

Impression of PYs

NATIONAL PRESENTATION

(Hjh. Siti Zaharah binti Hj. Murni, BPY)

The National Day Presentation of Brunei Darussalam was held on December 2, 2012. After many nights of rehearsals, we finally had the opportunity to introduce the traditions, history and culture of our country. It was a night filled with a showcase of our Abode of Peace, Brunei Darussalam. From the swift moves of the 'Silat' to the delicate dance of 'Alus Jua Dendang,' which symbolizes happiness and love, to the humorous 'Tarian Kura-Kura,' the performance was a celebration of our heritage.

The support given at the backstage by PYs from other contingents made our task much easier. This shows that SSEAYP has made our friendship and bond developed beyond national borders. SSEAYP has not only given us the opportunity to meet new people but more importantly, it has taught us to always lend a helping hand. The friendship and experiences gained from SSEAYP are far more than what I expected from the program.



CULTURE SHOCK (Rodolfo 'Sonny' SB. Virtus Jr., PPY)

When Fuji Maru reached Muara Port in Brunei Darussalam for the last country program, I was looking forward to the usual 'noisy and loud' experience for someone visiting a foreign country for the first time.

What welcomed me instead were long stretches of fields, parked cars, and streets with very few people. We were brought to 'silent' places: mosques, museums, water village, among others.

My 'wish list' may not have been met but I gained greater gifts: a unique cultural experience and a 'home' away from home. Of all the homestays, I felt the closest connection with the Bruneians because of similarities with the Filipino family – closely-knitted and extended family.

Voluntary Activities (Yuki Tange, JPY)

JPY found the new aspect of Japan within us through the program. So we decided to organize voluntary activities which can express our hospitality as Japanese to the respective Participating Youth from ASEAN countries.

We organized ECO CAFÉ. The theme is 'MOTTAINAI'.

'MOTTAINAI' is the Japanese word and our original spirit, which means that what a waist. We then asked the PYs to bring their own cup not to waste any paper cup so that they can feel the spirit. We introduced UMESHU (Plum wine) and Green tea. For the entertainment, we performed live music. For the café time we prepared acoustic music. For the Bar time, we prepared classic music to show the talent of our contingent.

During the SSEAYP, we learned a lot from other respective PYs. They inspired us and helped us to express ourselves even more. As a result of it, during this Voluntary activity, all the JPY became so creative. Some of them made movie themselves to promote the 'MOTTAINAI' spirit. Some of them started to express themselves by music.

We have to cooperate to make a better environmental world with the spirit of 'MOTTAINAI' and promote REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE.

DISCUSSION GROUP ACTIVITIES (Teo Yao Yang, SPY)

Discussion activity is really meaningful program as it strives to be the bridge that encourages PYs to contribute actively to social activities.

Although the discussion platform was relatively broad-based, 8 different courses gave opportunities the PYs to explore and discuss issues of each country.

Personally, I would definitely have preferred to go deeper because I believe going deeper into pertinent social issues would create a more conducive environment for insightful ideas through leveraging the collective minds of the PYs.

That being said, I perceive the post discussion program very favorably due to the practicality of it. By putting what we learnt into practice, it forces the PYs to participate in active learning towards a social good.

Overall, I am very satisfied with post program sessions because discussion in the sessions comforted me to know that the end of SSEAYP leads to the birth of an idea that would contribute immensely to the society.





Post-Program Activities

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

SSEAYP 2011 participants had accomplished their main objective in the Post-Program Activity project known as “**SI (SSEAYP International). OK! Awareness Campaign.**” This project was scheduled in March 2012.

“**SI. OK! Awareness Campaign**” was also aimed to create awareness and interest in youth-related programs and to provide clear idea and information about each of their Action Plans for year 2012. Thus, the project also functions as an introductory campaign to give out detailed information about the Action Plans that will be conducted in 2012 the whole year.

