



The 50th SSEAYP

Outline of the Program



Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

HISTORY of SSEAYP

BACKGROUND

The Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP) is a joint project between Japan and ASEAN member countries, launched in 1974. The program is carried out by the government of Japan with the active participation and cooperation of ASEAN member countries.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

1974		Indonesia
		Japan
		Malaysia
		Philippines
		Singapore
		Thailand
1985		Brunei Darussalam
1996		Viet Nam
1998		Lao P.D.R.
		Myanmar
2000		Cambodia
2026		Timor-Leste

The participating countries of the 1st SSEAYP in 1974 were the following five ASEAN member countries at that time, Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore and Kingdom of Thailand. And of course, Japan.

Brunei Darussalam joined in 1985, Socialist Republic of Vietnam in 1996, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Republic of the Union of Myanmar in 1998, and Kingdom of Cambodia in 2000, following their respective admission to ASEAN.

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste joined in 2026



PURPOSE

The aims of the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP) are to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and the ASEAN member countries, to broaden their perspective on the world, and furthermore, to strengthen their spirit of international cooperation and practical skills for international collaboration. 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 and to contribute to the society in the areas such as youth development.

Tentative Schedule and Cruise Route (Tentative)

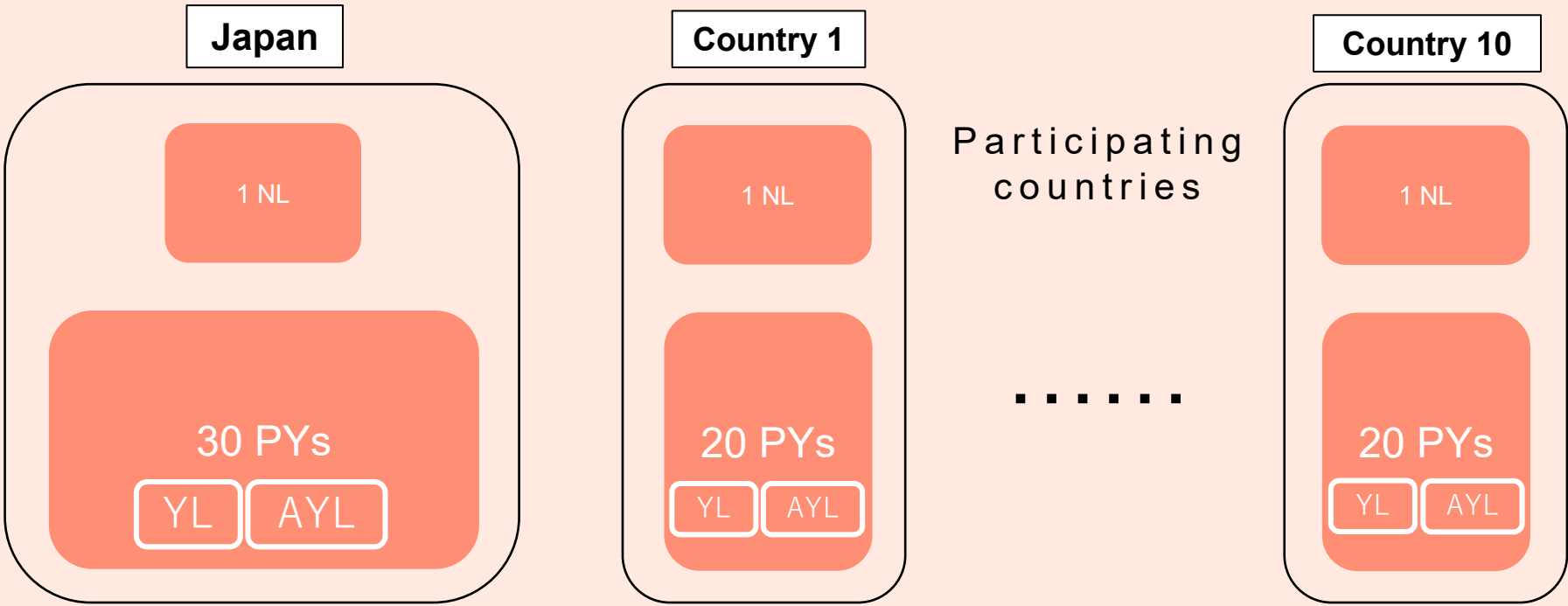
Online Pre Session	Oct. 24	Sat	14:00-18:00 (JST) -Tentative-	
Onboard Duration	Date		Contents	
Day 1	Jan. 3	Sat	Arrival of NLTs and PYs from ASEAN member countries and Facilitators	
Day 2	1	4 Sun	Embarkation to the Ship (late afternoon)	
Day 3	2	5 Mon	Departure Ceremony, Set sail (16:00)	
Day 4	3	6 Tue	Cruise 1	
Day 5	4	7 Wed	Cruise 2	
Day 6	5	8 Thu	Cruise 3	
Day 7	6	9 Fri	Cruise 4	
Day 8	7	10 Sat	Cruise 5	
Day 9	8	11 Sun	Cruise 6	
Day 10	9	12 Mon	Cruise 7	
Day 11	10	13 Tue	Cruise 8	
Day 12	11	14 Wed	Berth in Sihanoukville (Cambodia) (08:00)	
Day 13	12	15 Thu	Country Program in Cambodia	
Day 14	13	16 Fri	Departure (17:00)	
Day 15	14	17 Sat	Cruise 9	
Day 16	15	18 Sun	Cruise 10	
Day 17	16	19 Mon	Berth in Kuching (Malaysia) (08:00)	
Day 18	17	20 Tue	Departure (17:00)	
Day 19	18	21 Wed	Cruise 11	
Day 20	19	22 Thu	Cruise 12	
Day 21	20	23 Fri	Cruise 13	
Day 22	21	24 Sat	Berth in Manila (Philippines) (08:00)	【Arrival of AA representatives】
Day 23	22	25 Sun	Country Program in Philippines	
Day 24	23	26 Mon	Departure (17:00)	
Day 25	24	27 Tue	Cruise 14	
Day 26	25	28 Wed	Cruise 15	
Day 27	26	29 Thu	Cruise 16	
Day 28	27	30 Fri	Cruise 17	
Day 29	28	31 Sat	Cruise 18	
Day 30	29	Feb. 1 Sun	Berth in Tokyo (11:00)	
Day 31		2 Mon	Japan Program ①	
Day 32		3 Tue	Japan Program ②	
Day 33		4 Wed	Japan Program ③	
Day 34		5 Thu	Departure of NLTs and PYs of ASEAN member countries	



