



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Persatuan Bersatu (SI Brunei Darussalam)



“MISSION TO SUPPORT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT”



In February 2023, **BERSATU held their Annual General Meeting (AGM)** to appoint new executive members: Hajah Rosmawatiniah PA Hj Ibrahim (President), Khairul Ariffin Abd Aji (Deputy President), Mohamad Paizzal bin Haji Piluk (Secretary General), Nasroul Hizam Haji Souyono (Deputy Secretary General), Norhayati Hj Nordin (Treasurer General), Muhammad Khalid Nurehsan Haji Mohin (Deputy Treasurer General), and Muhammad Zulhardie Hamdan (Director General).

BERSATU was appointed by the Youth & Sports Department as the program coordinator for the Belia Cinta Tanah Air Program, an annual project held every February as part of the National Day celebration. They also attended the 63rd Birthday Celebration of The Emperor of Japan and were invited by the Ambassador of Japan to Brunei Darussalam. BERSATU coordinated the Brunei Darussalam—Republic of Korea Youth Exchange Program, fostering friendship and understanding between 12 youths from different educational backgrounds. Additionally, they organized the Hibikiya Workshop in collaboration with the Japan Embassy, providing participants with the opportunity to play traditional instruments. Lastly, BERSATU shared SSEAYP ex-PYs' experiences during the Japanese Cultural Festival, a two-day event promoting Japanese culture and language through stage performances and booths. aimed to introduce Japanese culture, lifestyles, and language through stage performances and booths, and was open to the public for two days. share the experiences of SSEAYP ex-PYs through their segment, SSEAYP-perience, during the Japanese Cultural Festival held on 21-22 October 2023. The two-day event was open to the public to introduce traditional and contemporary Japanese culture and lifestyles, as well as promote the Japanese language, through stage performances and booths.



BERSATU continued its mission to support youth development

through community outreach. Through dedicated effort and involvement from its members, BERSATU achieved significant milestones through various projects and programs. In April 2023, BERSATU organised the "Together We Share" project, which brought together BERSATU members to cook, pack, and distribute porridge to mosques, shops, and construction workers as part of their iftar (breaking of fasting) meals in the month of Ramadhan. In December 2023, BERSATU held the 2nd President's Cup futsal tournament to support fundings to YASKA Brunei, a local children's cancer foundation, which invited guest players from the Brunei Futsal League as well as ex-PYs and family members.



Prominent Alumni: Hajah Rosmawatiniah binti PA Hj Ibrahim (BPY 1991). Hajah Rosma has been the President of BERSATU since 2017. She previously served as an OBSC Rep. in 1994 and NL in 2006. With over 30 years of experience in laboratories at the Department of Scientific Services, Ministry of Health, she graduated in Food Science and Technology. Hajah Rosma actively participates in BERSATU activities as an Advisor/Chairperson and SIGA attendee. She also oversees national and international organization activities. Additionally, she contributes to voluntary programs, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hajah Rosma has received prestigious medals of honor from His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Excellent Service Medal, and Long Service Medal.



"SI CAMBODIA MARKED THE HISTORY"



On December 17th, 2022, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, **history was marked by SI Cambodia as both General Assembly and Dinner Reception** were physically attended by CPY from first batch and SI representatives namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippine, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and our Development Partners.



Back-to-back meeting with the General Assembly 2022, SSEAYP International Cambodia was voluntary to host the 79th Council of Presidents (CoP) Meeting through hybrid platform on December 18th, 2022, Phnom Penh. The 79th CoP was successfully chaired by a newly elected President, Hor Samnang who was supported by the ex-presidents, Sreang Kimlee and Kang Rithisal as Advisors to President. At the meeting, Mr. Hor Samnang also announced that SI Cambodia would be voluntary to host 34th SIGA physically in Cambodia.



As always, **our PDT (Pre-Departure Training) Camp offered** not only enjoyable and exciting team-building activities but also several meaningful social contribution initiatives led by SI Cambodia and our CPYs. On 30th September 2023, our goodwill ambassadors successfully organized an environmental and educational SCA (Social Contribution Activities) Project called "One Dollar, One Hope." Through fundraising efforts, they aimed to enhance the local students' understanding of environmental issues and the importance of recycling.



Prominent Alumni: Peuo Salideth (CPY 2007). From shipmate to statesman: Peuo Salideth's Post-SSEAYP Transformative Journey. Peuo's trajectory is one of dedication to public service, intellectual growth and self-made achievement. With a foundation in finance and banking from the National University of Cambodia (2007), he transitioned to education, earning a Bachelor of Education from the Royal University of Phnom Penh (2008). In 2007, he joined the 34th Ship for Southeast Asian & Japanese Youth Program, fostering cultural exchange and understanding among young leaders from the region. This experience further ignited his passion for international relations and security, leading him to pursue a Master of Sciences in International Security at the University of Bristol, UK. As a Chevening scholar, he graduated with merit in 2012. His commitment to career development continued at the FBI National Academy, University of Virginia, in 2015, where he achieved a perfect GPA in Criminal Justice Education. Salideth's career within the Royal Government of Cambodia has been marked by consistent excellence and rising responsibility. He has served with distinction in key institutions like INTERPOL Cambodia, the General Department of Immigration, and the General Commissariat of National Police. The new Cambodian gov., recognizing his talent and dedication, has bestowed upon His Excellency Peuo Salideth two critical roles: Secretary of State for the Council of Minister and Director of Cabinet for Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister. His story is one of unwavering pursuit of knowledge, a commitment to excellence, and a deep-seated dedication to Cambodia's progress. As he steps into his new leadership roles, his unique blend of expertise, intellectual agility, and genuine concern for the nation's well-being makes him a vital figure to watch in Cambodia's evolving landscape.