Upcoming

The 39th batch of SSEAYP upcoming PPA is a leadership camp that will be held in June 2013 with a theme ‘**Lead The Way.**’ They will implement the knowledge and ideas gained during their 53 days in SSEAYP to the participants of this camp. Pre-project road show will begin in mid-February 2013. It aims to improve the leadership skills among the youth in Brunei Darussalam.

CAMBODIA

On February 25, 2012, CPYs 2011 successfully led “**Green and Clean Beach.**” 100 people participated in the activities including students in Sihanouk Ville Province with the support from Ministry of Education Youth and Sport and SIC.

Upcoming

The rural village in Cambodia is still surrounded by unclean, polluted environment that causes health problem to the people in the community, especially children.

During SSEAYP discussion, Participating Youths learnt about project management, and through the discussion topics onboard they combined different themes of Food and Nutrition, Environment, Health Education and School Education into a project “**Small Step, Big Change.**” The goal of the Project is to raise awareness of healthy lifestyle among parents and children in a rural village.

INDONESIA

After the short term of PPA “Open the Window to the World,” IPYs 2011 continue their long term project which is to support Rumah Zakat, a non-profit organization that engages in activities to support the government in eradication of poverty and to give education support to unfortunate societies in Indonesia.

Upcoming

SIAP (SSEAYP Indonesia for Exchange and Preserve)

IPYs 2012 ready to improve the economy of Kulon Progo district at D.I Yogyakarta by preserving Batik as Indonesian intangible heritage, which already recognized by the UNESCO.

The program consist of two segments: developing a website to promote Batik and at the same time buying and selling Batik products through online portal. 10% of the profit will be donated to support Mitra Netra Foundation for Braille Book publication.

Developing a Batik Training Program which creates a new generation of batik maker is to increase the employment rate in Kulon Progo District.

Japan

September 1-2, 2012, “**J-SSEAYP**” was held by JPY 2011 in Tokyo and 50 people involved. This was a cultural exchange program which aims to provide an opportunity for youth of Japan and Southeast Asia. Theme of 1st J-SSEAYP was “Discover the diversity of South East Asian culture through diverse religions.” What participants can gain from J-SSEAYP are: diversity of Southeast Asia, networking, pleasure of international exchange, friendship, re-discover yourself and appreciate your own culture.

Upcoming

Resulted from their experience of SSEAYP, JPY 2012 will organize “**Happy Camp Project.**” They experienced coexisting societies where people respect each other even though they come from different background during SSEAYP. The camp provide various activities to create uniqueness such as cooking, playing sports and making handy craft. It aims to develop confidence of uniqueness of children through interact with minorities living in Japan, and to increase the number of youths that can appreciate and respect a diversity among Japan. As a result, participants will bring back the experience and share it with their own communities.

LAO P.D.R.

February 18, 2011, LPY2011 successfully conducted their first post program activities (PPA) “**I know, you know, we know,**” at Sithong High School, Vientiane. The PPA was utilized from their action plan with the objectives to share and create awareness about “HIV/AIDS” to the students, as well as sharing information about SSEAYP program. There were 79 participants attended this program.

Upcoming

LPY2012 comes up with project named “**Heart of PYs (HOPYs).**” The objectives are to “Develop and Improve the Quality of Education” and create “School Model.” Apart from this, LPY2012 had successfully conducted their social contribution activities at “Nongbuathong Primary School” before joining the SSEAYP 2012. For the upcoming PPA, LPY2012 hope to continue the project and utilize the basic knowledge and lessons learned from SSEAYP through activities: school education, environment, food/nutrition education social contribution and culture which will be implemented from January 2013 to November 2013.

MALAYSIA

Post Program Activity Report “**1 Student 1 Society**” on June 26, 2012 at Sports School, National Sport Complex Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The program J-ASEAN Culture Day carried out by Malaysian Participating Youths in 2011. The program run smoothly and experienced no difficulty with the aims to create awareness among student through sports towards Youth Society or youth organizations and introduce Japan and ASEAN cultures within the region.

