

# Ship for World Youth Program

## Tokyo Conference for the Ex-Participating Youth Tokyo, Japan

March 17 - March 23, 2013



# Tokyo Conference for the Ex-Participating Youth of the Ship for World Youth Program and Related Programs 2013 (FY2012)

## Outline

### I. Purpose

The Ship for World Youth Alumni Associations (hereinafter, SWYAA) established by the ex-participating youths in each country are working together to promote mutual understanding and practical initiatives as global citizens, with a sense of solidarity and the shared desire to build world peace and prosperity cultivated through the Ship for World Youth (SWY) program. In addition, they are actively building a global network of all the ex-participating youth from over the years to promote post-program activities, in conjunction with the Japanese alumni association. (IYEO) In order to assist their activities and to develop the alumni network further, the Tokyo Conference for Ex-Participating Youth (Ex-PY Conference) is organized.

### II. Outline of the Program

1. Participating countries  
28 participating countries:  
Australia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Federative Republic of Brazil, Canada, Republic of Chile, Republic of Costa Rica, Republic of Ecuador, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Fiji, Hellenic Republic, Republic of India, Republic of Kenya, United Mexican States, New Zealand, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of Peru, Solomon Islands, Spain, Democratic Social Republic of Sri Lanka, Kingdom of Sweden, United Republic of Tanzania, Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Republic of Yemen, and Japan
2. Date, duration and place  
From March 17 (Sunday) to March 23 (Saturday), 7days, 2013, Tokyo
3. Discussion Agenda
  - a) Promoting social contribution activities and strengthening network
    - Promoting social contribution activities
    - Cooperation with Japanese agencies/ organizations in each country (e.g. Embassy etc.)

- Strengthening the internal/global network
- Developing post-program activities utilizing global network
- b) Promotion of the publicity for the SWY and SWY Alumni Associations
- c) Future improvement of the Ship for World Youth Program
- d) Others

### III. Participants

1. One representative from each alumni association except Japan that have positively developed or are expected to develop.

The Director-General for the General Promotion of Policy on Youth Affairs and Childrearing of the Cabinet Office shall designate the overseas representatives based on the nomination made by the respective SWYAA.

Essential qualifications of the overseas participants are;

- (a) Capable of representing and leading SWYAA in the respective countries.
- (b) Have active participation in post-program activities.
- (c) Fluent in English.
- (d) Sound in body and mind.

The overseas participants or the representative of respective Alumni Associations (eg. President) shall visit Japanese diplomatic missions in respective countries after Ex-PY conference to make the post-conference presentation and the report of post-program activities.

2. One representative from the International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO).

The Director-General for the General Promotion of Policy on Youth Affairs and Childrearing of the Cabinet Office shall designate the Japanese representative based on the nomination made by IYEO.

Essential qualifications of the Japanese participant are equivalent to those of overseas participants.

3. Committee members who organize and support the Ex-PY Conference.

It is preferable that the committee members include the representative of the ex-participating youths

to be dispatched to the 25th SWY program for the SWY Post-Program Activities Promotion Programs on board.

## List of Conference Representatives

Country	Name	SWY	Position
Australia	Zhen-Dan Bao	SWY19	Member
Kingdom of Bahrain	Mohamed Ali Ahmadi	SWY22	Board member
Federative Republic of Brazil	Leonardo Kajioka Nardon	SWY18	President
Canada	Louis Pierre Beauregard	SWY13/17	President
Republic of Chile	Karla Marión Cortés Jopia	SWY23	Member
Republic of Costa Rica	Alonso Andres Villalobos Laurent	SWY3	Vice President
Republic of Ecuador	Margarita Chattin	SWY22	Coordinator
Arab Republic of Egypt	Vitta Abdel Rehim Ibrahim Ahmed	SWY14	President
Republic of Fiji	Prem Lata	SWY21	Member
Hellenic Republic	Konstantinos Tsigkaras Konstantinidis	SWY18	President
India	Ravi Chopra	SWY6	General Secretary
Japan	Tamae Saito	SWY10	Chief of International Division, IYEO
Republic of Kenya	David Warobi Mbatia	SWY10	President
United Mexican States	Jose De Jesus Ruiz	SWY15	President
New Zealand	Dana Jana MacDiarmid	SWY24	President
Sultanate of Oman	Ahmed Alhooti	SWY4/23	Deputy President
Republic of Peru	Gina Pamela Pancorbo	SWY24	Vice President
Solomon Islands	Patrick Paul Amao	SWY19	Member
Spain	Almudena Ramos Martin	SWY20	President
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	Nipuna Tharuka Wachchi Hannadige	SWY22	Member
Kingdom of Sweden	Karl-Gunnar Ingvar Eriksson	SWY23	Treasurer
United Republic of Tanzania	Kissui Steven Kissui	SWY8	President
Kingdom of Tonga	Lokuvalu Leha	SWY3	President
Republic of Turkey	Gül Ekşi	SWY12	President
United Arab Emirates	Nasser Mohammed Al Zaabi	SWY22	Member
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Dylan George Butler	SWY14	President
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Edwin Enrique Solorzano Castillo	SWY21	President
Republic of Yemen	Yousef Abdulkarem Abo Taleb	SWY19/21	President

## Itinerary

Date	Time	Schedule	Venue
Sun., March 17	All day	Delegates arrive in Japan	Hotel in Tokyo
Mon., March 18	9:30	Meet at the hotel lobby, transfer to the venue	IYEO Office
	10:00-12:30	Conference 1	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
	14:00-18:00	Conference 2	
	19:00-20:30	Welcome dinner	Hotel in Tokyo
Tue., March 19	9:00	Meet at the hotel lobby, transfer to the venue	Cabinet Office
	10:00-12:00	Conference 3 - Meeting at the cabinet office - Courtesy call on the Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Cabinet Office	
	12:00-13:30	Lunch break	
	13:30-17:00	Conference 4	
	18:30-20:00	Welcome reception hosted by the Cabinet Office	Hotel in Tokyo
Wed., March 20	9:00	Meet at the hotel lobby, transfer to the venue	National Olympics Memorial Youth Center
	10:30-12:30	Presentation on the SWYAA Activities - Open Forum - 2 min. per country x 28 countries - Discussion with the audience	
	13:00-14:30	Lunch party	
	15:00	Free time	Hotel in Tokyo
Thu., March 21	9:30	Meet at the hotel lobby, transfer to the venue	IYEO Office
	10:00-12:30	Conference 5	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
	14:00-18:00	Conference 6	
	Evening	Free time	Hotel in Tokyo
Fri., March 22	9:30	Meet at the hotel lobby, transfer to the venue	IYEO Office
	10:00-12:30	Conference 7	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
	14:00-18:00	Conference 8	
	18:30-20:00	Farewell dinner	Hotel in Tokyo
Sat., March 23	All day	Delegates depart from Japan	

