



VACYF has carried out meaningful projects to support vulnerable communities across the country. Their initiatives reflect the core values of SSEAYP by addressing social challenges, providing aid, and fostering solidarity.

VPY46's Dear Sài Gòn was launched in Ho Chi Minh City to alleviate hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Working with local charitable groups, the program distributed over 46 tons of fresh produce and essential goods to residents in 24 districts, focusing on those who lost jobs during lockdowns. Corporate sponsors and volunteers played a crucial role in the campaign's success, demonstrating the power of collective action.



VPY46's Dear Little Sunshines – Clean and Green, took place in Sơn La province. This initiative aimed to support primary school students affected by floods by improving school infrastructure, promoting personal hygiene education, and offering basic health services. Nearly 300 students participated in educational games, cultural exchanges, and health-related activities, highlighting the importance of environmental awareness and well-being.



The Dear Hope and Dear Tết programs showcased the alumni's commitment to compassion and inclusivity. VPY46 volunteers visited children with disabilities at a care centre and organised festive activities for elderly residents at a leprosy camp. These efforts brought joy through gift-giving, interactive performances, and symbolic seed packets, fostering a sense of community and hope.

In November 2020, VPY46 contributed to post-flood recovery efforts at Văn Hóa Primary School in Tuyên Hóa, Quảng Bình. Their donations included 50 sets of desks and chairs, three desktop computers, 3,000 notebooks, 210 white uniforms, and eight bookshelves, with a total value of 214,550,000 VND.

In July to August 2024, Viet Nam Ex-PYs organised 4-week training programs for VPY48. In September 2024, VPY48 organised their first social project, Mid-autumn Festival, in collaboration with the Youth Support Centre for Workers in Ho Chi Minh City and sponsors. They also organised the Back to School - Full Moon Festival at the Thủ Đức Workers' Housing Complex. The event brought joy and warmth to over 40 children of young workers, with gifts and community support. In November 2024, VPY48 was officially introduced to the public with the Shining Viet Nam showcase held in Hanoi prior to their departure to SSEAYP.



In November 2024, VACYF and SSEAYP Ex-PYs organised the Reunion on Board (ROB) named Disconnect to Reconnect, at Tan Cang, Hiep Phuoc port (Ho Chi Minh City). This is the first SSEAYP ROB in five years, welcoming 157 PYs from all ASEAN member countries and Japan, along with 76 honoured guests from Vietnam.



In December 2024, SSEAYP Viet Nam Alumni Network contributed its fund to build the toilet facilities for the students of XiTan Preschool in Lam Ban District, Lao Cai Province, Viet Nam. The total construction cost was nearly 50 million VND, partially funded by ticket sales from the Viet Nam Reunion On Board event held in October 2024.

PROMINENT ALUMNI: Phan Van Quyen is the Founder of Ethnicity Viet and Jos Creative, both focused on using media and digital art to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Vietnam's ethnic minorities. His work highlights how creative industries can connect rural and urban communities, fostering mutual understanding and promoting sustainable social change.

Quyen's impact is widely recognised. His team received the 2023 Human Act Prize for the Ethnicity Preservation project, which digitises traditional ethnic patterns. A leader of the Obama Foundation's Asia-Pacific Leaders program, he was also named one of the top five youth projects by WeChoice 2024 for the Z-Project. Jos Creative has become a hub for young creatives, providing a space to showcase their skills and inspire others in the industry.

As Youth Leader of the 45th SSEAYP, Quyen represents Vietnam internationally, blending creativity and community advocacy to drive positive social change through the creative industry.





VPY48 - STAND TALL VIET NAM MILK FUND



VPY48 - THE S.E.A PROJECT (Sex Education Awareness)





SSEAYP International Indonesia, Inc. ushered in 2024 with a joyous Buka Bersama and Halal bi Halal gathering, reuniting alumni from all batches. The event was a heartfelt celebration of unity, featuring warm embraces, shared laughter, and nostalgic stories. Delegates reminisced about their life-changing journeys aboard the Nippon Maru, reflecting on how the program's values continue to inspire them. The gathering fostered a spirit of solidarity, transcending borders and generations, as alumni shared their ongoing contributions to society and their hopes for the future of SSEAYP. It was a powerful reminder of the enduring bonds forged through this remarkable program.

