

Report on the Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Activities (Japan, Earthquake)

Starting with a magnitude 6.5 quake on April 14, a series of earthquakes hit the central Kumamoto Prefecture, causing deaths, injuries and widespread damage to the area's residences and infrastructure. For those who are affected by the Kumamoto Earthquake, IYEO launched a donation campaign raising 1,304,338 yen as of Sept. 30 and will be continuously collecting donation till the end of the year 2016.

Donation was utilized for: relief goods delivered by Kagoshima IYEO a week after the quake happened; fresh apples sent from Aomori IYEO to the local nursery school; and 500,000 yen donation to the education board of Minami-Aso Village, which the President Mr. Takayasu Fujioka is a former participant of the 2nd Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission Cruise (former program of SWY).

Donation for Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Activities

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SWYAA Activity Reports by Countries

Australia: Annual Report

Australia was thrilled to participate in the recent SWY28 program. With delegates from each state and Territory of Australia, we have returned home to share our experience and learning with our communities in the following ways:

- Socializing with past SWY participants in their local area, this is especially valuable in the difficult transition post-program
- Meeting with politicians to promote the SWY program, continuing communication with the Japanese Embassy
- Delegates attendance at local Japanese events, including the Memorial Service for Earthquake and Tsunami Victims in Japan
- Mini-reunions between SWY28 members, with lots of debriefing and discussion of ideas online
- Returning to our networks within Universities and Non-Government Organizations where we share the photos + stories of our SWY experience
- Social contribution activity where we will enhance the promotion of SWY within the Australian community through social media and local volunteering

In addition, one of the delegates Megan Lock (SWY28) is spending 12 months in Japan, based in Osaka. Megan was fortunate to have the opportunity to join this year's Japanese participants for their public reporting session. Megan helped with preparations, interacted with attendees and delivered a short speech in Japanese about her experiences especially in regards to the Education Course Discussion.



Megan Lock (SWY28) at the SWY public reporting session in Japan



Reunion in Canberra, Australia
Monga Mukasa (SWY28) and
Emma Wooldridge (SWY15/28)



SWY Australia alumni reunion in Brisbane for new ex-PY Krista Flick (SWY28) with Adam Wood (SWY19/23), Paul Gaffney (SWY14), Nic Lowe (SWY23) and Sally Baisden (SWY23)

The Australian Alumni continues to be connected through a Facebook site, where information and news is shared and we look forward to continuing the legacy of SWY.

Brazil: SWYAA Brazil creates winter clothing campaign

Brazil is known for its warm weather, but some parts of the country can be cold during the winter. Unfortunately, Brazil has thousands of people living on the streets, sometimes freezing to death. There are also a lot of people who are too poor to buy winter clothes. In order to help some of these people, SWYAA Brazil created a winter clothing campaign. This activity started in the last week of July 2016. So far, four participants made donations to charity institutions of their trust in their cities: Adriano Lira (SWY23, from São Paulo); Daniela Faria (SWY24, from Taubaté); Guilherme Kaneko (SWY26-GLDP, from Maringá); and Naiara Martins (SWY26-GLDP, from Brasília).

SWYAA Brazil will continue donating winter clothes until September, when winter ends in the Southern Hemisphere. The association also plans to create other similar campaigns in the future.



Naiara Martins (SWY 26 - GLDP) donated clothes for a school for children with disabilities in Brasília



Guilherme Kaneko (SWY 26 - GLDP) donated clothes for a winter clothing campaign organized by the Paraná Federation of Commerce

Chile: Japanese-Chilean Themed Reunion

SWYAA Chile held a reunion on July 29, and we had the joy of meeting PYs from SWY19, SWY23, SWY25, and SWY28. We were fortunate to also receive at our gathering three JPYs from SWY28, a JPY from SWY22 and a PY from SWY24 Peru who joined us in a fun Japanese-Chilean themed reunion.



The meeting started by presenting the new board of SWYAA Chile, followed by a presentation of the participation of our Chilean delegation in SWY28. Their contribution made everyone very proud and strengthened the SWY spirit of all attendees. We then talked about all the activities SWYAA Chile has done in the past year, and took this opportunity to announce all the activities we are planning for the remainder of this year. Among these, we informed that SWYAA Chile will participate in a



fair called Asian Town promoting Japanese culture, in spring we will join other organizations in Hanami day, in November we will participate in the international Tsunami Awareness Day, and we will end this year with our traditional Christmas gift donation activity.