# MINUTES OF THE TOKYO CONFERENCE FOR THE EX-PARTICIPATING YOUTH OF THE SHIP FOR WORLD YOUTH PROGRAM 2013 (FY2012)

Tokyo, Japan  
March 18 – 22, 2013

## Attendees

### SWYAA Representatives

Mr. Zhen Dan Bao (Australia)  
Mr. Mohamed Ali Ahmadi (Bahrain)  
Mr. Leonardo Kajioka Nardon (Brazil)  
Mr. Louis Pierre Beauregard (Canada)  
Ms. Karla Marion Cortes Jopia (Chile)  
Mr. Alonso Andres Villalobos Laurent (Costa Rica)  
Ms. Margarita Chatten (Ecuador)  
Ms. Vitta Abdel Rehim Ibrahim Ahmed (Egypt)  
Ms. Prem Lata (Fiji)  
Mr. Konstantinos Tsigkaras Konstantinidis (Greece)  
Mr. Ravi Chopra (India)  
Ms. Tamae Saito (IYEO-Japan)  
Mr. David Warobi Mbatia (Kenya)  
Mr. Jose De Jesus Ruiz (Mexico)  
Ms. Dana Jane MacDiarmid (New Zealand)  
Mr. Ahmed Alhooti (Oman)  
Ms. Gina Pamela Pancorbo (Peru)  
Mr. Patrick Paul Amao (Solomon Islands)  
Ms. Almudena Ramos Martin (Spain)  
Mr. Nipuna Tharuka Wachchi Hannadige (Sri Lanka)  
Mr. Karl-Gunnar Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden)  
Dr. Kissui Steven Kissui (Tanzania)  
Mr. Lokuvalu Leha (Tonga)  
Ms. Gül Ekşi (Turkey)  
Mr. Nasser Mohammed Al Zaabi (UAE)  
Mr. Dylan George Butler (UK)  
Mr. Edwin Enrique Solorzano Castillo (Venezuela)  
Mr. Yousef Abdulkarem Abo Taleb (Yemen)

### International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan

Ms. Reiko Ohashi

### Committee Members

Mr. Masato Nakamura  
Ms. Yu Shinagawa  
Ms. Kozue Ota  
Ms. Mihato Shoda  
Mr. Takayuki Ikeda  
Mr. Takaaki Oshiro

## Secretariat

Mr. Jaime Collado, Jr.  
Ms. Miho Fukuda

## Proceedings

### Day 1: March 18, 2013

#### 1. Introduction of Participants, Orientation and House Rules

Ms. Reiko Ohashi, Vice President of International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO) welcomed the guest and gave a brief explanation of the future of the Ship for World Youth (SWY) program, some background information and actions taken by IYEO. The pieces of information, however, are still tentative and should only be disclosed to the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association (SWYAA) community once an official pronouncement has been made by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan. In the week-long conference, Ms. Ohashi requested the SWYAA representatives to discuss and decide on some proposals aimed at further strengthening the international Alumni Association and the SWY program as a whole.

The participants were then requested to make self-introductions. Thereafter, Ms. Tamae Saito explained some pertinent agenda of the conference, about the reestablishment of SWYAA, that need to be decided upon by the attendees as one body. As agreed, all the attendees may join the discussions, however, should there be items or issues that will be resolved through voting, each country can only have one (1) vote. The committee members with “observer” status may not cast their votes. In this meeting, Ms. Saito shall be voting on behalf of the IYEO (Japan).

#### 2. Review of the Conference Agenda and Itinerary for the Conference

Ms. Tamae Saito explained the conference agenda and itinerary for the Conference, highlighting the following:

The pertinent Agenda to be discussed and decided upon shall be:

- Agenda 1 – Current situation and future of the SWY program
- Agenda 2 – Reestablishment of SWYAA as an international body – through the re-structuring of the SWYAA as an organization and adoption of SWYAA Charter
- Agenda 3 – SWYAA social contribution activities
- Agenda 4 – Topics proposed by the conference delegates

As for the itinerary of the conference, Ms. Saito reminded the conference delegates of the following:

- Each SWYAA shall make a 3-minute verbal presentation of their country reports at the meeting with the Cabinet Office officials on the second day (March 19). Printed copies shall be provided to the Cabinet Office, while presentations may also include visual aids (PowerPoint slides/posters/movies).
- The country presentations shall be followed by Q & A with the Cabinet Office officials. To allow smooth operation of the Q & A session, the conference representatives were requested to consolidate and agree on the questions to be asked, which shall be sent to the Cabinet Office in advance for their preparation of their responses.
- The representative of Mexico has been requested to deliver a speech on behalf of all the attendees during the courtesy call on the Minister of State.
- After the courtesy call, there shall be a Welcome Reception to be hosted by the Cabinet Office, which will include a response speech and photo session.
- On the third day (March 20), each representative shall make 2-minute presentation of a specific SWYAA activity in their respective countries in front of Japanese ex-PYs and the general public at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC). The purpose of the presentation is to provide the audience with better understanding of what the AAs are doing in the respective countries. The presentation may only include one (1) prominent project of each AA but should be in-depth and detailed. The presentations may be clustered into themes (e.g. education, youth development, etc.) for the discussion session to follow.
- Conference representatives suggested a silent auction of the items brought by the representatives

may be done during the Lunch Party at the NYC. Proceeds shall be donated to the Tsunami victims in Tohoku through the IYEO.

- Representatives from six Arab countries may pay a courtesy visit to the Minister of Environment Yuriko Koike on March 22 (Bahrain, Egypt, Oman, Turkey, UAE, and Yemen).

### **3. Agenda 1 – Current Situation and Future of the SWY Program**

Mr. Masateru Yoshida, Principal Deputy Director for International Youth Exchange of the Cabinet Office, welcomed the SWYAA representatives and explained the background and hopes of the Cabinet Office from this conference, and the reason for inviting more countries to the conference than in the past. He also explained the current situation of the SWY program and new developments the Cabinet Office will be taking. Mr. Yoshida also mentioned that the SWY program is highly evaluated by the current ruling party including that of the Prime Minister Abe.

Meanwhile, for year 2014 (FY 2013), the Cabinet Office is planning to organize a program called the Global Leaders Development program. This program will be patterned after the SWY program; however, due to budgetary limitations, it will be organized under a different name from SWY with some modifications and introducing different concepts. The framework of the program has been decided but the details will be further discussed and confirmed. The SWYAAs are requested to cooperate with the Cabinet Office in the implementation of such program.

Mr. Yoshida asked the SWYAA to continue and further enhance their social contribution activities. The SWY program has been highly evaluated due to the social contribution activities that the SWYAAs have been implemented over the years.

Ms. Ohashi, on the other hand, made a follow-up explanation on why the program next year wouldn't be called SWY program, providing therein some background information leading to the organization of Global Leaders Development program. She mentioned that the focus of this program will be leadership and it will be difficult to organize a program that is as diverse as what the SWY program can offer. Ms. Ohashi explained that the Cabinet Office and the



IYEO are doing their best to lobby for the revival of the SWY program, and the SWYAA could support by showing tangible results of the SWY program all over the world. This is also the reason why the SWYAA is being proposed to be reorganized and become an international organization. Ms. Reiko Ohashi, however, explained that the participants of the Global Leaders Development program will be included in the SWYAA of the respective countries.

In response, the SWYAA representatives expressed their appreciation and pledged whatever support they could give including those that are budgetary in nature.

Regarding the AAs' participation in PY selection process, SWYAA Mexico was asked to share its 3-stage PY selection process for the Mexican delegation in SWY 25. The process was to ensure that the selected members were the ones who are dedicated and committed to doing social contribution activities after the program. The other AAs may emulate such process depending on their own circumstances in their countries. To improve relationships with their respective governments so they would be given due recognition and more active role in program preparations, the AAs were requested to continue their efforts, especially in making their presence in the society felt and recognized by the government.

