

# Ship for World Youth 2026



# What is the Ship for World Youth program (SWY) ?

- International Youths Exchange program on board the ship
- Organized by the Government of Japan since 1988
- Aiming to develop future youth leaders' ability, through the intensive training and exchange on board



# SWY 2026 : Countries



Cameroon



Canada



Chile



Dominican Republic



Greece



India



Jamaica



Mongolia



Mozambique



New Zealand



Palau



Spain

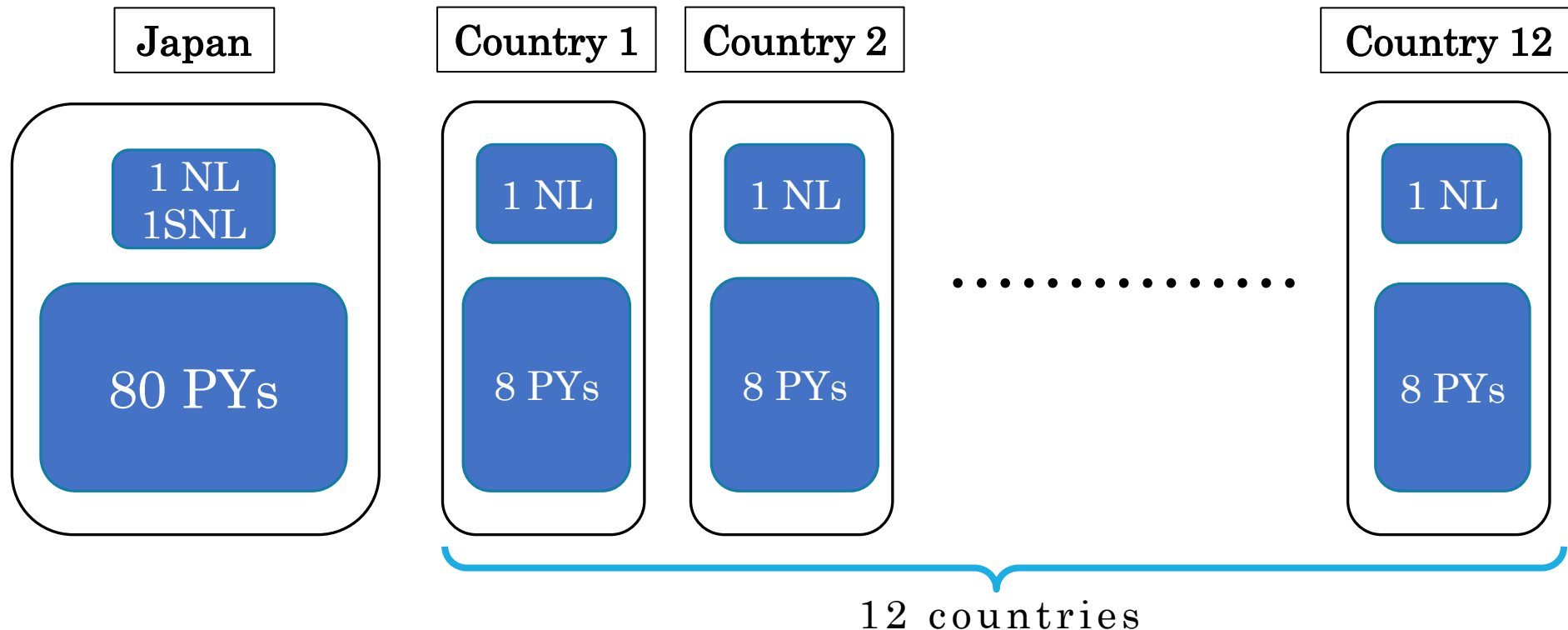


Japan

# SWY 2026 : Participants

## ■ Number of participants per country

- Participating Country : 1 National Leader(NL),  
8 Participating youths(PY)
- Japan : 1 NL+1SNL\*, 80 PYs



■ Total: 176 PYs + 13NLs + 1SNL

\*SNL : Sub-National Leader is only in Japanese delegation.



