeting	Preparation for the program including icebreakers
Nov. 4	Arrival day	Arrival of NLs and PYs from ASEAN member countries
Nov. 5 to 6	Program in Tokyo (neighboring prefecture)	Orientation, Inauguration Ceremony, Field Study, Contingent Meeting, SG meeting, etc.
Nov. 6 to Dec. 4	Onboard program (29 days)	Discussion, National Presentation, PY seminar, SG activities, and so on (Port of Call Host Countries: Viet Nam and Indonesia)
Dec. 4 to 5	Program in Tokyo	Summary Forum, etc. Face-to-face conference of the government representatives
Dec. 6 to 9	Local Program	Courtesy call, Homestay, Interaction with Local Youth, etc.
Dec. 9 to 10	Program in Tokyo	Preparation for departure, Farewell Ceremony, Farewell Party, etc.
Dec. 11	Departure day	Departure of NLs and PYs of ASEAN member countries

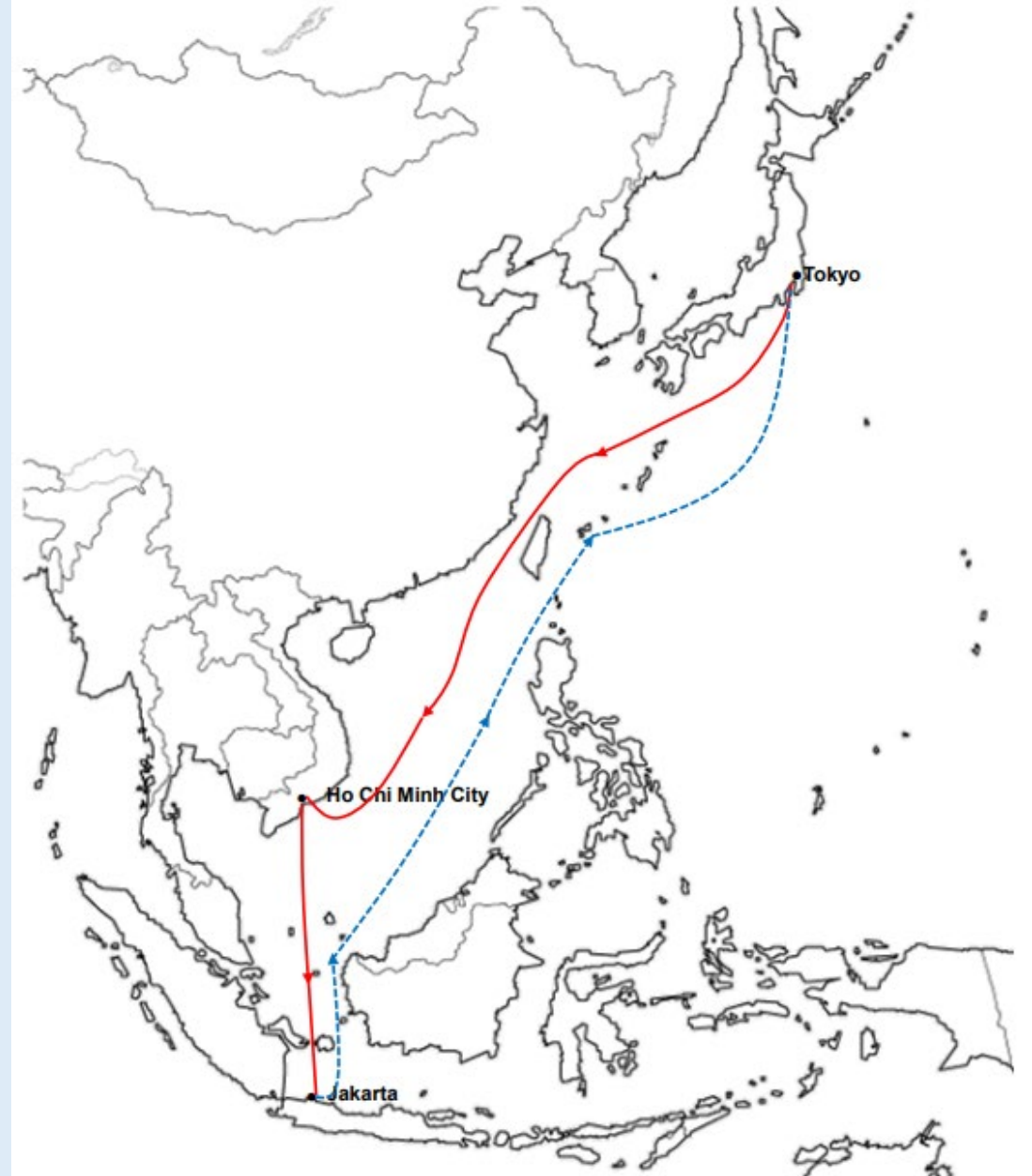
\*The Audience with the Imperial Family and Courtesy Call on the Primary Minister by NLs and PY representatives will be scheduled during the Program in Tokyo.

