

Outline on the Selection of Discussion Facilitators of the 49th SSEAYP in 2026

The Government of Japan shall select the discussion facilitators of the 49th Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP) 2026 based on the following principles and procedures:

1. Outline of the Discussion Program and the Post-Program Session

The Discussion Program intends to encourage the Participating Youths (PYs) to deepen their understanding of the current situation of the various fields in each country and **motivate them to act for solving problems in the respective fields**; as well as to promote mutual understanding; to improve the PYs' skills in exchanging views with other participants; and, to enhance their abilities in presenting their own ideas in public, through a free-flowing and active exchange of opinions.

Furthermore, it aims to equip the PYs with practical knowledge and skills that are necessary for them to conduct post-program activities, to encourage them to **come up with concrete ideas for possible post-program activities** and enhance their willingness to actively participate in the post-program activities by providing opportunities for PYs to utilize the results of the Discussion Program.

The Post-Program Session aims to deepen PYs' understanding on the Alumni Association (AA) of respective countries and the SSEAYP International which is the solidarity body of the AAs and allow PYs to design possible projects **to realize their ideas for post-program activities**.

2. Role of Facilitators

The Facilitators, who are well-informed and competent for facilitating discussions, shall be appointed to provide support for PYs in the Discussion Program.

Facilitators should have ample knowledge and experience in the respective group themes and the ability to facilitate discussions. As such, they are expected to provide the PYs with guidance and advice to carry out the Discussion Program as well as to utilize the results of the Discussion Program to the Post-Program Session.

- Determine and propose the group objectives for approval of the Administration.
- Draft the basic information and pre-program assignments for approval of the Administration. (Contact the PYs of the group directly for detailed instruction upon approval from the Administration.)
- Coordinate and manage the assigned discussion group.
- Facilitate the group discussions and give support and advice to the PYs of the group in charge.
- Consolidate and summarize DG report made by the PYs of the group and submit it to the Administration.
- Coordinate and manage the sessions of "Introductory Program," "Wrap-up session", Project Management part in the "Introduction to post-program projects design and implementation," and "Presentation of Discussion Results."
- Attend the meeting with the representatives from Alumni Association of participating countries (they are called On Board Ship Conference (OBSC) representatives during the program and will embark on the ship in Singapore on February 7) to turn over the outcomes of the Discussion Activity as well as PYs' ideas and proposals for post-program activities.

3. Qualification of the Facilitators

- (1) Good command of English to facilitate discussion.
- (2) Profound knowledge and experience in the field of the discussion theme in charge.
- (3) Ability to carry out the role of facilitator such as to facilitate research and discussion among PYs.
- (4) Attend the Online Facilitators Meeting scheduled on **August 25, 2025**.
- (5) Participate throughout the Program (country program in Japan and activities both onboard and in the countries to be visited).
- (6) Bear the expense for preparing the equipment required for the Online Facilitators Meeting, etc. (computers (not smartphones), internet connection environment, etc.)
- (7) Submit report by the due date (The due date will be informed in the Facilitators Meeting).
- (8) Be sound in mental and body.
- (9) Cooperate in following with the necessary measures against infectious diseases such as COVID-19 and influenza requested by the Cabinet Office as deemed necessary (e.g., wearing face mask, hand sanitization, testing, isolation measures, etc.)
※ Other measures may be required for participation in case quarantine measures, etc. are tightened at the point of entry to Japan or the countries to be visited.

4. Procedures

Please register your name and email address in the application system from the Cabinet Office website by **23:00, June 13, 2025 (JST)**. Once you completed the registration, you will receive an email with an application form. Please fill out the application form provided and submit it with **one letter of recommendation** by replying to the email by **23:00, June 20, 2025 (JST)**. *Letter of recommendation must be written by a person who can certify the specialized knowledge and experience of the applicant. Please submit only one recommendation letter regardless of the number of applications.

5. Selection

The Government of Japan will select and decide the facilitators.

6. Expenses

The Government of Japan shall bear the following costs.

- (1) The one-way economy class airfare for those from countries from other than Japan, from the designated airport by the Japanese Government to Tokyo, Japan to participate in the program (excluding excess baggage fee).
- (2) The one-way economy class airfare for those from countries from other than Thailand, from Bangkok, Thailand to the designated airport by the Japanese Government after the program (excluding excess baggage fee).
- (3) Expenses for accommodation and meal fees during the program (January 19 to February 17), and transportation expenses in Japan necessary for the implementation of the program.
- (4) Remuneration for the program (estimate amount 364,800 JPY (tax included)).
- (5) Medical and accident insurance during the country program in Japan, countries to be visited and the onboard program.

*Necessary equipment including PC, internet access should be prepared by the facilitators themselves.

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Detailed Schedule (tentative)

By the end of July	Pre-program	Selection of Facilitators Japanese government will determine the Facilitators.
August 25		Facilitators Meeting (Online) The objectives of each DG shall be finalized.
By the end of October		Japanese government decides the groupings of PYs. Pre-program assignments and contact lists shall be ready.



January 19	Program in Japan	Arrival of facilitators in Japan
January 21 to 26		Discussion Group Meeting (Discussion Program Steering Committee members selected) Discussion Program Steering Committee Meeting (Discussion of the details of implementation) Introductory Program Group Discussion I Field Study (Relevant to discussion group themes)



January 27 to February 3	Onboard Program I	Discussion Program Steering Committee Meeting Group Discussion II to V Wrap-up Program (DG reports, Presentation Preparation and Self Evaluation)
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February 4 to 8	Program in Singapore	Field Study (TBC)
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February 9 to 10	Onboard Program II	Introduction to post-program projects design and implementation (Facilitators will be in charge of “Project Management”)
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February 11 to 16	Program in Thailand	Field Study (TBC) (Presentation Preparation) Presentation of Discussion Results
February 17		Departure from Thailand

*The above schedule is subject to change under circumstances.

- Facilitators will arrive in Japan on January 19 and depart from Thailand on February 17.
- Post Program Sessions will mainly be conducted by OBSC representatives who will assemble and embark on the ship in Singapore on February 7 and depart from Thailand on February 17.