In August 2024, Indonesia's OBSC 2024 embarked on a mission in Bali to promote fair trade and sustainable agroforestry as part of SSEAYP 2024. Partnering with cacao farmers, they conducted workshops on eco-friendly practices and tree planting. Reflection sessions solidified their commitment to environmental stewardship, leaving a meaningful impact on the community and the participants.



The Zero-Waste Rangers program, initiated by SSEAYP 2023 Indonesian alumni, tackled food waste management across East Java, Jakarta, and Papua from 11 to 20 September 2024. Aimed at youth aged 12-18, the program blended education with hands-on activities focused on the 5Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Rot). Participants exceeded the 25 kg target, reducing 27.535 kg of organic waste. A bilingual pocket guide encouraged creative missions like composting and repurposing, empowering 128 young people to embrace sustainable practices. This successful initiative serves as a model for other regions to follow.



Garuda 48, Indonesia's delegation for SSEAYP 2024, made a courtesy call to the Ambassador of Japan at the Japanese Embassy in Jakarta. Dressed in traditional attire, the delegation proudly shared their aspirations and received the Ambassador's warm welcome. The Ambassador commended Indonesia for hosting the 48th SSEAYP after a seven-year wait and encouraged the youth to embrace the program's spirit of collaboration and lifelong learning. The visit concluded with a group photo, marking a promising start to their journey aboard the Nippon Maru.

PROMINENT ALUMNI: Wawan Dandawan, known as Kang Wawan, is a prominent figure who has played a pivotal role in the vibrant, harmonious, and nostalgic National Presentation of Indonesia. This cherished heritage has been passed down from generation to generation within the Garuda contingent and the SSEAYP Indonesia family. Kang Wawan, who started as an IPY of the 8th SSEAYP (1981), is widely recognized as an influential artist who has dedicated his life to the development and mastery of traditional musical instruments. His expertise lies in instruments made from bamboo, such as the Angklung, Suling (bamboo flute), and Calung (bamboo xylophone). In addition to his artistic endeavors, Kang Wawan is a devoted father and actively manages his cultural studio and art foundation, the Bogor Art Group, alongside his wife. He is also experienced in managing another renowned art studio, Dusun Bambu, known for its exceptional creations, including a range of bamboo-made musical instruments sourced from the West Java Province.

Despite his success and numerous achievements, Kang Wawan remains dedicated to supporting the next generation of IPYs, generously sharing his expertise in music and art performance. He has successfully fostered a sense of unity in diversity through art and music among delegates from various provinces across Indonesia, celebrating the cultural exchange at SSEAYP.





Halal bi Halal SSEAYP International Indonesia, Inc. with Indonesia Foster Parents Association



Pre-Visit from Cabinet Office of Japan to Jakarta as the Preparation for SSEAYP 2024



Garuda 47 - IPY 2023 Runs PPA "Zero-Waste Ranger" in Jakarta, Malang - East Java, and Wamena - Papua Pegunungan



Garuda 48 Courtesy Call to the Embassy of Japan in Jakarta and in Pre-Departure Training for SSEAYP 2024



Minister of Youth and Sports of Indonesia Send Off Nippon Maru and PYs with Foster Parents at Tanjung Priok Port, Jakarta





BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Persatuan Bersatu (SI Brunei Darussalam)



"Indahnya Berbagi Bersama" - April 2024

The prolonged drought in Brunei Darussalam has sparked forest fires, prompting a dedicated response from the Fire and Rescue Service, who worked tirelessly to tackle the blazes. In response to this crisis, SSEAYP International Brunei Darussalam (BERSATU) took the initiative to raise funds from its members, which were used to purchase isotonic water for the firefighters. This vital water supply was distributed to eight fire stations across three districts in the country. The donation was formally presented by the Secretary General and the Director General, who also visited the fire stations to assess the firefighting efforts firsthand.