“CELEBRATION, REUNION, AND DEDICATION”



SSEAYP Indonesia attended the prestigious Conferment Ceremony of Decoration held in the residence of H.E. Kanasugi Kenji. The ceremony honored Mr. Rino Wicaksono, the first President of SSEAYP International Indonesia Inc. (IPY 1983), who was awarded "The Order of the Rising Sun: Gold and Silver Rays 5th Class" for his outstanding contributions to promoting youth exchange of Indonesia, Japan, and ASEAN member countries. His impact on the organization and its alumni is lasting. Reflecting on his SSEAYP journey, he expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be part of SSEAYP. He emphasized the importance of implementing the program's values such as mutual respect, embracing diversity, fostering friendship, and collaborating for a better future. Through SI Indonesia and other alumni associations, they not only built an organization but also formed a tight-knit and one supportive family.

A month later, SSEAYP Kumpul Lagi 2022, a gathering of SSEAYP Indonesia alumni and their families, was a resounding success. The event brought together beloved SSEAYP brothers and sisters who enjoyed a joyful and memorable time. The SSEAYP spirit was alive as participants shared heartfelt messages, expressing their love for SSEAYP and the enduring bonds they have formed. The event concluded with a written promise on the stage banner to meet again in the upcoming reunion event of SI Indonesia. In addition to the preparation for SYC, SII initiated and conducted the first edition of a program called the YLC (Youth Leaders Camp). YLC is a program aimed at exploring and developing the potential of youths in the regions through local and national collaborations. It focuses on developing leadership skills, fostering collaboration, and engaging in various discussion activities. With the SII Youth Leaders Camp 2022, we hope to deepen the participants' understanding of current issues in various provinces of Indonesia and inspire them to take action and find solutions in 2023 onwards.



Continuing their dedication to strengthening ties, the Assembly and Board of SI Indonesia held a meeting and had dialogues with Mr. Gunawan Suswanto, the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth & Sport of the Republic of Indonesia (Sesmenpora). The discussions focused on Indonesia's Chairmanship in ASEAN and the importance of SSEAYP in Indonesia-Japan & ASEAN relations and cooperations. Sesmenpora appreciated the presence of SSEAYP International Indonesia Inc. as it harmonized with Indonesia's aspirations for ASEAN.



Prominent Alumni: Mangku Kandia (IPY 1992). Dr. Kandia, who peacefully passed away in January 2024, was a remarkable figure in Balinese culture, having achieved numerous accomplishments throughout his journey. From serving as the Chairman of the Indonesian Tourist Guide Association, successfully completing his Doctoral Dissertation, to earning the trust as a "Mangku" and fulfilling the role of a tourist village manager. Dr. Kandia's unwavering dedication to preserving and promoting Balinese culture was evident through academic and professional endeavors. He consistently strived to contribute to the development of a pluralistic and tolerant Indonesia.

JAPAN

International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO)



● "ONCE A PY, FOREVER A PY"



On Saturday, December 17, 2022, the **SSEAYP reunion was held in Tokyo in order to reconnect** the ties and connections among ex-PYs, which had been stagnant due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the theme of "Once a PY, Forever a PY," a total of 80 people, many of them dressed in their favorite Attire B (national costume), gathered.

To promote interaction between participants from different batches and generations, snacks and sweets from Southeast Asia were prepared, and interview time was set for participants to update their status and share their life history. Lastly, all attendees celebrated the precious occasion by singing the SSEAYP Song.

IYEO has launched a new project named the "IYEO Career Catalogue" which is a platform where all the necessary information about IYEO activities is collected and showcased. Since IYEO activities vary based on prefectures, programs, and projects, this platform helps people directly search for necessary information and reduces the time and effort of the secretariat, which has been a long-time challenge. Additionally, the IYEO Career Catalogue includes a LinkedIn page for the IYEO organization, where people can find

members' work history and specific expertise. This new platform will accelerate organizational management and motivation towards social contribution, especially when initiating or engaging in social contribution activities that require securing human resources.