After sharing this information, Matias (SWY28) led all the participants in a “Sōran Bushi” dance, which was extremely fun! Some of us had forgotten the dance, but Matias and our Japanese visitors kindly helped us and we really enjoyed “Sōran Bushi.” Dancing was fun, but made many of us very hungry. We prepared “Temaki Sushi” and Chilean “Sopaipillas con Pebre,” a very traditional Chilean meal, for all participants. The food was amazing, and the company even better. We are incredibly happy and thank everyone who joined us in this meeting. Keep on swying!



Japan: IYEO 30th Anniversary ~its commemorative project~

FY2015 (from April 2015 - March 2016) IYEO celebrated its 30th year anniversary since 1985. In commemoration to this, we have organized various actions such as; amendment of Charter, visual IYEO human resource map, selecting IYEO mascot character “RUN-NASU (Run Earth),” publishing IYEO annual magazine “Humano,” initiate Tohoku Visit Tour, and implementing a new fund raising projects, etc.

Russia: Sharing the future plan

On the April 16, 2016, members of SWYAA Russia from SWY16, SWY19, SWY24 and SWY28 had the meeting with Head of the Information Department, Minister-Counsellor Otsuki-san, Third Secretary Maki-san and their assistant Ms. Natalia Belousova at the Japanese Embassy in Moscow. We shared our experience of participation on SWY28, outcomes of the Tokyo conference 2016 and discussed our future plans!

Ex-PYs Updates

Invited as a speaker to the School

Anastasia Berezina (SWY28, Russia)



At the beginning of the rest of our beautiful life I am trying to share inspiration that I got due to SWY program with the youth of my homeland. On the 18th of July I was invited as a speaker to the School of Mari El Republic's volunteers. It was a great honor for me to share the experience of participating in the Ship for World Youth Leaders program, to share emotions that I got, to tell them that the youth from all over the world inside of their soul are the same – we all want to live in peace and love and make our world a better place. These children and youth are so sincere. They want to contribute to the society. After our meeting they begin to dream about their Ship life journey. I hope their dream will come true one day and together we will change our world a better place! «The end of SWY28 is not the end, but the beginning of the rest of your life» - Mike Matsuno (Adviser SWY28)

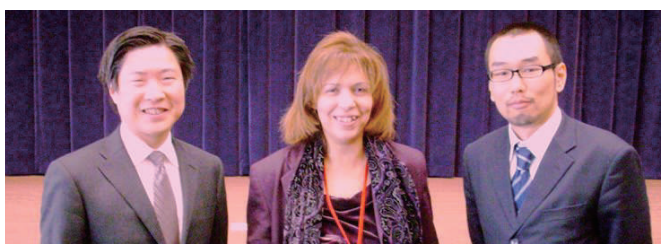
Egypt: Breaking News

We are honored and very proud that Egypt will participate in SWY29 in 2017 and we are sharing with you the very positive outcome of the Tokyo Conference held in March 2016 where Egypt was represented by EASWY President, Ms. Samia MOUSSA (SWY6). Thanks to the efforts of the Japanese Embassy in Cairo, EASWY was able to officially coordinate with the Egyptian Ministry of Youth & Sports and for the first time EASWY sent two candidates, ex-PY members of EASWY, for the position of SWY29 National Leader.

Ms. MOUSSA was invited by the Japanese Embassy in Cairo to be in the panel formulated by the Embassy Staff for the final selection of SWY29 Egyptian delegation members (July 2016). First time to have EASWY representative in the panel who selects participants and the National Leader.



This is Group of PYs Candidates for SWY29 being interviewed by EASWY and Culture & Information Center, Embassy of Japan, Egypt



EASWY President, Ms. Samia MOUSSA (SWY6) the Cabinet Office of Japan, Tokyo Conference 2016

We are very proud of what we have achieved & the dream has come true. Thank You Tokyo Conference 2016. Thank You Japan.

Japanese Summer Camp for children

Anastasia Mironova (SWY28, Russia)

Every summer Cultural information center "Japan" in Ekaterinburg is organizing a summer camp for children. For two weeks, they



learn how to cook Japanese dishes, to draw manga, compose their first ikebana and find out what is "Temari." But is it possible to go on a fascinating journey of the Japanese culture and do not try on traditional clothes?! Of course not!