YASKA Receives Donation - April 2024

In December of last year, the second edition of The President's Futsal Cup Tournament successfully raised a total of \$550. These funds were generously donated to YASKA (Brunei Children's Cancer Foundation), an organization dedicated to raising awareness and providing support and encouragement to children battling cancer in our country. The donation was made possible through participant fees and additional contributions collected during the event.



'SatuTujuh1' - October 2024

This initiative, aimed at reintroducing the culture and language of the seven tribes of Brunei Darussalam to the youth, is a Post Program Activity (PPA) developed by former participants of the SSEAYP International Conference Borneo (SICO), held in Sabah, Malaysia. Hosted at University Technology Brunei (UTB), the project was selected in response to the concerning decline in the use of the country's ethnic culture and language, particularly among students and youth. Notable attendees at the forum included Siti Ifwah Fauzani Haji Chuchu, a tutor of Malay and Linguistics at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at University Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

Social Contribution Activity (SCA)

13 September 2024, the 48th Brunei Participating Youth (BPY'48) organised a Cultural Day event as part of their SCA, as advised by SSEAYP International Brunei Darussalam (BERSATU). The event involved 50 youths from IBTE School of Building Technology and Services, Nakhoda Ragam. The aim of the event was to promote and expose youths to Brunei's culture and traditions. Additionally, the event supported the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sports' efforts to preserve culture through local youth engagement. In conclusion, the program prepared BPY'48 to conduct in-depth research on various cultural aspects such as dance, food, language, and attire.



PROMINENT ALUMNI: SSEAYP International Brunei (BERSATU) would not be where it is now without the initiative and leadership of its first president. Abdul Hamid bin Abas led the committee of former participants in 1987, after returning from his participation in the 12th SSEAYP two years prior, when Brunei Darussalam first joined the program. After establishing the organisation, he held the post of President until 1991, before passing the torch to the next generation of leaders. Since his participation in the program, he has continued to be actively involved in the annual SSEAYP International Conferences held in various countries, as well as other events and activities worldwide. From humble beginnings, Abdul Hamid went on to hold prominent positions in the government sector, particularly in areas of international relations. All the while, he stayed true to his roots and served his community, which included contributing to his mukim and the Brunei Writers Association (ASTERAWANI), among other non-governmental organisations (NGOs).





2nd BERSATU President's Futsal Cup



BERSATU hosted 4 students from culinary School in Japan as part of JENESYS program



BPY_47 was invited to share SSEAYP experience to the public at the Japanese Cultural Festival



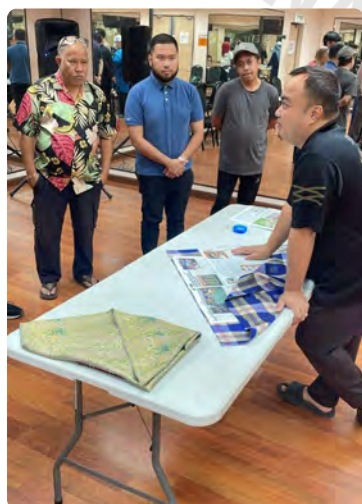
Invited by Japanese Embassy for a get together with His Excellency Mr. Maeda Toru



Invited to the occasion of the 64th Birthday Celebration of His Majesty The Emperor of Japan



Secretary General was invited as a panelist for SICO (SSEAYP International Conference) hosted by KABESA



Youth Cultural Movement (41st BPY) doing cultural workshop in conjunction with Day Of Action (DOA)



Fundraising Campaign: "10,000 Riel, 10,000 People" to Support Kantha Bopha Children's Hospital: the campaign was launched to raise critical funds for Kantha Bopha Children's Hospital, a key provider of healthcare services for children in Cambodia. This initiative encourages the Cambodian community to make small, impactful donations of 10,000 Riel (about USD 2.50) each. The campaign highlights how small contributions can make a big difference in supporting children's healthcare by fostering collective responsibility. To date, 50 members of SIC have contributed, raising 500,000 Riel, which was deposited into the hospital's account on 29 July 2024.