#### 4. Explanation of the IYEO Experience

In order for the SWYAA representatives to fully understand their counterpart in Japan, Ms. Reiko Ohashi explained the history, experiences, basic structure and current endeavors of the IYEO. Currently, the IYEO is running both local and international programs. Ms. Ohashi mentioned some of the significant local projects being or recently implemented by the IYEO such as the Great East Japan Earthquake Relief Efforts, the IYEO Challenge Fund, hosting of the SSEAYP International General Assembly in Tokyo, etc. The international programs such as the "One More Child Goes To School Project" are in cooperation with SWYAA Sri Lanka. The IYEO has a set of mission statements and have specific goals every year. It is important to have clear goals so the members would know for what reason or purpose they are doing activities. The IYEO's aim for 2013 is to develop people who can exercise leadership in the society. Established in 1961, the IYEO has 47 local chapters in 8 regions in Japan. More than 50 years have

passed since its establishment, and the fact that IYEO have an up to date database of over 11,000 members has resulted to its high evaluation as an organization.

Ms. Ohashi also explained that the uniqueness of the international youth exchange programs sponsored by the Cabinet Office is that it values networking of the participants after the completion of the programs. The requirements for participation in the programs run by the Cabinet Office has been clear since their first program in 1959, that is the participants should be those committed to social activities and that they would do social contribution activities after the program.

#### 5. Preparation for the Meeting with the Cabinet Office

Through the facilitation by Mr. Leonardo Kajioka Nardon (Brazil), the Conference representatives agreed on the following questions and proposals to be formally communicated to the Cabinet Office officials during the Q & A session on March 19:

- Regarding the hosting of port of call activities, would it be possible for the participating countries to make proposal to the Cabinet Office of Japan in advance so the AA can endeavor to push and be involved in getting commitment and support from their respective governments? Would it be possible to notify the candidate countries in advance? (Canada)
- May we propose that participating countries in close geographical locations (e.g. Persian Gulf countries) take turns in hosting the port of call activities, after due consideration of other factors? (Oman)
- Who in the Cabinet Office shall be approached and how would it be addressed when a country wants to host the port of call activities? (Greece)
- What kind of "result" does the Cabinet Office put high value to in relation to the SWY program? (Peru)
- How can the SWYAA contribute in the enhancement of diplomatic relations between our countries and Japan? (Peru)
- Can the SWYAA receive official recognition from the Cabinet Office? (Yemen)
- Can the Cabinet Office use a more pressing word, other than "preferable" or "recommended," when communicating to the concerned governments regarding the inclusion of the SWYAA in the selection process for PYs and/or having ex-PYs as

NLs? (Egypt)

- Can the Cabinet Office set a specific guideline for the selection process? (Sri Lanka)
- Can we request the Cabinet Office to mention the Global Leader Development Program as a program closely associated with the SWY program? Can the Cabinet Office also reiterate the active participation of SWYAA in the selection process? (Egypt)

The Representatives also agreed to include the following matters in the Conference agenda:

- Set standards of activities/indicator for accomplishments
- Criteria/System for selecting GA
- How to motivate the ex-PYs

## **6. Agenda 2 – Reestablishment of SWYAA as an International Body**

Ms. Tamae Saito explained the reason behind the inclusion of the issue in the agenda. Currently, there are 46 member countries, which are different levels of organizational development and size of membership. In the course of discussion on the continuation of the SWY program, there was a difficulty to clearly state that the SWYAA is an international organization and who were the member countries. In a voluntarily organized reunion in Turkey last year, there was a discussion on the reorganization of the SWYAA as an international body so that whenever the need arises, the SWYAA can present itself as an established entity. These led to the re-drafting of the SWYAA Charter, which the representatives shall have to review and approve in this Tokyo Conference. The proposed Charter was drafted by Ms. Tamae Saito, with the UN Charter and SSEAYP International Charter as references and upon consultation with the Cabinet Office and Ms. Reiko Ohashi. It was deemed that by nature and structure, the SWYAA International be an organization of the SWYAAAs instead of as a governing or overseeing body for the SWYAAAs all over the world.

Through facilitation by Mr. Karl-Gunnar Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden), the representatives agreed on the following, in addition to the proposed amendments as reflected in the attached amended draft:

- The conference representatives shall review the draft Charter and make necessary amendments.
- The conference representatives agreed that the SWYAA International shall be an organization

comprised of the member SWYAAAs where all have equal standing. It will not be an oversight or governing body for all SWYAAAs.

- There shall be Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for items in the Charter that would need further clarification and details.

## **Day 2: March 19, 2013**

### **7. Country Presentation**

Mr. Masateru Yoshida, Principal Deputy Director for International Youth Exchange, welcomed the Conference Representatives to the Cabinet Office. The meeting with the Cabinet Office officials is an official part of the Tokyo Conference.

Next, Mr. Toshio Kuzuma, Director for International Youth Exchange, delivered his message to the representatives. He expressed his respect to the representatives for their contributions to society using their experiences, knowledge and inspiration gained from the SWY program. The Director mentioned that he heard the strong intention from the SWY25 ex-PYs to do post-program activities, as well as the overwhelming support of the ex-PYs all over the world and the IYEO on the continuation of the SWY program. As the Cabinet Office strives to not only continue but also to further develop the SWY program, he asked the representatives to keep working for society and leading the youth in their countries so the effects of the SWY program would reverberate in the society. Director Kuzuma also expressed his hopes for the success of the conference and the success of every individual.

The officials of the Cabinet Office and the SWYAA representatives were introduced, which was followed by a country presentation by each representation. The presentations included a brief profile and history of the AAs as well as past and present social contribution activities. The highlights of the presentations are as follows:

#### **Australia**

- Raised AU\$1,240, which was donated to the flood victims in Brisbane
- Hosted the 3rd Global Assembly and Fundraising Dinner
- Conducted fundraising and donated AU\$10,000 for victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami



- Established the SWY Micro-finance project, an online loan facility (KIVA) involving Australian ex-PYs and benefitting people from all over the world

### **Bahrain**

- Successfully hosted the 6th SWYAA Global Assembly
- Participated in the promotion, selection process and pre-departure preparation of SWY25 delegates

### **Brazil**

- SWYAA Brazil blood donation campaign, including collaboration with SWYAA Mexico
- Cooperated with SWYAA Mexico in organizing the SWY25 visit to Mexico
- Collaboration project with Ms. Kristine Edith Morton (SWY21) for the visit of a youth group to Brazil (Sao Paulo)
- Collaboration with SWYAA Peru for the GA this year

### **Canada**

- Has hosted various formal and informal alumni reunions
- SWY Canada Tsunami Relief donation to IYEO totaling to US\$16,500, for the tsunami victims in Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture
- Collaborated with SWYAA Mexico member in “Sports-in-a-Box” project

### **Chile**

- “Learning to See Arts” project
- “Dancing for Fun” project – promote dance culture to people and keep the SWY spirit alive

### **Costa Rica**

- Promotion of SWY25 program, selection of NL and PYs, in cooperation with the Japanese Embassy and government
- Conducted fundraising activities for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake
- Development of a new SWYAACR website
- Collaboration projects with Japanese Embassy in culture promotion and with other organizations

### **Ecuador**

- Cooperated with Embassy and Consulate General of Japan in the promotion of activities organized for the Japanese Cultural Week held in Guayaquil in

February 2013

- Created a volunteer group “Nuca Shungu” that means “Our Hearts for Japan” in Quechua, to help the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Orphans (JETO)
- SWYAA Ecuador coordinated the invitation of a Japanese ex-PYs, Dr. Yoshihiko Kadoya, as guest speaker in the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science US Alumni Association 3rd Multidisciplinary Scientific Forum held at Chapman University in Orange, California in February 2013