Before the SWY program, I learned to put on a kimono by video from the Internet, and on the ship I've got a great experience from the real teachers! And this summer I was lucky enough to teach children how to put on a kimono and dancing Japanese dance "Sakura"! That's great how children are caught everything on, a couple of hours for them is enough while PYs on SWY28 program and I needed more. I was particularly impressed by the girl about five years old - she repeated all the movements diligently, she wore a "Yukata" by herself. After such amazing experience of teaching I am filled with joy and I'm inspired to work harder and strive for the excellence!

My classes provide an opportunity for everyone to learn about Japanese culture. It's pity that children are not always taking such kind of opportunities. I think the only way to improve this situation is to motivate children to try on new things. Children should have a sparkle in their eyes anticipating the exploration our beautiful world!

I will continue to work on introducing the Japanese culture. My plan is to run workshops for the children from low-income families and children from orphanages. Hopefully, I will be able to pass at least a grain of my own passion for Japanese culture. I believe that it might serve as a starting point for a fantastic adventure!

The First Japanese Language Camp – 2016 "Together, Forever"

W.D. Hasanthi Praharsha (SWY14/28, Sri Lanka)



The First Japanese Language Camp was organized by the Japanese Language Teachers' Association of Sri Lanka (JALTAS) with the support of National Youth Services Council (NYSC), Embassy of Japan and Japan Foundation. As the president of JALTAS, it was among my dreams to develop a program for Japanese Language (JL) students using the experience that I have gained by participating in SWY program. An ex-PY will definitely say that the camp is completely a recreation of SWY

program from all the aspects. The ex-PYs of SWY28, the high dignitaries from Embassy and JL specialists were the resource persons of this important program.

The Camp was a 3-day residential program. There were 65 JL students of 13 different schools and their JL teachers. All the participants were divided into 5 groups. Each group consisted of 13 students from 13 different schools. This is similar to the 'Letter Group' idea of SWY program. In groups, the students did many activities together. There were ice-breaking activities to develop good mutual understanding among each other; a Japanese film festival to introduce the essence of Japanese culture; a workshop and a quiz competition about Japan to expand knowledge; a talent show to make the participants aware about their own skills; creating a poster in Japanese to introduce 5 main aspects of Sri Lanka to a Japanese nationality and finally presenting the poster to the audience. The participants were encouraged to read, write, listen and speak in Japanese which aimed to develop their 4 skills of learning Japanese as a foreign Language.



"Together, forever," the aim of making a life-long friendship among the Japanese Language students and teachers of SL was achieved, making the camp a great success.

A Book Donation for Flood Victims in Sri Lanka

Sachintha Abeysuriya (SWY28, Sri Lanka)



Due to a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal, there was a huge rain fall causing heavy floods and landslides in Eastern, Southern and Western parts of Sri Lanka. Many parts of Colombo were also flooded as the water level of Kelani River peaked at 8 feet. Under this situation, my friends of SWY28 expressed their willingness to provide some assistance to the flood-victims. When I discussed the situation with SWYAA-Sri Lanka, they were very enthusiastic to do the project as a Post-Program Activity. With this encouraging commencement, I started to collect donations from my SWY friends. Our friends helped us in numerous ways so that I was able to buy 1300 exercise books, ballpoint pens, pencils and some other stationaries.

The next task was to find a proper place to distribute them. By that time, there were hundreds of organizations greatly involved in providing assistance to the flood victims. Fortunately, with the help of one of my friends who is a member of Provincial Council we identified a village called,

Heenatiyana near Katunayake which was heavily damaged by floods. It was reported that on May 15, 137.7 mm of rain had been recorded in Katunayake. Moreover, two flights bounded for Katunayake Bandaranaike International Airport were transferred to Cochin International Airport. Therefore, Heenatiyana was the right place.

On July 26, we went to Heenatiyana temple. Everything was arranged properly. We witnessed that there were more than 100 children gathered to receive donations. Once they received the books and other stationaries, their faces were lit up with happiness. The warmth we felt from their words, hugs and smiles would never be forgotten. Thus, the second Post-Program Activity organized by SWYAA-SL was a great success too.



A Leadership Vision in Tanzania.

Victoria Charles Mwanziwa (SWY28, Tanzania)
My Name is Victoria Charles Mwanziwa (24), a graduate of Political Science and Public Administration with a major in International Relations from the University of Dar-es-Salaam. The SWY program has taught me very valuable lessons on leadership this was specifically under the Leadership Seminar delivered by sensei Hide-San; I have learned on the importance of cooperation, unity and imparting leadership from all spheres - leading is not about standing on the podium - not at all; it's far more psychological in the sense of how you can be effective and ensure that people have a proper understanding of the vision and the mission.