# SWY 2026 : Participants

## ■ Qualification

### ◆ Qualification of Participating Youth (PY)

The PY shall :

- be 18 to 30 years of age as of April 1,2025
- be interested in Japan and be expected to expand exchange and promote friendship among Japan and their own participating countries

### ◆ Qualification of National Leader (NL)

The NL shall :

- preferably in their thirties
- have the ability to lead NL's own delegation members

### ◆ Common qualification(PY & NL)

All the participants shall :

- hold a nationality and be a resident of their own participating country

\*There are other qualifications in addition to those listed above.



# SWY 2026 :Itinerary

	Date		Contents
DAY1	Feb.	15 Sun	Arrival of participants in Bangkok, stay at a hotel
DAY2		16 Mon	Embarkation to the ship, Orientation, Departure Ceremony, Departure from Bangkok
DAY3		17 Tue	Cruise
DAY4		18 Wed	Cruise
DAY5		19 Thu	Cruise
DAY6		20 Fri	Cruise
DAY7		21 Sat	Cruise
DAY8		22 Sun	Cruise
DAY9		23 Mon	Port of call activity in Okinawa (Cultural Experience Session)
DAY10		24 Tue	Port of call activity in Okinawa (Cultural Experience Session)
DAY11		25 Wed	Port of call activity in Okinawa (Cultural Experience Session)
DAY12		26 Thu	Cruise
DAY13		27 Fri	Cruise
DAY14		28 Sat	Port of call activity in Aichi (Project Based Learning session)
DAY15	Mar.	1 Sun	Port of call activity in Aichi (Project Based Learning session)
DAY16		2 Mon	Port of call activity in Aichi (Project Based Learning session)
DAY17		3 Tue	Port of call activity in Aichi (Project Based Learning session)
DAY18		4 Wed	Port of call activity in Aichi (Project Based Learning session)
DAY19		5 Thu	Cruise
DAY20		6 Fri	Cruise
DAY21		7 Sat	Cruise
DAY22		8 Sun	Arrival in Tokyo or Yokohama port
DAY23		9 Mon	Disembarkation Ceremony, Disembarkation, Tokyo session
DAY24		10 Tue	Tokyo session
DAY25		11 Wed	Tokyo session
DAY26		12 Thu	Summary Forum, Closing Ceremony
DAY27		13 Fri	Moving to the airport, Departure from Japan



\*The Audience with the Imperial Family and Courtesy Call on the Prime Minister by NL and PY representatives will be scheduled during Tokyo session.

\*The itinerary and cruise course are tentative.

# SWY 2026 : Course Discussion Group

## ● What is Course Discussion?

- PYs will be divided into 8 topic groups and work on different academic discussion topics related to the Project Based Learning session(PBL) to be conducted in Aichi, the second port of call.
- The Course Discussion is a discussion program conducted under the guidance of Facilitators

## ● Discussion Themes

1. Climate Change Action and Sustainable Energy
2. Entertainment for well-being
3. Risk Management for Natural Disasters
4. Social Inclusion
5. Startups and Impact Investment
6. Education in Local Community
7. Community Design
8. Inheritance of Traditional Culture



## ● What is PBL?

- In the PBL, PYs are expected to discuss and offer suggestions to the projects carried out by local governments or local organizations in Aichi to solve challenges Aichi is facing.



# Activities onboard ①





# Port of call Activities ①

## Cultural Experience Session



Cultural Experience



Visit to facilities



Courtesy Call on Local Government



Field Study



# Port of call Activities ②

## Project Based Learning Session





# Activities onboard ②





# Tokyo Session



Field Study



Courtesy call on  
the Prime Minister



Summary Forum



Closing Ceremony

# History of SWY

■ 1967

“The Japanese Youth Goodwill Cruise” Program starts

■ 1988

“Ship for World Youth” Program starts

■ 2021 - 2022

Online Exchange

COVID-19

■ 2023

Activities in Japan without a ship

■ 2024

Resuming the ship program in Japan

■ 2026

Program starting from Bangkok



Departure Ceremony (1968)



The first voyage crossing the Panama Canal (1989)



Online Exchange