### **Egypt**

- Current Status: EASWY Managing Board has 6 members
- Successfully organized and hosted the 4th SWYAA Global Assembly in 2010
- Organized informal international alumni reunion in Egypt
- Implemented Homestay + 1 project
- Implemented the 9th Japan – Egypt Network (JEN) Open Salon at the Japanese Embassy
- Culture promotion activities of the Japanese Embassy
- Organized Global Photo Context Exhibition at the American University in Cairo
- Prepared and implemented Pre-Departure Orientation Sessions Kit

### **Fiji**

- Tree Planting project, environment conservation and establishment of mini-SWY forest
- Kindergarten Project, a local version of the “One More Child Goes To School” project
- Organized sport events and music competitions to promote healthy life and showcase homegrown talents
- Cyclone Relief project

### **Greece**

- Homestay + 1 project
- Hosted international alumni reunions
- Relief efforts for the Great East Japan Earthquake victims
- Supported the Medicins Du Monde
- SWYAA Web Radio
- Organized Youth Volunteering camp in Tinos island
- Participated in making the biggest origami – a Guinness World Record

### **India**

- Collaborated for the study tour of students of Toyo Eiwa University and received the students in India
- Promoting cultural exchange between India and Japan
- Operating Open School to support children in needs
- Organized Japanese language class to children with the help of Japanese university student
- Established the Indo-Japan Friendship Group

### **Kenya**

- Participated in orientation of SWY25 participants
- Established the Support Kenya Project and Tupendane Project
- Organized SWYAA Kenya reunion (2012)
- Strengthened relationship with Embassy of Japan in Nairobi
- Participated in Africa-Japanese Cultural Festival

### **Mexico**

- Revised and implemented selection process for SWY participation – focusing on selecting PYs dedicated to social contribution
- Established institutional image of SWYAA – website, networking with members to encourage them work in AA
- Worked with Japanese Embassy in finding ways to better collaborate about culture and generate interests in Mexico
- Collaborated with other AAs for various joint projects

### **New Zealand**

- Conservation of environment – Tree Planting Project
- Selection and training of PYs for SWY25
- Strengthened relationship with Ministry of Youth Development and the IYEO
- Connecting with ex-PYs through email database, Facebook page and website
- Organized and run port of call activities and alumni reunions

### **Oman**

- Provided support and donation for the Great East Japan Earthquake victims
- Worked with the Embassy and the Japan-Oman Friendship Organization
- Supported efforts towards understanding of Japan

and the Japanese people

- Participated in the celebration of “Japan-Oman Friendship of 40 Years,” together with the Japanese Embassy and Omani Government
- Blood donation day during the Ramadan

### **Peru**

- Had meeting with embassy – 3 meetings
- Implemented “Learn Live Love,” a joint European-Latin American Volunteer project
- Organized fundraising concert and donated the proceeds to organization taking care of kids with HIV
- 2 Japanese have participated in Homestay +1 project
- Organization and preparation of SWYAA Global Assembly 2013

### **Solomon Islands**

- Conducted the selection of candidates in SWY, including pre-departure training
- Organized national reunions
- Arranged home stay for Japanese visitors and foreigners
- Honiara City Clean Up Project
- Individual initiatives of the AA members such as teaching traditional music to people

### **Spain**

- Organized international reunion in 2012, and gathered 40 people
- Help SWY information event
- Commemorated the first anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake 2011 and helped fundraising in Barcelona, proceeds amounting to 1,700€ was donated to Japanese Red Cross
- Haiku reading and Japanese workshops
- Penpal program between Arizona in the USA and Spain
- Organized Japanese culture workshops such as Japanese cooking courses, manga drawing workshops, and Japanese tea demonstration
- Support book and handicraft projects for the victims of the tsunami – to sell handicrafts to be sent by a Japanese ex-PY, proceeds will benefit the Tsunami victims

### **Sri Lanka**

- Expanded the “One More Child Goes To School” in

collaboration with IYEO; currently supporting 60 students

- Port of call activities – national coordinator with government
- PYs contributed to society during port of call

### **Sweden**

- Nordic Reunion, with Norway and Finland; participated in the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Memorial Evening, organized origami workshop as fundraising to benefit the tsunami victims
- Organized small reunion in Stockholm – from 5 different countries
- Arranged homestays for ex-PYs coming to Sweden (Homestay + 1)
- Supported ex-PY who are exchange students in Sweden
- Process reorganizing the AA to run it more smoothly for more programs.

### **Tanzania**

- Works hand in hand with government and Japanese Embassy
- Conducted volunteer activities for the needy
- Promoted youth empowerment through development of livelihood skills
- Conducts youth camp every December
- Assisted in the internship for volunteers from Japan
- Held reunions and arranged homestay for ex-PYs

### **Tonga**

- Organized and managed the port of call activities (SWY 21 – all by AA, including funding)
- New Japanese Embassy in Tonga – to meet the ambassador
- Welcome ex-PYs to Tonga

### **Turkey**

- Organized mini-international reunions
- Organized activities in the country and abroad (What is Happiness Project)
- Participated in activities of NGOs
- Strengthened ties with Japanese societies
- Planning and implementing of the SWY25 visit to Turkey

### **UAE**

- Annual reunion in Abu Dhabi
- Visiting neighboring countries and supporting their

activities

- Homestay + 1 project
- Conducted SWY25 pre-departure training and NL selection

### **United Kingdom**

- Organization formation, redrafting of charter
- Organization of mini-SWY reunion
- Land Rover Ambulance for the Mongolia Rally 2011, proceeds from the fundraising was donated to Amnesty International
- Setting up working relationship with the Tupendane International Project (Kenya)

### **Venezuela**

- Celebrating Cultural Diversity in the areas and support local children
- Supporting school needs with donations – medicines and education resources
- Helped Japanese Embassy activities
- Blood donation activity
- Contributing to rural areas in needs through donations

### **Yemen**

- Blood donation
- Works with Japanese Embassy for the Japanese Culture Week
- Participated in the Clean Up Campaign in Yemen - organized by Mayor of the City, and two SWYAA ex-PYs were members of the preparation committee; over 200,000 volunteers participated

The representatives of SWYAA Turkey, SWYAA Sri Lanka, SWYAA New Zealand, SWYAA Mexico and SWYAA Bahrain also shared their efforts and the detailed activities for the JPYs who visited their countries as part of the SWY25 program. In response, Mr. Masateru Yoshida thanked the SWYAAAs for their great arrangement, wonderful preparation, and hospitality.

## **8. Q & A with the Cabinet Office**

- Regarding the hosting of port of call activities, would it be possible for the participating countries to make proposal to the Cabinet Office of Japan in advance so the AA can endeavor to push and be involved in getting commitment and support from their respective governments? Would it be possible

to notify the candidate countries in advance?  
(Canada)

**Mr. Masateru Yoshida:** It can be difficult to implement for two reasons. The selection of port of call countries always depends on the budget, which is prepared on an annual basis, so we cannot decide well in advance. The other reason is the SWY program is a program initiated by the Japanese Government, but even so, it is a government-to-government program. Thus, the selection of port of call country also depends on the result of negotiation between the Cabinet Office and the government of the candidate country, and we do not know whether the government of your countries would accept our proposal. However, we would also need your support for the negotiation of the port of call activities or the program visited by the Japanese participating youth. Until now, the Japanese Government shoulders all the costs of the program, but there might be a possibility of collaboration with your governments in the future.