IYEO Career CatalogueはIYEOの実務系組織/活動系組織のポジションと会員のマッチングを支援するサービスです。

あなたの挑戦を、IYEOの社会価値創造に

IYEO Career CatalogueはIYEOの実務系組織/活動系組織の発信情報を集約・公開し、活躍の場を探している会員とのマッチングを支援することと、会員のIYEOを通じたキャリア及びネットワークの形成と、IYEOの組織力・実行力・社会貢献能力を強化します。各組織の発信情報は公開となり、詳細情報をご不明な方はIYEO事務局/各バッチフォームからお問い合わせください。また、LinkedInのIYEO団体ページを参照し、IYEOの組織運営上の要は経験者やスキルを持つ会員を採用してご実現いただくことも可能です。



Prominent Alumni: Ms. SAKAI Namiko (JPY 1997) is the Representative of HIBIKIYA, which provides Japanese cultural activities in Singapore. In 2024, HIBIKIYA commemorates its 15th anniversary, and the Foreign Minister's Commendation Award was awarded on January 19, 2024 for its outstanding achievements and its contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries. The ceremony took place at the Ambassador's Residence, all the attendees including the colleagues and friends of HIBIKIYA congratulated its honorable celebration with full of joy. What drove her passion towards Japanese drums is that her experience in SSEAYP. When she joined the program in 1997, Japanese drum was just one of the means to introduce its culture, however the more she practices the more she was fascinated by the sound of the drums and turns to become a dream to spread Japanese drums in Singapore. Nowadays, HIBIKIYA has expanded its member to approximately 100 from various nationalities and its activity not only provides performance but also provides workshop for team building for corporate trainings. Not only in Singapore but they have also performed in Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, India, Qatar, Russia, and the United States. One of the impressive visits among them was the trip to Brunei Darussalam in October 2023, an exchange program with BERSATU was held and hands-on experience of Japanese drum and Japanese kendama was showcased. As IYEO we are more than proud of her and paying respect to her continuous passion and hoping for the best!



“EMBRACE UNCERTAINTY: REALITY & OPPORTUNITY”



New dimensions of uncertainty are emerging, requiring us to embrace and seize opportunities by unleashing people's creativity and cooperative potential. Malaysia transitioned to the endemic phase of COVID-19 on April 1, 2022, allowing Malaysians to return to a near-normal life after nearly two years of battling the pandemic. In response, Malaysia has prioritized human capital development and SI, organizing several programs in 2022 and 2023. In 2022, SI Malaysia initiated the SSEAYP Roundtable

Programme (SRPRO) 2022 in February with 150 participants. In March, we conducted the Essay and Curriculum Vitae Assessment and Camp Selection Session for Participants of the International Youth Exchange Programme 2022. July saw SI Malaysia's annual general meeting and the election of a new executive committee for 2021–2024. In October, we held the Pre-Conference Training SSEAYP Youth Conference 2022. Closing the chapter on the 2022 calendar, on December 4th, we successfully organized SICO 3.0 with the theme "Mental Health: Facing an Unequal World."

In 2023, SI Malaysia appointed me once again as a member of the panel for the Essay and Curriculum Vitae Assessment Session for Candidates of the Youth Opportunity and Exchange Programme 2023, followed by the Selection via the Assessment Centre Youth Opportunity and Exchange Programme in March. In May, SI Malaysia hosted the Eid Fitri Open House for alumni members and held family gatherings in Kuala Lumpur. In October, SI Malaysia organized the Sabah Retreat—Land Below the Wind—for its exco members. The retreat aimed to strengthen friendship and networking with KABESA Sabah and Labuan for future SSEAYP programs, along with engaging with local youth, Majlis Belia Ranau, at Mesilou, Kundasang, near Mount Kinabalu. The retreat also included an exco meeting to discuss upcoming activities in 2024.



During the transition from pandemic to endemic COVID-19, we reviewed all CSR activities that were put on hold due to government restrictions. In 2023, we rebranded the CSR activities as KABESA Social Responsibility @ KSR, focusing on the education and sports landscapes. In July, we collaborated with primary and secondary schools to raise awareness about bullying issues (SK Jalan Cochrane, SK Sentul 1, and SK Kiaramas). We also supported SK Kepong Baru in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), which equips youth with logical thinking, holistic approaches, and 21st-century skills. STEM plays a crucial role in driving economic growth, creating jobs, and addressing environmental and global challenges.



Prominent Alumni: YBhg Kolonel (K) Dato' Juhari Haji Janan (MaPY 1983), born in 1961, is a Malaysian business executive who became the Deputy Chairman of Jetama Sdn Bhd, based in Kota Kinabalu, while his political career was based in Sandakan as Division Chief of Parti Gerakan Sabah DUN59 Sukau. In 2015, he established KABESA Sabah and Labuan and became the first president of KABESA Sabah and Labuan until the present. Currently, he is also holding a position as Vice President I of SSEAYP International Malaysia and President of Bangsa Sungai Sabah (SABAS). He holds a Diploma in Business Studies (Commercial College Kinabalu). Despite holding a multi-level position, he is known to be a down-to-earth person and a man who walks the talk. His contribution, either in business, NGO's, or politics, was excellent. His efficacy results undoubtedly, and he always finds the best solution for any conundrum.