

▶ VIETNAM ALUMNI CLUB OF YOUTH FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Jan - Apr 2015 - Alumni held SSEAYP workshops in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh city to help youths understand about the objective of SSEAYP, providing them support as they prepare to apply for SSEAYP.

21-26 Apr 2015 - 27th SIGA and SCA was held in Hanoi and Ha Long Bay, Vietnam with the theme "ASEAN - Japan Cooperation for a better future through alumni activities".

Apr 2015 - VPY 2014 implemented their Post-Program Activity "A Thousand Smiles" in Hanoi.

May 2015 - Alumni sat in interview

panel for selecting participants for the 42nd SSEAYP.

Jun 2015 - Alumni together with Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union organized the first SSEAYP Vietnam Participating Youth Selection Camp for 5 days.

Jul 2015 - Alumni conducted training activities for SSEAYP by respective regions.

Aug - Sep 2015 - VPY 2012 continued their 3rd PPA project "Hand to hand" in Dak Lak Province, Vietnam.

Oct 2015 - Pre-departure Training for the 42nd SSEAYP was held in Ha Noi.

Sep - Nov 2015 - Alumni was part of the Reception Committee for the 42nd SSEAYP Country Program in Vietnam.

Nov 2015 - Alumni went to Philippines, Myanmar and Malaysia for Reunion on Board during the 42nd SSEAYP 2015.



VPY 2014 conducting their PPA "A Thousand Smiles" in Hanoi

PY IMPRESSION

The 42nd SSEAYP journey ended successfully on 15 Dec 2015 at Port Harumi. All 309 PYs had a lively exchange of ideas, experiences, and traditions, and though the ship journey has come to an end, it actually signifies a new beginning as an Ex-PY, as the saying goes "once a PY, forever a PY!"

DISCUSSION GROUP

"IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO EXCHANGE THE IDEAS"

I understand the current status within the region. I am inspired to do something meaningful to spread the spirit of youth entrepreneurship.

- Rifi, **IPY**

I feel lucky to be in DG 2 (Cross-Cultural Understanding Promotion) where I learn to appreciate and understand the diversities of culture.

- Adi, **IPY**

CLUB ACTIVITY

CA is surely one of the most valuable and fun activities of SSEAYP, it gives us an opportunity to make new friends from different contingents and understand their unique traditional games. More importantly, it strengthens our friendship and promotes a sense of team spirit because we mostly play as a team.

- Bobby, **LPY**

FLAG HOISTING

Flag hoisting ceremony is one of the most important ceremonies we have in SSEAYP. Standing in lines by contingent, wearing attire A1, and seeing our country's national flag hoisted on stage evaporates the sense of pride and patriotism within ourselves. It also reminds us on how lucky we are to be chosen as one of the PYs, and how important each and everyone of us are, playing the role as the ambassador of our countries.

- Roudhah, **BAYL**

GROUP LEADER

My short stint as a Youth Leader (YL)/Group Leader (GL) in the 42nd SSEAYP has been both humbling and enriching. As a YL/GL, I learned to work and manage people both within my contingent, as well as my Solidarity Group, where everyone came from different countries and cultures. While the role came with additional responsibilities and a considerable amount of additional meetings as compared to other PYs, it was heartening to bond and work with the other GLs as we figured our way through the SSEAYP journey together. I have enjoyed my time as a YL / GL along with all its accompanying challenges, and I am sure it will remain as one of the most memorable experiences in my life!

- Wendy, **SYL**

GL meeting was quite fruitful and productive and we have definitely enhanced our skills, experiences in term of negotiation, communication and leadership during and after this program.



GLs gathering at Lido Terrace



Group shoot of PYs who contributed towards PY Impression

NATIONAL PRESENTATION

I'm impressed by National Presentations (NP) of Indonesia and Thailand. They were so creative showing their national beauties.

- *Quan, VPY*

I enjoy all NPs. PYs are so talented. They know how to tell their cultural stories in charming ways. Besides, many NPs had special dress-codes, so I had the chance to wear different national costumes. This is also a fun and great experience to me.

- *Tobey, VPY*

INSTITUTIONAL VISIT

“Every single participation of youth is important because it minimizes the gap of misunderstanding which brings positive change for the future”

The day I arrived at Yangon University of Economic, I could feel the warm welcome and hospitality of the people. I had chance to meet the local university students and together, we made one innovative product with a purpose of solving social problems this day.

Personally, I learned a lot. Not only did I learned their creativity, but I also realized that being humble and open-minded are very important to create an inclusive society.

- *Yoyo, CPY*

SOLIDARITY GROUP

Solidarity Group (SG) activities give me the impression of being as one even though we are from different countries and background. I learned about the unity we shared among us promotes not only international friendship and mutual understanding among the participating youth but among countries, too.

- *Zaki, MaPY*

“IT STRENGTHENS THE BONDING AMONG US”

SG Activities successfully occupied PYs time with beneficial and enjoyable activities.

- *Afini Razak, MaPY*

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY

Personally, I feel that voluntary activities (VA) are the best way to dig deep into other cultures and undeniably the very interactive learning style. Among the various kinds of VAs such as films, tea party, noodle party, martial arts trainings, acting workshops, my favourite VA would be one of the Indonesian films, where I had the opportunity to learn about the thrilling beauty of nature such as Mount Mahameru, the language shared by the islanders, currency, food and morals. Well if this simple reel can open our eyes into other cultures, it's needless to mention how beneficial and wonderful the other VAs can be.

- *Arkar, MyPY*

HOMESTAY

During my homestay in Myanmar, I gain a lot of new experiences. The host family made me feel like they are my 2nd home in which I would like to visit again. It was not only a house to stay, but also full of love like a home to live in. I love my host family in Yangon!

- *Ayaka, JPY*

LIFE ON BOARD

“THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...”

I couldn't think of other ways to start a great day on M.S. Nippon Maru. Everyday onboard, PYs participate in several activities such as DG, CA, and VA. Some of us end the day by relaxing in grand bath while some go stargazing before night call.

- *Ern, TPY*

SELF REFLECTION

The measures of this program have gone beyond the luxury of experiencing cultures in having been to six countries. When the waves have calmed down and the 11:00 o'clock night call over, that genuine feeling of having understood the value of friendship and oneness amidst differences will remain as a never-ending ticker tape connected from Nippon Maru, stretched throughout the rest of our lifetime.

- *Melissa, PPY*