Cultural Exchange and Youth Empowerment through the ASEAN-Trans Backpackers Program: SSEAYP International Cambodia (SIC) hosted a delegation of 24 Malaysian youth and board members from SSEAYP International Malaysia during the ASEAN-Trans Backpackers Program (TABS) in Phnom Penh. In partnership with the National Youth and Sports Department, TABS aims to cultivate internationally competitive youth with strong identities. A courtesy visit to the Malaysian Embassy, led by SIC President Mr. Hor Samnang, facilitated discussions on shared experiences and future cooperation. Both parties expressed a commitment to strengthening ties and collaborating on initiatives. The program is expected to offer participants valuable insights into Cambodian culture and education.



Pre-Departure Training and Social Contribution Activity (SCA):

SSEAYP International Cambodia (SIC) successfully conducted the pre-departure training for the CPYs 2024 of the 48th SSEAYP from August 3 to October 13, 2024.

In addition, on September 7, 2024, the CPYs 2024 successfully organised a Social Contribution Activity (SCA) titled "Youth Dreams." This initiative aimed to foster reading habits among students and involved distributing educational resources to learners at Norodom Ranariddh High School in Kampot Province.



PROMINENT ALUMNI: Her Excellency, Sroy Socheath is a dynamic and passionate leader who has made significant contributions to the development of Cambodian youth. Her journey began in 2002 when she joined the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth program (SSEAYP), serving as the Assistant Youth Leader for the Cambodian contingent. This experience ignited her lifelong passion for youth empowerment and international cooperation. Since then, she has embarked on a career spanning multiple roles, both locally and internationally, across the private and public sectors.

Socheath became the Director-General of Youth at the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport in 2019. In this role, she embraced the challenge of enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of her institution. Her agenda includes streamlining operations, fostering cross-departmental cooperation, and cultivating a performance-driven culture. Socheath's leadership is marked by a strong work ethic, a keen eye for detail, and a passion for making a difference. Tough, sharp, and poised, she is also known for her eloquence and sense of humour. She champions youth empowerment through sustained initiatives that address community needs. Her strategic approach and dedication have led to significant advancements in youth development programs.

Socheath's commitment to empowering young people is evident in her active participation in numerous international forums, including the United Nations General Assembly and the Asian Youth Council. She has consistently advocated for the rights and opportunities of youth, both domestically and globally.

As a respected leader, Socheath inspires those around her. She believes that today's young people are intelligent and possess tremendous potential. With the proper nurturing framework, they can acquire the knowledge and experience necessary to become proactive citizens and contribute meaningfully to society.



SIC Business Forum | 16 March 2024 | Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC).



33rd SSEAYP International General Assembly (SIGA) | 1 to 4 May 2024 | Pattaya, Thailand.



International Youth Day Event and SSEAYP Exhibition | 7 to 8 August 2024 | The National Institute of Education.



Pre-Departure Training (PDT) Camp for CPYs 2024, 48th SSEAYP | 6 to 8 September 2024
Trapeang Sangkae Fishing Community, Kampot Province.

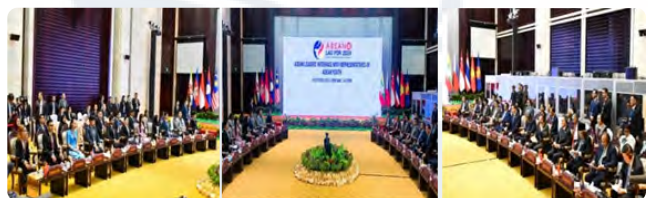




The Lao SSEAYP Alumni Association (LSAA) was officially launched on 18 February 2009 under the supervision of the Cabinet Office of the Lao Youth Union. It gathers and leads former Lao Participating Youths (Ex-Lao PYs) in social contribution and volunteer activities, creating and promoting a positive perception of international cooperation and socio-cultural exchanges. The association focuses particularly on the dissemination of information related to SSEAYP, as well as determining plans, programs, projects, and activities that align with its development goals. Currently, LSAA comprises almost 573 members.