Upcoming

Rainbow Initiative Project is a 4-Day 3-Night Youth Camp targeting 15-18 years old to promote multi-racial and mutual understanding among different races and religion. It aims to develop leadership skills through various activities to identify and nurture potential talented youth leaders. In addition, it also helps to raise interest and participation of volunteerism among the youth.

MYANMAR

MyPY 2011 successfully opened the "**Enlightening Nursery**" Library in Minn Village, Mandalay Region on May 30, 2012 with 1,300 books for 9 to 16 years old of students and villagers. A village woman donated the land for the library, MyPYs initiated the funding by estimated 1,800 US\$ and the rest of the costs, construction materials and books were donated by both local and other donors. The village youths volunteered for the library construction sites. The Library Working Committee and MyPYs supervised the progress of the building at the site. Thereafter the library was completed by the work of many diverse stakeholders such as SSEAYP PYs and village youths, village's authorities, donors and local community. The project also succeeded in building the base of sustainability of this library.

Upcoming

HANDS IN HANDS, HEARTS TO HEARTS (4HS) is to provide sustainable voluntary English teaching support to help low income students pass matriculation examination in 2014. The target is the 70-100 students (16-18 yrs old) of Shwe Pyi Thar Township, Yangon for three years. MyPY 2012's ultimate goals are to upgrade students' English language skills enough to catch up the other subjects taught in English easily, and they can either go on university or get a well-paid job.

THE PHILIPPINES

PPYs 2011 participated in a Gawad Kalinga (GK) Build in Brgy. Sta. Elena, Iligan City, for their PPA called "**Project Bayanihan (community spirit)**," which aims to make PPYs 2011 a partner to GK Lanao del Norte by providing volunteers for the GK Bayani Challenge. PPYs 2011 built a house which is now the home of four families.

Upcoming

Hope Philippines aims to address needs of teachers and children in three selected island communities in each of the country's major island group to get more access to their school and better quality of education.

The project complements 39th SSEAYP 2012's Change for Change project which raised SGD1,500 to be donated to the Yellow Boat Foundation to build yellow boats to be used by children from island villages to go to their schools. Change for Change is the very first Post-Program Activity implemented by all the PYs while still onboard in SSEAYP history.



Project Hope Philippines will provide capacity building activities and material support to teachers and children in the selected island communities through computer literacy and leadership training, computer units and reference materials in the next three years. The first phase will be implemented from January to June 2013.

SINGAPORE

"**Project Hand-in-Hand**" was successfully organized by SPYs 2011. The purpose is to build partnership of mutual benefits among the members of SPYs 2011 and 2012 and the mentally challenged children and to heighten awareness that special needs pupils are able to contribute to the society; committed to service and community involvement.

Upcoming

Home Insing is a home stay program that consists of cultural exchange tour that brings together foreign students and local youths from disadvantaged backgrounds. This will be followed by a home stay experience program which involves local host families and foreign students. SPY 2012 are targeting only 100 tertiary going students and have identified possible collaborations such as youth homes: where SPY 2012 could recruit their liaison officers for the cultural exchange tour. SPYs 2012 can tap on the existing foster families and various government agencies for funding and community building.

THAILAND

TPY 2011 renovated the flood-affected Chao Fah Sang Primary School in Ayutthaya province and built a J-ASEAN Corner in the school library. Games and fun activities are used to educate about ASEAN and Japan on National Children's Day.

Upcoming

TPY 2012 pass the experience of SSEAYP to Thai youth whom they believe to be the precious human capital that contributes to sustainability of the development of Thai society in the near future.

There are potential youth in each province of Thailand but still lack of opportunity and on platform to develop themselves as good future leaders. The simulated program aims to inspire potential youth leaders to contribute back to the society.

The 6-day camp will be held on Samed Island in Rayong province. The camp activities include: Group Discussion, Solidarity Group activities, Cultural Day Presentation, Post-Program Activity Proposal.