- Who in the Cabinet Office shall be approached and how would it be addressed when a country wants to host the port of call activities for next year program e.g. Global Leadership Development program? (Greece)

**Mr. Masateru Yoshida:** We will be having government-to-government negotiation, as mentioned before, but if you wish to host, you may signify your intentions through the IYEO or the Japanese Embassy. Please do note, however, that in making decisions we will also consider other factors like safety, availability of port, willingness of the Japanese Embassy to collaborate, etc.

- May we propose that participating countries in close geographical locations (e.g. Persian Gulf countries) take turns in hosting the port of call activities, after due consideration of other factors? (Oman)

**Mr. Masateru Yoshida:** First, we will have to decide on what scale we can organize the SWY program, and then depending on the budget we have, we will decide on where we can visit for the ports of call. We will decide on how to select the ports of call countries considering the proposals we

have received.

- What kind of “result” does the Cabinet Office put high value to in relation to the SWY program? (Peru)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** There are 3 categories, namely, diplomatic efficiency, human development, and human network. The SWY program exists not only for the youth of Japan but also the youth from other countries. We wish to see the development of a strong human network between the youth in Japan and youth from other countries in order to continue contributing to the society.

- How can SWYAA contribute in the enhancement of diplomatic relations between our countries and Japan? (Peru)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** There are various ways like introduction of Japanese culture, participating, or promoting organizing various culture exchange programs. You can coordinate with the Japanese Embassies and share information with them. You can also capitalize on your SWY network; enhance the communication and network of ex-PYs. That’s part of diplomacy.

- Can the SWYAA receive official recognition from the Cabinet Office? (Yemen)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** If there are any necessities where you need recognition, the Cabinet Office can do on a case to case basis.

**Mr. Masateru Yoshida:** As an additional information, if you become part of SWYAA International, and your organization becomes a member, it would be easier for us to issue such kind of letter to acknowledge your SWYAA.

- Can the Cabinet Office use a more pressing word, other than “preferable” or “recommended” when communicating to the concerned governments regarding the inclusion of the SWYAA in the selection process for PYs and/or having ex-PYs as NLs? (Egypt)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** We do believe that it’s

preferable to have ex-PYs as part of the selection process. But then again, each country have their own ideas and policies so it's difficult for the Japanese Government to impose what we want on them. Nevertheless, we will consider using stronger wording in our communication with them.

- Can the Cabinet Office set a specific guideline for the selection process? (Sri Lanka)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** There are certain criteria that have been established for the selection process, but these are generally stated. If we wish to make it more detailed, we would have to agree with each participating country.

- Can we request the Cabinet Office to mention the Global Leadership Development program as a program closely associated with the SWY program? Can the Cabinet Office also reiterate the active participation of SWYAA in the selection process? (Egypt)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** Yes, we do have a plan to make clear that the new program is closely associated with SWY, but we haven't had a detailed plan on how to do that.

- Regarding the "List of Prominent ex-PYs" which the Cabinet Office asked us to prepare, you said that preferably the main list would include company CEOs, Parliamentarians, professors, royal family, etc. For SWYAA Brazil, it was difficult to make that list. Most of our members were students when they joined the SWY program. In the meantime, a lot of them explore international studies like in Japan, EU and Europe. And in the selection process in government, the representatives are usually selected from prestigious programs. The PYs are considered more prominent and study at good universities. (Brazil)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** We asked each country to submit the prominent person's list as we needed to produce some result of SWY program. I understand that there might have been difficulties, and we do appreciate your efforts.

- I am not questioning the objective of the project, in

fact I understand very well. I just wanted to mention that it was difficult to draw the line between who are "prominent" and "not so prominent." (Brazil)

- May I suggest an additional part of the program? Many of the PYs were asking how to start business outside of Japan, and this question was also asked not only by the Japanese. There seems to be a strong interest in knowing how to start business abroad. What about including "youth entrepreneurship" in the future program? (Oman)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** Thank you, we do need to consider the needs of the time, so we will take your suggestion into consideration. We will soon start the planning for the 2014 program and we will start inviting people who will plan and decide the details. We will take your proposals into consideration.

- This is related to the suggestion made by our colleague from Oman. We had themes that have been repeated year after year. Are these set by the Cabinet Office? What is the driving force behind the selection? (Australia)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** We review and decide the theme for discussion every year.

**Ms. Reiko Ohashi:** Let me provide you background information. The theme-based Course Discussion program started in SWY17. Back then, we chose themes that were not only relevant to Japan but topics that had universal importance. We started with seven (7) courses. You may notice that some have remained through the years like environment, education and cross-cultural understanding. We also have to consider topics that are easy to discuss for the participating youth. In addition, the availability of adequate personnel like ex-PYs as advisors and facilitators, who would be planning and facilitating the discussions, has to be put into consideration. Meanwhile, we have set the overall comprehensive theme, "youth participation in society," to allow PYs some flexibility so they can still participate in the discussion even if they have no experience. The purpose is that the participants are able to talk about their future plans according to each topic. However, as alumni we encourage you to raise your voices

and share your opinions to the Cabinet Office, through the IYEO.

- I have spoken to the SSEAYP ex-PYs and we talked about their impressions and possible solutions or suggestions. One suggestion that came from an ex-PY in Thailand is to maintain the same budget, lessen the number of participating countries but increase the number of delegation members. (Canada)

**Director Toshio Kuzuma:** That's a useful suggestion and we will take that into consideration for the next program.

### 9. Courtesy Call on Minister of State

In a speech, Ms. Masako Mori, Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Cabinet Office, stated that she felt the strong "bond among people" had been cultivated through 25-year-history of this program and the SWY spirit was flourishing with SWYAAs' active post-program activities, such as support for children and assistance for disaster victims. Also she extended her appreciation for assistance and support of SWYAAs to the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake. She encouraged SWYAAs to continue the discussion towards the activation of their international network and post-program activities during this conference, and also mentioned that when such achievements were visualized, the value of this program would be widely recognized. Lastly, she expressed her intention to make effort to prolong this kind of significant program.

Thereafter, Mr. Jose De Jesus Ruiz of SWYAA Mexico delivered his response speech on behalf of all the Representatives.

### 10. Continuation of the Discussion of Agenda 2 – SWYAA International Draft Charter

Ms. Reiko Ohashi gave some background on the drafting of the SWYAA International Charter. She said that after 25 years of the SWY program, it's about time to clearly show the presence of the SWYAA to society and this can only be done if it would be recognized as an international organization. She mentioned the SSEAYP International experience, which was established earlier, and the advantages of it being a recognized international organization. Ms. Ohashi also suggested that should the representatives agree, the IYEO may provide the

secretariat requirement of the SWYAA International for easier coordination with the Cabinet Office.

The following agreements and highlights were noted:

- The process of formal recognition shall be decided by two-third vote of full membership (VSIR=Voting Session for SWYAA International Representative). Non-acceptance of application shall be accompanied with due explanation of the denial.
- Voting in the VSIR shall be added as one of the responsibilities of the member AAs.
- The body agreed to have a Secretariat body, which will be in charge of secretariat and administrative requirements of the SWYAA International.
- The voting for removal and demotion shall be two-third of all members.
- The SWYAA International shall have two regular voting sessions a year, to be determined by the Secretariat (basically May and November, unless otherwise informed by the Secretariat). Emergency voting session can also be sought by any member whenever the need arises.
- Procedure for Charter amendment shall be two-third votes.
- Each member AA should designate 2 people to be registered to the SWYAA International Representatives Network.
- Full members have the responsibility to submit the annual activity report as requested by the Secretariat.
- The conference agreed that Members to the SWYAA International shall pay annual membership fee. The annual membership fee shall be used to cover administrative costs such as website hosting, etc.
- The body agreed to have specific amount (number) of membership fee in the Charter, which will be decided later in the Conference.