I took an initiative to organize a Post-Program Activity which was basically focused to teaching young primary students values of leadership. In my country Tanzania, there are very few outreaches targeted to junior students on serious topics as leadership and prospects of building leadership

character in them for the future. I therefore took in this need and went on to plant a leadership seed in these young children through a special organization that deals with youth motivation called the Youth Motivation Project; I am glad that I was provided the avenue and went to a public primary school in the city of Dar-es-salaam called Amani Nursery and primary school and gave an open seminar to the children in a simple manner which was easily understood by them. I am sure that I have planted a leadership seed in them and gave them an avenue to explore more on their leadership potential. In Tanzania we have a famous saying which says "Samaki Mkunje Angali Mbichi" which means that a fish is to be folded into shape before it dries up, meaning that when it is dry you will merely break it. This comes to life as principles and values have to be asserted and instilled to young minds so that the children grow up with these values and they learn them and they live them; that is the mission.

I believe that true leaders create other leaders and they create avenues for them to prosper. I have a strong belief in building the capacity of young people to take this nation to a different level. Thanks to SWY for providing me with this avenue. It is also my hope that I can serve my nation through leadership in the near future as I believe that I have what it takes and have nurtured more skills through the SWY program.


SWYAA-Tanzania is in the process of organizing many of such outreach activities so as to make sure that we impact positively the lives of as many young people as possible in our nation.

Facing a humanitarian crisis

Maria Cristina Manrique-Henning (SWY1, Venezuela)
Venezuela is facing a humanitarian crisis - there is a severe lack of food and medicine. And the most vulnerable populations - the poor and the elderly - are suffering the most from this crisis, at best resorting to one or two meals a day and foregoing basic medical treatment. We are "Operación Saludos a Venezuela," a group of Venezuelans in Houston dedicated to collecting food and medicine to send to our home country. Our system follows three steps - we collect food and medicine through donations and purchases, we assemble boxes of these supplies, and we send them through a door-to-door service. The key element in our system is our collaboration with a trusted network of contacts in Venezuela. We fulfill personalized requests for these contacts, which allows us to greatly reduce the possibility of corruption in the transfer of these materials. By continuing the transport of supplies, our hope is alleviate the suffering of Venezuelans as much as we can.

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The 9th SWYAA Global Assembly in Fiji 2015



Welcome reception

The 9th Global Assembly (GA) of the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association (SWYAA) was held from August 12 to 16, 2015. From August 17 to 19, an optional tour to experience Fijian culture in Beachcomber Island Resort was held.

In organizing the assembly, SWYAA Fiji formed the GA Organizing Committee. The committee was divided into some working groups and prepared the detailed schedule including the selection and coordination of the places to be visited during various activities. 43 participants from 13 countries + 8 committee members joined this opportunity. They visited Sigatoka Sand Dunes as a Institutional visit, planted Mangrove as a voluntary activities, also visited Matawalu Village.



Having a discussion



Visiting Sigatoka Sand Dunes



Planting mangroves



Big welcome from Matawalu Village



Gift of acknowledgment from Japan



Group photo at the village

The 10th SWYAA Global Assembly in India 2016



Farewell reception

The 10th SWYAA Global Assembly (GA) was held in Delhi, India from September 20 to 24, attended by 94 participants from 23 countries. Under the theme of "Social Contribution of the SWY Alumni," the participants engaged in Conference on Post Program Activities to discuss about their future activities, visited Gandhi Museum, and attended a seminar on civil disobedience and non-violence. For the institutional visit, the participants chose one course out of three to attend: 1. Open School – a school operated by SWYAA India in the slum district; 2. TARA (Technology and Action for Rural Advancement); and 3. Tibet House.

After the Official Program, 76 participants from 20 countries joined the Optional Tour from September 24 to 26. They visited Agra and Jaipur and visited many notable sites including four World Heritage Sites: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Amber Fort in Rajasthan state, and Jantar Mantar (an astronomical observation site).



Light the torch



Speech from Mr. Obu Shun (Deputy Director for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office)



GA organizing committee member

The 11th GA coming soon...



Institutional visit to Open School



Institutional visit to TARA



Institutional visit to Tibet House