VIETNAM

VPYs 2011 have successfully implemented their PPA called '**Join Hands Share Smile**' which aimed to provide basic supports for children of primary schools in remote northern Son La Province and highland Daklak Province in Vietnam to provide such as 200 blankets and 600 books.

Upcoming

Hand-to-Hand is to educate students in primary schools to wash their hands more often. To implement this project, the organizers will sponsor for a better water facility in the school ground and hold occasional training sessions for the students on using soap, thus to encourage them to keep their hands clean.



Country Report

SSEAYP International Brunei Darussalam

December 18, 2011 – BERSATU organized a Welcoming party for BPY2011 at an island. This party was held with the aim to introduce the BPY2011 into the association and to bring all ex-PYs closer. It was also aimed to give appreciation for all the hard work done during the Brunei country programme.

February 23, 2012 - BERSATU participated in Brunei Darussalam 29th National Day Mass Parade.

April 24 – 27, 2012 - A total of 38 participants joined 24th SIGA in Tokyo, led by Mr. Zulkifli bin Haji Asmad, deputy Secretary General of BERSATU.

September 16, 2012 – BERSATU or-

ganized an Eid Fitr Celebration at Youth Centre in the capital. The main aim of this event was to serve as a platform to unite former SSEAYP participants and to foster friendship with community, host families and officials from Japanese Embassy were invited to this event.

November 15 -19, 2012 - Mr. Ibrahim bin Haji Sabli and Ms. Norhayati binti Haji Nordin represented BERSATU to the 59th Council of Presidents Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

December 3 - 6, 2012 – For the 39th SSEAYP 2012 Country Program in Brunei Darussalam, BERSATU was responsible for the homestay program and reception committees.



December 15 - 16, 2012 – A Welcoming Camping for BPY2012 was held at the Recreational Park with the purpose for debriefing on BPY2012 Post-Program Activities and at the same to alleviate our never ending SSEAYP sickness.

SSEAYP International Cambodia

January, SIC Annual General Assembly: This assembly was held with the presence of H.E. Chey Chab, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport. During the Assembly, SIC executive member reported the success of activities in 2011 and the plan for 2012.

October Charity Night: Kuntha Bopha Pediatric Hospitals are operating free of charge with high performance treatment and facility. Recently, due to high number of patients, the Hospitals are in financial crises. With that reasons, SIC

with other PYs in all batches conducted a charity night to raise money for Kuntha Bopha Pediatric Hospitals. It was very successful and around 500 of people from government, youth associations, private sectors, PYs and their families joined. We collected **8,168 USD** from the Charity Night to donate to the Pediatric Hospitals.

Council of Presidents Meeting: President of SI Cambodia and an executive member joined the meeting in Thailand to share the idea on the 40th Anniversary of SSEAYP, preparation of SIGA in



Lao P.D.R. and past social activities of Ex-PYs. President was also a member of panelists in International Youth Forum on “Role of Youth in ASEAN Integration.”

SSEAYP International Indonesia

December 24, 2011 - IPY 2011 has implemented their Post Program Activity with theme “Open the Window for the World.” They combined all discussion topics into 5 activities among which two of them have been integrated because these have a connection.

April 2012 - 64 participants joined in SIGA Japan 2012, consist of ex-PYs,

host families and government officials.

April – December 2012, - Strategic partnership has been tied with the government to conduct the annual activity: recruitment of the PYs and NL selection, Facilitator endorsement, OBSC selection, Pre Departure Training, Country Program and Re Entry Program.

July 29, 2012 - Mr. Badaruzaman (IPY 2007) was elected as a new president of SII Inc. for the period of 2012 – 2014, and he was officially inaugurated by the Deputy of Youth Empowerment of

Ministry Youth and Sport Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia on July 29, 2012.

ICT & Media Directorate: the website of www.sseaypindonesia.blogspot.com reached a milestone by 16,000 – 22,000 hits in 3 months.

September 28 - 30, 2012 - Kabesa have a bilateral alumni visit to SII Inc. on September 28 – 30, 2012.

Joint Workshop between AITE Thailand – SII Inc. for the Ministry of Education Sri Lanka on October 22-27, 2012.