### Day 4: March 21, 2013

### 11. Continuation of the Discussion of Agenda 2 – SWYAA International Draft Charter

Mr. Karl-Gunnar Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden) continued the facilitation of the discussion on the matter. He requested the adoption of certain house rules to facilitate the proceedings. Following are the highlights of the discussions:

- The representative agreed that SWYAA International Representatives Network be maintained as

information dissemination network within the SWYAA society.

- The body agreed that associate members will have voices and are allowed active participation in the discussion of pertinent matters, however, they are not vested with voting rights. In addition, they shall receive information about the SWY program and SWYAA International, except those deemed confidential by the Secretariat.
- The body agreed that the associate members will be required to submit annual reports of activities and/or future activity plans.
- The highest decision-making body in the SWYAA International shall be the Voting Session of SWYAA International Representatives (VSIR). (Article 14, Item 1)
- The body agreed to delete Article 14, Item 2 of the draft Charter.
- The body agreed to increase the term of office of the Secretary General from the proposed two (2) years to three (3) years. (Article 17, Item 3)
- The body agreed to create an implementing rules and regulations (IRR) for provisions in the Charter that need to be further defined and clarified in detail.
- Salient discussions and agreements are reflected on the draft IRR (attached), which includes the following:

#### 1. Definition of Terms

- Alumni member shall be defined as “an ex-Participating Youth of the SWY program who are recognized by the SWYAA according to their internal rules on membership.”
- The body agreed that the Country Report and Future Activity Plan shall be submitted as separate documents.

#### 2. Criteria for Membership

- There should be a provision requiring residency of the President or the Vice President in their home country to make sure that the SWYAA is properly managed and coordination/cooperation with Japanese Embassies would run smoothly.
- The phrase “consider addressing membership of foreign ex-PYs in their home country” shall be added in the IRR. Further, such provision shall be added as a preferable qualification for membership instead of as a requirement.

#### 3. Sanctions/Penalties for Non-Compliance of Duties and Responsibilities as a Member

- Non-compliance by members of their duties and obligations such as submission of annual country reports, payment of membership fees and casting of votes during VSSIR shall warrant penalties or sanctions specified in the IRR.

#### 4. Voting Procedures for the Amendment of Charter

- All important decisions of the SWYAA International such as but not limited to matters related to membership acceptance, demotion to associate member, removal from the SWYAA International, and amendments of the Charter or the IRR require two-third vote of all full members to take effect.
- Before an amendment proposal is accepted for discussion and voting in the next session, it should be supported by at least one-third of the full members.
- Proposals for Charter amendment emanating from the Secretary General shall not require one-third vote of full members before being tabled for discussion and voting.

### **Day 5: March 22, 2013**

#### **12. Continuation of Agenda 2 – SWYAA International Charter**

- The body agreed to use the word “general equality and rights” in Article 4, Item 2 of the Charter.
- The words “democratic, inclusive and transparent” shall be added in the Implementing Rules and Regulations, Article 2, Item c.
- The body agreed that each SWYAA shall have the right to determine the membership and voting eligibility status of members. This shall be included in the SWYAA Guideline, Article 4, Item b.
- The representatives agreed to submit small corrections to the adopted version of the Charter, if any, by end of March 2013. Final review of the Charter shall be until April 15, 2013. Represented SWYAAAs (e.g. 28 countries) in this Conference may register as full members until August 15 for the first deadline, or until December 15, 2013 for the second deadline.
- The SWYAA Charter shall take effect in January 1, 2014.



- The representatives agreed to have a fixed amount for membership fee, as against structured amount.
- The representatives agreed that the membership fee shall be US\$100.00 or JPY10,000.
- Payment of membership fees shall be between December 15 to 31 of the preceding year. Advance payment, however, is preferable.
- The Guidelines for SWYAA or certain provisions therein was revised accordingly to conform to the provision of the Charter.

### 13. Proposed SWYAA Projects

The representatives pitched their proposed projects, which the other SWYAA's may participate in or undertake through collaboration, replication or localization. The highlights of the discussions on the Agenda are as follows:

#### **Existing SWYAA Common Projects That Should be Emphasized**

- The status of implementation of the common running projects that should be emphasized were reviewed and the SWYAA's were requested to initiate or expand their implementation in their respective countries.

International SWY Day on January 18 (10 countries have implemented)

Homestay + 1

SWY World.net: (10 countries have submitted activities to Greece)

- Individuals or SWYAA can submit their activities for posting in the website.

- Whenever individual ex-PY of SWYAA write about projects on Facebook, Twitter, etc, use hash tags (#HSplus1 and #SWYppa)

SWYAA Web Radio

One More Child Goes To School (Sri Lanka)

Give Blood, Give Life (Venezuela)

- Activity reports on the common projects shall be included in the annual country report.
- The newly proposed projects may become common projects, or be replicated or localized as the individual SWYAA wishes.

#### **SWAA International Joint Project Proposals**

##### **Branding SWYAA International (Yemen)**

The body agreed to adopt one unified SWYAA

International logo. Each SWYAA may continue to use their own logos, provided that the SWYAA International logo shall be used at all times for every project, activity, events, and in promotional products by the SWYAA. The selection of SWYAA logo shall be through an open logo competition. SWYAA Yemen shall be in charge of preparing the competition guideline, announcing and collecting entries for logo completion. Voting shall be done online by all SWYAA members. Entries that receive the 3 most number of votes shall be proposed to the Cabinet Office for their confirmation. A proposal shall be made to adopt the same logo for the SWY program.

##### **Twin Alumni Association Project (Mexico)**

The aim of the project is to establish an agreement between two Alumni Associations that brings to life joint projects where both AAs can participate/collaborate, so as to strengthen its ties and encourage them to keep performing social contribution activities.

##### **SWY Weekend (Mexico)**

The idea is to pick young leaders from local communities, schools and universities, and during one weekend share with them the values and principles learned in the SWY Program. This project is intended to bring the SWY Spirit to the youth that hasn't had the chance to get on board.

#### **Activities That Can Be Lead by a Country and Other Countries Can Contribute**

##### **KIVA Network (Australia)**

KIVA is a micro finance organization which allows participants to provide loans to individuals who are in need of financial assistance. The individual repays the loan over time, and the loan provider can track the progress of the loan and see their success. To be involved in KIVA, SWYAA can start their own "KIVA SWYAA" Group or join the existing "KIVA SWYAA" Group or join the existing "KIVA SWY" Group. Once the group is established, members can be added and also promoted via social media such as Facebook and twitter. Participants of groups have the unique opportunity to select which individuals receive the loan, and as a general guideline the preference has been to provide loans to individuals from participating SWY countries,

thereby continuing with the SWY spirit and the SWY community.

### **Crowd Funding Campaign (UK)**

#### Aims:

To raise funds to support a social development project (Tupendane UK) through a national crowd-funding campaign.

#### How:

Using a crowd-funding platform such as kickstarter.com, indiegogo.com etc, we will set up a campaign running over 30-45 days, to raise a set amount of funds with clear aims and objectives to support the aims and objectives of Tupendane UK.

We will create a fundraising package including:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Script
- Publicity materials

The fundraising package will be sent out through the UK SWYAA network to volunteers who have agreed to present it in their school, pub, university, community hall and any other relevant places; creating awareness of the campaign and how they can donate on the crowd-funding platform. This model could easily be replicated in other countries and possibly used on one big international fundraising campaign for a major package.