On 13 to -14 August 2024, SSEAYP 2024's orientation and examination for recruiting Lao Participating Youths (LPYs) took place. More than 100 applicants participated, with 50 eligible candidates attending the interview. Ultimately, 15 LPYs were selected for the final round.

LSAA's board committee, consisting of 10 Ex-PY members, served as committee secretaries and youth volunteers during the 3rd ASEAN Youth Dialogue, held from 5 to 8 October 2024 under the theme "Strengthening and Comprehensive Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Youth." This event was hosted by the Lao Youth Union in Luang Prabang Province, Lao PDR.



Additionally, LSAA's board committee, together with LPYs 2024 and 20 Ex-PY members, participated in the 44th-45th ASEAN Summit and related summits hosted by Lao PDR from 5 to 11 October 2024. On 9 October 2024, the ASEAN leaders' interface with representatives of ASEAN youth was held on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summits.

LSAA's board committee selected two outstanding Lao youth representatives to attend the "ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Youth." The committee also encouraged more LPYs members to participate as LOs (Liaison Officers) and VOs (Volunteers).

On 12th to 16th September 2024, a notice warning of heavy rain in the northern part of Laos caused by Typhoon Yagi triggered a severe rise in the Mekong River, resulting in flooding in many areas of Laos, including the Vientiane capital. LSAA's board committee mobilised all LPYs members to assist the flood victims by distributing dry food, drinking water, and constructing a sandbag barrier for flood protection in Km 4, Suanmone village, Sisatanak district, and other villages at risk of flooding in Vientiane capital. Almost 50-100 PYs and Ex-PY members participated daily.



PROMINENT ALUMNI: Vilouna Phetmany, also known as Tot, participated in the 41st batch of SSEAYP in 2014 and joined the OBSC in 2019. Currently, she runs her own entertainment and modelling agency, which focuses on youth, fashion, and pop culture in Laos. One of her key projects is Face of Laos, a modelling competition and platform designed to help young people develop personal skills and gain insights into the fashion industry. Through this experience, participants are prepared to represent Laos on an international stage. Tot is passionate about encouraging young people to continuously improve, seize new opportunities, and realise their full potential.

Her time with SSEAYP taught her valuable leadership skills that she has since applied in her career. Despite her busy schedule, she remains committed to supporting Lao Participating Youths from various batches, sharing her SSEAYP experiences and career insights. Tot believes that real-life experience provides guidance that young people can truly learn from and be inspired by.



47-LPYs 2023 runs PPA at Youth Radio Station, 22 December 2023 |



LPY's Training and Lecture 2024 at The Lao People's Revolutionary Youth Union (LYU), 22 August 2024



Sandbags Barrier to Prevent Flooding, Participated by LPYs, 14 September 2024



Sandbags Barrier to Prevent Flooding, Participated by LPYs, 14 September 2024



The primary students at flood affected areas accepted study materials, 26 October 2024.





MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORT PROGRAM

SI Malaysia serves as a strategic partner to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, SI Malaysia is always committed to assisting the Youth Development Division, Ministry of Youth and Sports, in implementing youth development programs, particularly those at the international program. In February and March 2024 Ministry Youth and Sport appointed SI Malaysia again as a member of the panel for the Essay and Curriculum Vitae Assessment Session and Camp Selection Session for Participants of the International Youth Exchange program 2024.



SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (SICO)

SSEAYP International Malaysia (SIM) successfully organised the SSEAYP International Conference 2023 (SICO KL) titled "Embrace Uncertainty: Reality, Opportunity" on 24 February 2024 and the SSEAYP International Conference 2024 (SICO Borneo) titled "Shaping The Future: Trends and Insights for Tomorrow" on 29 to 30 June 2024. These programs received an excellent response and were warmly welcomed by friends from SI Brunei and SI Indonesia, with representatives from each country in attendance. SICO is an annual event organised by SI Malaysia, with a different theme each year. SICO serves as a platform for international and local participants to exchange ideas and experiences, and to discuss current issues related to youth development and the opportunities available to them.