International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO)

IYEO, through each prefectural IYEO, has been engaged in support activities for affected areas of Great East Japan Earthquake, especially at the most affected such as Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures. As we continue our support activities, cooperation such as encouraging messages from other countries would be greatly appreciated.

The IYEO challenge Fund was launched FY2011 to encourage IYEO members to initiate new projects targeting the general public. If the applicants were successful, they can receive a subsidy for maximum of up to 100,000 yen to implement the

project.

In FY2012, two groups were selected.

August 25-26, 2012: "Youth Welfare Forum for the People with Disabilities in Oita 2012" was organized mainly by former participants of the Young Core Leaders of Civil Society Groups Development Program who were sent to New Zealand in FY2011, with cooperation of local administration and other organizations, presenting outcomes of the experiences in New Zealand and discussing various issues. It successfully drew a hundred of participants who work for/with people with disabilities.



September 1-2, 2012: "J-SSEAYP" was implemented by the JPY of 38th SSEAYP as one night residential program with discussion and cultural exchange program targeting students. (Refer to page. 5)

Lao SSEAYP Alumni Association (LSAA)

Currently LaoSAA has been carried of 28 committee members working for Alumni Association and recruit e new member to join in the working committee for 25th SI-GA in 2013.

April 2012, LaoSAA sent representatives to join the SIGA 2012 in Japan and hand over the next SIGA to be held in Lao P.D.R.

May 2012, LaoSAA had been successful of the selection representative of Lao Participating Youths to join the SSEAYP 2012 and Index Program.

August 2012, LaoSAA has supported LPY2012 joining voluntary events the "Youth Boots Decoration Competition"

and August 18, 2012 for the "Japanese Festival" held in Vientiane Capital.

September 2012, LaoSAA had hosted the index program from Japan.

November 2012, LaoSAA had sent representatives to attend the Council of Presidents (COP) meeting in Thailand and updated about 25th SIGA.

February 18, 2012, LPY2012 had successfully conducted their first PPA "HIV/AIDS" as named "I know you know we know", in Sithong High School, Santhong District, Vientiane.

September 29, 2012, under the LaoSAA the first Project of LPY2012 was launched before embark to the SSEAYP 2012.



SSEAYP International Malaysia (KABESA)

KABESA has revamped and altered its Vision and Mission according to the vast changing environment. KABESA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2012 was held at International Youth Centre at Bandar Tun Razak in Kuala Lumpur with new line up of Executive Committee Members and attended by members. This year KABESA developed an Official Website and Social Network (Facebook) to connect and relay information to all ex-MaPY and Executive Committee Members throughout the country. KABESA took the lead and initiated Lateral Courtesy Business Network together with SSEAYP International Singapore (SIS) and SSEAYP International Indonesia Inc. (SII) to further promote mutual understanding and network among those with common business interest in Business Trading, Eco-Tourism,

Job Matching local and international were established. Next action plan will be discussed further during our visit to BER-SATU, ASSEAY, LSAA, SIC, VA-CYF, SIP and IYEO soon.

Recently KABESA members hosted a Welcoming Reunion Dinner with three National Leaders from batch 96 (Singapore, Indonesia & Malaysia) at a famous restaurant in Kuala Lumpur and during Ramadan KABESA also hosted The Ramadan Feast Gathering with Muslim and Non-Muslim members in a local cuisine restaurant next to the Merdeka Square in Kuala Lumpur. KABESA organized a Post Program Activities (PPA) such as Feed The Homeless, it became an eye opener event during Ramadan Month. The event had a good impact to the ex-PY's and realized, "how fortunate" we are

as Ex-PYs.

SSEAYP International Singapore (SIS) attended Eid Fitr Gathering held at Rakan Muda Centre Puchong, Selangor organized by KABESA and members. For the past three years KABESA is already involved as Channel Partners in Asian Pacific Young Business Conference held in Renaissance Hotel in Kuala Lumpur in November.