### **Treasure Box Project (Spain)**

This project helps to promote and sell the products made by women living in temporary housing in Minami-Sanriku (Miyagi prefecture, Japan) worldwide. The project supports people affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake as they not only come to terms with the devastation but also work to recover and rebuild mourn the loss of both family and friends. Any profit goes directly to these families.

### **SWY Anniversary Video (Spain)**

The idea is to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the SWY program by making a video where each participant expresses his/her wish for SWY (as if you were wishing “happy birthday” to a friend). The video will be posted on the SWY website and all SWYAA websites in order to motivate people to continue contributing to the society under SWY values.

### **Course Discussion related project after SWY (Egypt)**

#### Aim:

1. Development of SWY program and enhance post-program activities.
2. Encourage engaging PYs in post-program activities upon returning from the SWY program based on experience gained from Course Discussions on board.
3. Involve SWYAA to join projects.

#### Idea:

1. Provide after the completion of action plan as a mini-diploma in “International Youth Development” related to certain curriculum.
2. Have discussion groups linked to a project to be finished after SWY program or to submit a small thesis according to an action plan.

#### Timeline:

1. Agree on action-plan during Course Discussions while on board
2. 4-5 weeks upon return from the ship
3. Submit a small thesis from each country involved/related to topic

### **What is Happiness Project (Turkey)**

This is a project to make children living in poor areas or survived a bad event like an earthquake feel that they are not alone. At school with such children can be visited by the alumni members. Before the visit some stationary and school materials can be collected for the donation to the school. Alumni members can spend some time with the kids with playing games and singing songs. A part of the visit must be drawing pictures with the theme on “What is Happiness?” The children draw what makes them happy. The pictures will be collected by the SWYAA Turkey to be exhibited on the website.

### **Donate jogging shoes to underprivileged children (Brazil)**

#### Main Idea:

Collect used shoes that are still in good condition to underprivileged children who are part of a social project that aims to encourage young people to engage in sporting activities.

#### How:

Each person can donate one pair of used shoes that are no longer suitable for training or competition usage, but are still in decent condition to be worn for

a short period of time. SWYAA Brazil is thinking about collecting shoes from participants (local and international) and distribute to a social worker in Brasilia. International SWYAA's could gather shoes from its participants and hand them to SWYAA Brazil or try to establish similar initiatives in each of their countries.

#### **Donate old computers to institutions (Brazil)**

##### Main Idea:

Collect old computers, service them back into fully functional status and donate them to institutions that can use them. SWYAA Brazil intends to collect the computers, format their hard drives and install open source software, service all non functional parts and replace them with functional ones, and donate them to institutions in need. On the international level, SWYAA's can cooperate and find computers or institutions that can donate or receive the computers.

#### **Activities That Can Be Implemented Internally**

##### **Reviving the countries that only participated once or twice (Sweden)**

###### Purpose

To retrieve ex-PYs from countries that do not have SWYAA and would like to be part of the SWY community again.

###### Steps:

First step: Identify countries in your area that have been invited to SWY but don't have any SWYAA.

Second step: Contact IYEO to get the information on the ex-PYs from the identified countries.

Third step: Contact every member by Facebook, post, phone call or any other way possible.

Fourth step: Present your SWYAA and the recent work that has been done with the SWYAA International and offer them the possibility to become reactivated and integrated in the SWY community by joining your SWYAA. If they decline the invitation, offer them the possibility to just receive information from your SWYAA and to join your activities.

Fifth step: If enough ex-PYs have been reactivated from the same country, suggest and support them to create their own national SWYAA

#### **Ramadan Campaign (Oman)**

In Ramadan (Holy Month for Muslims), PYs could gather with other Muslims with different AA's, make donations for people locally and internationally and do blood donation.

#### **Gathering with orphans (Oman)**

Some SWYAA members visit orphanage children houses and share some activities with them, such as programs with children and games. Some gifts might also be given from AA members.

#### **Projects Proposed by Individuals or Invitation by AA**

##### **Bus for World Youth (Peru)**

The Bus for World Youth Program (BWY) was a voluntary post-program activity proposed by the Peruvian delegation on board SWY21 (2009) with the objective of traveling through Peru with the same spirit of the Ship, but on a Bus. The purpose of the Bus for World Youth Program was to reassure participant's commitment with society and leadership, through volunteer work and donations for Peruvian communities in need. Throughout 14 days, from December 28, 2009 to January 10, 2010, the participants traveled by bus from Lima to Ica (Pisco, El Carmen and Huacachina), Arequipa (city, and a poor community near Colca Canyon called Chalhuanca), Puno (city, and the islands of Uros, Amantani, Taquile and Sillustani), and finally, Cusco (city, Korikancha, Sacsayhuaman, Quenqo, PucaPucara, Tambomachay, Maras, Moray, Ollantaytambo, and Inca Trail... with Machu Picchu at the end!). In each place we tried to create an environment of partnership, solidarity and cultural exchange. During our journey we were able to assist four Peruvian communities with music instruments and the tuition for workshops in order to reinforce their identity through music, clothing for the cold weather and educational materials for the local libraries. We also had the opportunity to share valuable time with the people of these communities. More information available in the blog: [www.bwyperu.blogspot.com](http://www.bwyperu.blogspot.com).

**Data storing, web hosting – data storage space (Sweden)**

**Kilimanjaro Expedition and Safari National Parks (Tanzania)**

In this project, members of SWYAA Tanzania will mobilize people who will not leave a legacy for their life by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. The participants to the project will also have a chance to visit Serengeti and Ngorongoro, the most natural National Park in the world. People who want to participate will have to donate something, which will go to help the needy. SWYAA from other cities may mobilize the youth and other alumni members so they may participate in this program. This event can take place twice to thrice a year depending on the availability of participants.

**Reunion in Ionian Island (Greece)**

Spending 7 days onboard a sailing boat in individual groups of 8 people and sail together in 4 Greek islands of the Ionian Sea. Social contribution activities will be organized to help local communities in those areas with limited population.

**Mexican PY selection process (Mexico)**

**Projects to be done in this Conference**

**Video Shooting (Japanese Committee members)**

**14. Adjournment**

There being no other matter to discuss, the Tokyo Conference for the Ex-Participating Youth of the Ship for World Youth program 2013 (FY2012) was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2013.

## Introductory Note

The purpose of the Ship for World Youth (SWY) program, sponsored by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, is to broaden the global view of the Japanese youth, to promote mutual understanding and friendship between Japanese and foreign youth as well as to cultivate the spirit of international cooperation and the competence to practice it. Furthermore, it fosters youth with the capability of showing leadership in various area of international society. In addition, this program aims at establishing networks and promoting joint activities among youth around the world through providing concrete and practical opportunities, the cohabitation and the joint activities during the SWY program, which is the epitome of international society with wide variety of cultures and ideas, to make a visible international contribution from the perspective of human resource development.

The predecessor of the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association (SWYAA) Charter was compiled as a SWYAA Agreement (East) signed by 13 countries of the eastern route of the Ship for World Youth program in January 1996. SWYAA Agreement (West) was signed by 14 countries of the western route of the Ship for World Youth program in January 1997.

In 2005, seeking to have a common mission for all the SWYAA member countries, a Ship for World Youth Alumni Association Charter was formed, revising and merging the two existing SWYAA Agreements from the East and the West.

The SWYAA Charter was then amended into the SWYAA International Charter on April 15, 2013 signed by 28 countries attending the Tokyo Conference for the Ex-Participating Youth of the Ship for World Youth Program.

The SWYAA International Charter shall come into effect on January 1, 2014.