Participating countries & Number of participants per country

Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Kingdom of Thailand, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and Japan

- ASEAN member countries : 1 NL, 20 PYs including 1 YL & 1 AYL
- Japan : 1 NL, 30 PYs including 1 YL & 1 AYL



Total Number of Participants

Total: 241 participants

○ 11 NLs

○ 230 PYs

Country	No. of NL	No. of PYs	Total
Brunei Darussalam	1	20	21
Cambodia	1	20	21
Indonesia	1	20	21
Lao P.D.R.	1	20	21
Malaysia	1	20	21
Philippines	1	20	21
Singapore	1	20	21
Thailand	1	20	21
Viet Nam	1	20	21
Timor-Leste	1	20	21
Japan	1	30	31
Total	11	230	241

Discussion Themes

DG	Theme	No.	Contents (tentative)
1	Sustainable Tourism	1.7	PYs will understand the status and issues of tourism in ASEAN member countries and Japan and discuss how youth can contribute to the realization of sustainable tourism where both tourists and tourist spots give positive effects each other and its negative impact on the economies, cultures, communities, and environments of the places being visited can be mitigated.
2	Quality Education	1.8~1.16	PYs will understand the status and issues of education in ASEAN member countries and Japan. On that basis, PYs will discuss how youth can contribute to ensuring inclusive and quality education and lifelong learning for all.
3	Promotion of Economic Resilience	2.1	PYs will understand the economic status and challenges that ASEAN and Japan face, being posed by global disruptions such as pandemic. On that basis, PYs will discuss how youth can play a key role in promoting economic and contribute to addressing economic coercion.
4	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.
5	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.
6	Health and Medical Care	2.8	PYs will understand the current situation and challenges of health and medical care in ASEAN countries and Japan. On that basis, PYs will discuss how youth can contribute to ensure healthy lives and contribute to promoting better medical care.
7	Digital Society and Artificial Intelligence(AI)	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. In particular, as the use of AI continues to advance, PYs will also discuss the expanded use of AI technology and its impact on the labor market.
8	Social Welfare and Inclusion	2.12	PYs will understand the status and issues of social welfare systems in ASEAN countries and Japan. On that basis, PYs will discuss how youth can contribute to the realization of an inclusive and diverse society where equal opportunities are guaranteed to all, including the elderly, people with disabilities and children, can have a role, support each other, and have equal opportunities to live their own lives with peace of mind.

Discussion Themes are selected based on 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)



Click on below URL to view “Implementation Plan of the Joint Vision Statement”
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Detailed Schedule of the Discussion Program (tentative)

By the end of July	Pre-program	Selection of Facilitators
August 26		1st Facilitators Meeting (Online)
By the end of October		Japanese government decides the groupings of PYs. Pre-program assignments and contact lists shall be ready.
November 4		2nd Facilitators Meeting (Online)
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October 24	Online pre-Session	Preparation for the program including icebreakers and exchange activities (Discussion Program Steering Committee members may be selected)
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January 3	Arrival	Arrival of facilitators
January 4 to 13	Onboard Program I	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 to IV
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January 14 to 16	Program in Cambodia	Field Study (TBC)
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January 17 to 18	Onboard Program II	Group Discussion V
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January 19 to 20	Program in Malaysia	TBC
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January 21 to 23	Onboard Program III	Wrap Up, DG report, Presentation Preparation Presentation of Discussion Results
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January 24 to 26	Program in Philippines	Meeting with the representatives of Alumni Associations Disembarkation



*The schedule is subject to change under the circumstances.