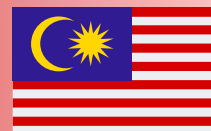
ASEAN - TRANS BACKPACKERS PROGRAM (TABS) 2024

TABS stands for "ASEAN-Trans Backpackers" and will take place over a 10-day journey involving public transport across Malaysia, Thailand, and Cambodia from 17-26 October 2024. This program is organised by the Youth Integration and Internationalisation Unit, Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia, in collaboration with SSEAYP International Malaysia (KABESA), which is the implementing body for the program. SI Cambodia is also a strategic partner in supporting the event. The mission of TABS is to develop Malaysian youth with a broad understanding of regional and global development through interaction and integration processes.



PROMINENT ALUMNI: KHAIRUL ANNUAR BIN MANSOR (MAPY 2003), born on 17 August 1979, is a dedicated advocate for youth activism. He currently serves as the Special Officer to the Member of Parliament for Jempol (P.127). Over the years, he has held influential roles such as Vice President of the Malaysian Youth Council (2014–2016), President of the Malaysian Youth Hostels Association (2010–2017), President of the Malaysian Humanitarian Movement (2014-present), and Deputy President of SI Malaysia (2018-present).

His contributions have been recognised internationally, earning him the title "Human Rights Leader 2022" from the US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights at the USIDHR Youth Summit in Istanbul and the "Global Youth Icon 2019" award from Yuvsatta NGO at the 14th Global Youth Peace Fest in India. Through his leadership, Khairul Annuar continues to champion youth empowerment and humanitarian initiatives.



Appreciation Dinner SSEAYP MAPY 48



Bon Voyage Night Ceremony SSEAYP 48



Observer in The National Youth Consultatives Council Of Malaysia



Pre Departure Training (PDT)



SI Malaysia Exco Meeting





The SIP 9th Term Board of Trustees took their oath of office in January at the Japanese Embassy in the Philippines, with the then Japanese Ambassador, Kazuhiko Koshikawa. The Board has likewise paid a courtesy visit to the officers of the Japan Information and Culture Centre (JICC) and the National Youth Commission (NYC) and is looking forward to collaborating with them during their two-year term.

Kamustahan ("How are you"): SIP engages the alumni, visiting the different regions, both virtually and in-person, to reconnect, gather input on the current Constitution and By-Laws, and encourage the activation of regional chapters. As of 2024, SIP has conducted Kamustahans in the Visayas and Mindanao regions and has four active chapters in Mindanao, with several other regions also considering establishing or reactivating theirs.



Disaster Response: In February 2024, SIP donated relief goods to support the Davao Chapter's efforts to assist families affected by severe flooding and landslides in the Davao Region. Later in October, the Philippines was struck by a series of super typhoons (Kristine, Leon, Marce, Nika, Ofel, and Pepito), which devastated several regions. SIP contributed to relief efforts in the towns of Talisay, Sampaloc, and Agoncillo in Batangas. With USD 1,000 from SSEAYP International's Disaster Relief Fund, SIP's relief efforts will continue to extend to other provinces in a state of calamity.



Golden Run: In celebration of 50 years since the inception of the SSEAYP program, SIP organised a virtual fun run – "SSEAYP Golden Run: 50km for 50 Years" – where alumni could accumulate a total of 10km, 25km, or 50km between 7 October and 10 November. Finishers received a finisher shirt and an eco-friendly medal. Additionally, those who completed 50km received an exclusive SIP enamel pin.

SIP Website: The SIP website went live in August 2024 to keep alumni and the general public up to date not only with SSEAYP-related news, but also with stories from former Philippine Participating Youths via a dedicated page for each batch. Visit the SIP website at <https://www.sipphilippines.org>.



SSEAYP 48: SIP welcomes the return of the SSEAYP program in its full format. In collaboration with the National Youth Commission, SIP took part in various aspects of the application process, including interviews, pre-departure training, and alumni night, and has provided full support to our Philippine PYs: Batch Hiraya, during their pre-departure preparations for the program.