\*The schedule is subject to change under the circumstances.

# The 48th SSEAYP (tentative schedule)

Schedule for The 48th Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program in 2024  
(tentative)

	Onboard Duration	Date		Contents
Day 1		Nov. 4	Mon	Arrival of NLS, PYs from ASEAN member countries and facilitators
Day 2		5	Tue	Orientation, Inauguration Ceremony
Day 3	1	6	Wed	Field Study(morning), Embarkation to the Ship (late afternoon)
Day 4	2	7	Thu	Send-Off Ceremony, Set sail (16:00)
Day 5	3	8	Fri	Cruise 1
Day 6	4	9	Sat	Cruise 2
Day 7	5	10	Sun	Cruise 3
Day 8	6	11	Mon	Cruise 4
Day 9	7	12	Tue	Cruise 5
Day 10	8	13	Wed	Cruise 6
Day 11	9	14	Thu	Berth in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam (9:00)
Day 12	10	15	Fri	Country Program in Viet Nam
Day 13	11	16	Sat	Country Program in Viet Nam
Day 14	12	17	Sun	Departure (16:00)
Day 15	13	18	Mon	Cruise 7
Day 16	14	19	Tue	Cruise 8
Day 17	15	20	Wed	Cruise 9
Day 18	16	21	Thu	Berth in Jakarta, Indonesia (9:00)
Day 19	17	22	Fri	Country Program in Indonesia
Day 20	18	23	Sat	Country Program in Indonesia
Day 21	19	24	Sun	Country Program in Indonesia
Day 22	20	25	Mon	Departure (17:00)
Day 23	21	26	Tue	Cruise 10
Day 24	22	27	Wed	Cruise 11
Day 25	23	28	Thu	Cruise 12
Day 26	24	29	Fri	Cruise 13
Day 27	25	30	Sat	Cruise 14
Day 28	26	Dec. 1	Sun	Cruise 15
Day 29	27	2	Mon	Cruise 16
Day 30	28	3	Tue	Cruise 17
Day 31	29	4	Wed	Berth in Tokyo (8:30) Preparation for Summary Forum <b>[Arrival of government reps.]</b>
Day 32		5	Thu	Summary Forum (Former Presentation of Discussion Results & Debriefing Session)
Day 33		6	Fri	Local Program 1 <b>[Departure of government and AA representatives, and facilitators]</b>
Day 34		7	Sat	Local Program 2
Day 35		8	Sun	Local Program 3
Day 36		9	Mon	Local Program 4 Tokyo Program
Day 37		10	Mon	Tokyo Program (Farewell Ceremony, Farewell Party, etc.)
Day 38		11	Wed	Departure of NLS and PYs of ASEAN member countries



\*Cruise route may be subject to change due to weather or other circumstances.

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# Discussion Themes 2024

Discussion Themes are selected from the “Implementation Plan of the Joint Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation *Trusted Partners*” adopted in the Commemorative Summit for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (17 December 2023, Tokyo)

DG	Discussion Theme	No.	Contents
1	Soft Power and Youth People to People Diplomacy	1	PYs will discuss how youth can contribute to the international society by discovering the strength and attraction of their own countries' culture or value, and to take part with their soft power.
2	Economic Growth and Sustainable Community	2.1	PYs will discuss how youth can contribute to developing economic growth while achieving sustainable society that maintains the livelihood for current generations and allows future generations to continue to live safely on the planet.
3	Global Environment and Climate Change	2.4 2.6	PYs will recognize the current environmental situation and acknowledge the issues of climate change and biodiversity in ASEAN member countries and Japan. On that basis, PYs will discuss how youth can contribute to balancing developments, urbanization and the establishment of sustainable society.
4	Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery	2.7	PYs will discuss how youth can contribute and maximize the achievement of disaster risk reduction and post-disaster recovery in the fields of politics, society, education and others. Subsequently, PYs will discuss current disaster situation from different perspectives and recognize the challenges and opportunities held among ASEAN member countries and Japan.
5	Good Health and Well-being	2.8	PYs will consider youth's health from physical, mental and social perspectives, the situations and challenges of youth mental health will be also discussed. At the same time, they consider defining what an ideal well-being is for youth and methods to achieve it.
6	Digital Society	2.9	PYs will understand the best practices from around the world where digital technology is used, and the current situation and issues in ASEAN member countries and Japan. On that bases, PYs will discuss how youth can contribute to promote digital society.