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Photo taken during Vietnam Country Program, second Port of Call for the 42nd SSEAYP

The 42nd SSEAYP started from 28 October until 15 December 2015. The ship left Harumi Port, Japan, and visited 4 Ports of Call along the way, before finally returning to Japan. Throughout the journey, the Participating Youths (PYs) engaged in both Solidarity Group (SG), Discussion Group (DG) and Club Activity (CA), as well as the various local programs at the respective Ports of Call. Through these activities, PYs not only forged new friendships, they also deepened their knowledge and understanding of one another's culture and beliefs.

ROUTE AND PORT OF CALL

Japan (Tokyo)	28 Oct – 4 Nov
Philippines (Manila)	11 Nov – 14 Nov
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City)	17 Nov – 21 Nov
Representatives visited Lao P.D.R. by air	18 Nov – 20 Nov
Myanmar (Yangon)	26 Nov – 29 Nov
Malaysia (Kota Kinabalu)	5 Dec – 8 Dec
Japan (Tokyo)	15 Dec

DURATION

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► INTERVIEW



Mr. HIDEKI UEMURA

ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE 42ND SSEAYP 2015

Mr. Hideki Uemura believes that SSEAYP is an essential platform for the youth to gain experience and exposure towards other cultures. He sees that the Participating Youths (PYs) have high abilities, outstanding communication and leadership skills beyond their age. But these skills were enhanced when they embarked on this journey and experienced SSEAYP firsthand. They were able to broaden their perspective and respect each other's differences. Mr. Uemura shares his dream to see the PYs as catalysts of change who will impact other youths in their own countries through the Post Program Activities (PPA) that they will conduct upon the completion of the SSEAYP program.



Captain SHIGEHIRO KUBO

CAPTAIN OF NIPPON MARU

Captain Shigehiro Kubo, a first time captain for SSEAYP, has been working as a ship crew with the program for 25 years. Most of his career life is on board the ship including his 25th anniversary celebration last October. This time is considered as another remarkable experience for him for having a chance to dock in Myanmar for the second time after his first visit 20 years ago. In his perspective, Myanmar has changed a lot over the years in terms of development such as buildings and vehicles. The only thing that has not changed is its traditional costume. For the past 25 years on board, PYs this year are more active than the ones he met before. Lastly, he emphasizes that it is important for PYs to keep in touch with their beloved friends and have a safe journey back to their respective home countries.



NATIONAL LEADERS

The SSEAYP experience will not be complete without the leadership and guidance of the National Leaders (NLs). On behalf of the NLs, Mr. Zuraimi, Singapore National Leader was honored to be given this opportunity to lead the PYs for 51 days and expressed his deepest gratitude to the various local Program's Reception Committees for hosting the PYs and NLs.

Singapore - Mr Zuraimi Bin Abdul Basheer
Cambodia - Mr Chiv Ratha
Malaysia - Mr Mohd Mu Azam Shah Bin Abdul Mutalib
Lao P.D.R. - Mr Thathsaphone Lerththavone
Philippines - Mr Diaz, Alfredo Bayoneta
Japan - Ms Ikuko Nakano
Vietnam - Mr Nguyen Quoc Tuan
Myanmar - Mr Nanda Aung
Brunei Darussalam - Mr Pg Anak Mohd Sofian Pg Anak Ibrahim
Indonesia - Ms Syafwina
Thailand - Mr Damrong Jaiyot