PROMINENT ALUMNI: H.E. Ambassador Hjayceelyn Quintana (PPY 1989) is a career diplomat who has held various positions in both diplomatic and consular roles in Beijing (China), Washington, DC (USA), Dublin (Ireland), Muscat (Oman), and Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates). Throughout her career, she has represented the Philippine government, strengthened bilateral relations, and engaged in cultural, economic, and political dialogue.

Ambassador Joy concluded her post in August 2024 as the Philippines' Permanent Representative to ASEAN, where she played a vital role in the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) and contributed significantly to the Philippines' role as Country Coordinator of ASEAN-European Union (EU) Dialogue Relations. She has since returned to Manila to head the Department of Foreign Affairs' Internal Audit Office as Assistant Secretary.



PHILIPPINES

SSEAYP International Philippines, Inc.



Oath taking ceremonies, SIP 9th term Board of Trustees, and Mindanao Regions



Online Kamustahan (Catch-Up) Session



SIP Board Team Building



Thanksgiving Dinner



Relief Operations: Davao, Batangas and Isabela



Philippine Delegation to the 33rd SIGA, Pattaya Thailand



Batch Hiraya's National Presentation



SIP Year-End Party and General Membership Assembly



Introducing the 6th Executive Board of SIS Alumni: The 6th Biennial General Meeting (BGM) was a momentous occasion as we celebrated the achievements of the 5th Executive Board (EB) and looked ahead to the future of SIS Alumni. We are deeply grateful to all the alumni who attended and are excited to see the new 6th EB continue the work of those who came before them. Congratulations to the newly elected 6th Executive Board!

President: Mr Desmond Yew (2008), 1st Deputy President: Ms Goh Su Ying Daphne (2017), 2nd Deputy President: Mr Muhammad Hafidz Bin Zainal Abidin (1995), Secretary General: Ms Nurul Baizura Binte Abdul Rasid (2019), Assistant Secretary General & Director of Homestay: Mr Goh Kang Shyan Francis (2016), Treasurer: Ms Iris Goh (1996) (co-opted), Asst. Treasurer and Director of Membership: Mr Joey Koh Eng Hwa (1990), Director of Social and Recreation: Ms Melissa Feng (2019), Director of Digital Media: Ms Sitti Maryam Binte Rashid Ridza (2012), Director of Special Projects: Mr Tan Soon Hoe (1980), Asst. Director of Special Project: Mr Stephen Lim (1986) (co-opted).

SSEAYP Day 2024: On 6 October 2024, we gathered at the Singapore Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to celebrate SSEAYP Day 2024. The event underscored our ongoing commitment to environmental awareness and conservation, aligning with Singapore's Green Pillar 2030 initiative. Ex-SPYs from various batches, including alumni from ASEAN and Japan, joined us for a morning walk and gathering for lunch. We also recited the SIS pledge, reaffirming our dedication to the ideals of SIS and SSEAYP. The event stood as a testament to our ongoing commitment to international understanding and cooperation.



Homestay Families Gathering: On 13 October 2024, homestay families came together for a delightful potluck and BBQ, sharing homemade dishes that reflected the diverse culinary traditions within our SSEAYP family at the Tree House Villas in Changi. This gathering symbolised the cultural exchange at the heart of the homestay experience, offering a space for alumni and families to connect, reflect, and appreciate each other's contributions.



Send-Off Ceremony for the 48th SSEAYP Singapore Contingent:

On Sunday, 3 November 2024, we gathered to send off the 48th SSEAYP Singapore contingent in a ceremony filled with pride and significance. The National Leader received the Singapore flag in a symbolic gesture of responsibility, marking the beginning of the youth's journey as ambassadors of Singapore. This ceremony marked the start of an important journey for our youth ambassadors, embodying the spirit of service, leadership, and cultural exchange that defines the SSEAYP program.

PROMINENT ALUMNI: Dr. Thang Leng Leng (SPY 1985) first joined SSEAYP as an undergraduate studying Japanese Studies at NUS, sparking what would become a lifelong connection with Japan. After earning her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Illinois, where she researched on ageing and intergenerational relationships in Japan, she returned to NUS and served as the Head of Japanese Studies for a total of 12 years. In 2006, partly inspired by her SSEAYP experience of connecting Japan and Southeast Asia, the Department established the Mitsui-NUS Endowment Fund to promote Japanese Studies in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Thang continues to play an active role in fostering these connections, working closely with the Japan Foundation and Southeast Asian scholars. She also maintains strong ties with her SSEAYP peers and host families, travelling with her Thai host family in North Thailand. She exemplifies the lasting impact of SSEAYP's spirit of friendship, building enduring relationships and promoting cultural understanding across generations and borders!





Prominent Alumni

From left:
1985: Thai Host Family
aboard the Nippon Maru
2023: Thai Host Family in
Dec 23, 38 years after.

Provided by Dr. Thang Leng Leng
(SPY 1985).

SSEAYP Day 2024 at Singapore Botanic Gardens, October 2024



Homestay Families Gathering 2024 at Tree House Villas, October 2024



SPY 48th Send-Off Ceremony at Changi Airport



SSEAYP 47TH PPA at Kok Fah Technology Farm



This year, ASSEAY Thailand has focused on expanding its impact nationwide through a new regional strategy. By establishing regional teams across Thailand, we aim to empower local alumni to strengthen connections, enhance collaboration, and increase social impact within their communities.

Department of Children and Youth (DCY): In partnership with the DCY under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, ASSEAY Thailand has contributed to impactful youth initiatives across Thailand. For Children's Day, we participated in the DCY's booths, assisting with activities and providing donations to underprivileged children. Additionally, ASSEAY alumni served as facilitators for the Social Enterprise New Gen Startup workshops, held in four major regions of Thailand, equipping young people with the skills to develop social enterprise business plans that address community challenges.



For Hopeful Children Project: Now in its 31st year, this landmark initiative, held from 23 to 25 March 2024, continues to reflect our dedication to supporting disadvantaged youth. This year's activities included adventure circuits, waste-reduction workshops that taught sustainable practices, and a vibrant food fair. These events were thoughtfully designed to nurture physical and emotional development, inspire self-reliance, and instill hope in the young participants.



Flood Relief in Chiang Mai: In response to devastating floods in Chiang Mai, volunteers led by former President Mr. Visit Dejkumtorn mobilised a donation drive to support affected communities. Relief efforts were carried out at Ban Muang Keed School in Mae Taeng District and the Chang Klan community in Mueang District.

One Frame for All: The Legacy of ASEAN and Japanese Friendship:

To commemorate "The 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation," a Profile Picture Frame Design Competition was organized to celebrate the enduring partnership between ASEAN and Japan. This initiative invited ex-PYs to design frames symbolising unity and shared commitment, reflecting the SSEAYP program's legacy of fostering strong international relations.



Raf Sopia Centeno (Batch: 2019)



PROMINENT ALUMNI: Mr. Theeraseth Patvarapong, known as Eddy, has actively contributed to SSEAYP, serving as a discussion facilitator in 2010 on Food and Nutrition and in 2013 on International Relations. The program inspired his commitment to leadership, community development, and fostering international cooperation.

A prominent political change agent, Mr. Eddy has played a vital role in advancing development through impactful national policies. With a robust background in public administration and international policy, he has been instrumental in fostering public-private partnerships and implementing strategies for urban and economic development.

In addition to his political and policy contributions, Mr. Eddy is a successful entrepreneur with thriving businesses in Thailand and abroad. His ability to integrate political insight and business acumen highlights his dedication to creating sustainable and interconnected solutions.

Currently, Mr. Eddy continues to bridge the gaps between public service innovation and sustainable development while driving impactful change at the national level. Through his active engagement with SSEAYP, he remains committed to nurturing future leaders and advancing the program's vision of youth-driven global collaboration.

DCY Children's Day



Social Enterprise New Gen Startup Workshops



31st For Hopeful Children Project



Flood Relief in Chiangmai



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