## Preamble

Each country has an association for alumni participating youth, founded for the purpose of continuing the spirit that was fostered through the SWY program. SWYAA International promotes and supports the spirit of leadership

towards achieving cultural understanding, international cooperation and world peace developed during the SWY program.

## Chapter I: Missions, Goals, and Tasks

### Article 1

Our common missions and goals are to:

1. Maintain the network of the former participants of the SWY program;
2. Sustain international friendship and strengthen cooperation among the member countries;
3. Engage in activities that contribute to the home country and the international society;
4. Support and develop leaders in the home country and member countries who will contribute to society;
5. Strengthen ties with the local government in charge of youth affairs;
6. Strengthen ties with the embassies of the member countries and especially the Japanese Embassy; and
7. Strengthen ties with the Japanese community.

### Article 2

Our common tasks are to:

1. Organize activities, locally and internationally, which would lead to social contribution, volunteer initiatives, and development initiatives;
2. Strengthen the network of members in the home country;
3. Enhance information exchange among members in the home country and the SWYAA International member countries;
4. Communicate with, and make periodic reports to, the Japanese Embassy;
5. Provide a means of communication for the former participating youth (ex-PYs) and present participating youth of the SWY program;
6. Support future participants of the SWY program; and
7. Keep and maintain up-to-date information of alumni members.

## Chapter II: General Rules

### Article 3

1. The name of the organization shall be the Ship

for World Youth Alumni Association International and its abbreviated name shall be the SWYAA International.

2. The SWYAA International is a body that is formed by the recognized Ship for World Youth Alumni Associations (SWYAA).

#### **Article 4**

Fundamental principles of the SWYAA International shall be designated as follows:

1. SWYAA International shall not be:
  - a. Governmental;
  - b. For profit;
  - c. Political; and
  - d. Religious.
2. SWYAA International is based on the principle of general equality and rights.
3. Every member country of the SWYAA International shall abide by the obligations stipulated in this Charter.

### **Chapter III: Membership**

#### **Article 5**

General guidelines for membership:

1. Member countries of the SWYAA International must be those who have participated in the SWY program and have established a SWYAA in their home country.
2. Each country is eligible to have only one formally recognized SWYAA (full or associate member) to the SWYAA International.
3. The procedure for becoming a member is defined in “Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)” provided separately (Annex A).
4. The process of formal recognition, demotion, and removal shall be attained by a vote of the member countries. This process is detailed in the IRR.
5. Member countries shall inform the Secretariat when there is a change of board members in the respective SWYAA.

#### **Article 6**

Full membership:

1. SWYAA that are permitted to join the SWYAA International as a full member shall only be those who have formally established their SWYAA in accordance with the “SWYAA Guideline” provided separately (Annex B).
2. Full members should be actively seeking to

accomplish the missions and goals of the SWYAA International.

3. Full members have the responsibility to register two representatives to the SWYAA International Representatives Network.
4. Full members have the voting responsibility of one vote per country at the Voting Session for the SWYAA International Representatives (VSIR).
5. Full members have the right to receive all official information related to the SWY program and the SWYAA International, which will be provided by the Secretariat.
6. Full members have the right to host the SWYAA Global Assembly.
7. Full members have the responsibility to submit an annual country report as requested by the Secretariat.
8. Full members are liable for an annual membership fee of 10,000 Yen or USD\$100 to be paid between December 15 and 31 for the membership fee of the following year, but the payment can be made in advance (remittance fee to be borne by the SWYAA).

#### **Article 7**

Associate membership:

1. Alumni groups for the SWY program are permitted to register for the SWYAA International as an associate member.
2. Associate members have the right to join the SWYAA International Representatives Network, but will not have voting rights at the VSIR.
3. Associate members can receive limited official information related to the SWY program and the SWYAA International, which will be provided by the Secretariat.
4. It is preferable for associate members to submit an annual country report and/or future activity plan.

#### **Article 8**

Former participants of non-member countries:

1. Countries that have participated in the SWY program that do not have any form of alumni group will be considered as non-member countries.
2. Individual former participants of the SWY program of non-member countries are eligible to receive information related to the SWY program and the SWYAA International through SWY News (annual newsletter) and SWY-related mailing lists.

## **Article 9**

The following \_\_\_ countries are full members of the SWYAA International:

1. aa
2. bb

The following \_\_\_ countries are associate members of the SWYAA International:

1. aa
2. bb
3. cc

## **Article 10**

Annual country report:

1. An annual country report is to be submitted by each SWYAA to the Secretariat by the end of January of each year.
2. The format of this report must follow the template designated by the SWYAA International.
3. The template for the annual country report shall be provided by the Secretariat in December.

## **Article 11**

1. SWY News is published by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, and edited by IYEO.
2. Each SWYAA should make an effort to contribute at least one article to the SWY News upon request.

## **Chapter IV: SWYAA Global Assembly**

### **Article 12**

General guidelines:

1. The SWYAA Global Assembly is hosted by the IYEO and the SWYAA International, and is co-hosted and coordinated by the SWYAA of the hosting country.
2. The SWYAA Global Assembly takes place in conjunction with the Conference for Post-Program Activities.
3. Any ex-PYs of the SWY program and IYEO members are eligible to participate in the SWYAA Global Assembly.

### **Article 13**

Main purposes of the SWYAA Global Assembly are to:

1. Provide an opportunity for ex-PYs of the SWY program, from various countries and different participating years to meet and; by sharing thoughts, strengthen their international alumni network;
2. Provide opportunities for ex-PYs to learn about the culture and people of the hosting country;

3. Provide opportunities to ex-PYs to be engaged in volunteer activities so that they can contribute to the society;
4. Share information about post-program activities that are taking place around the world; and
5. Revitalize the SWYAA by hosting or participating in the Global Assembly.

## **Chapter V: Decision Making Body**

### **Article 14**

1. Voting Session for the SWYAA International Representatives (VSIR) is the highest decision making forum.
2. VSIR shall basically take place at the SWYAA International Representatives Network.
3. VSIR shall review and make recommendations or decisions about any matter addressed in the Charter.
4. A decision at the VSIR shall be determined by a two-thirds of the votes of the member countries.
5. Decisions made by the VSIR shall not violate the right of self-determination and independence of the SWYAA members.
6. Each SWYAA shall designate the order of those who have voting rights, from the President to Vice President(s) and/or Secretary General, and inform the Secretariat upon registering to the SWYAA International, as well as updating the information in the annual country report.

## **Chapter VI: The Secretariat**

### **Article 15**

General rules:

1. The Secretariat shall execute the general affairs of the SWYAA International.
2. The Secretariat shall be established in the IYEO.
3. The Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary-General, a Deputy Secretary-General, and such staff as the Secretariat deems necessary.

### **Article 16**

The duties of the Secretariat shall be as follows:

1. To gather and disseminate information related to the SWY program and the SWYAA International;
2. To collect the annual country reports of the member countries and take charge of documentation; and
3. To manage financial affairs and make a financial report to the SWYAA International member countries once a year.



## Article 17

Term of service:

1. The Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General must be former participants of the SWY program.
2. The Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General shall be approved by the SWYAA International at the VSIR.
3. The Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General shall hold their office for three years and they may be reappointed.

## Chapter VII: Financial Affairs

### Article 18

General rules:

1. The source of revenue of the SWYAA International shall be membership fees paid by the member countries and donations.
2. Receiving donations, special revenue, and sponsorship from other sources will be considered by the Secretary General in order to confirm that there are no attached conditions or commitments that jeopardize the objectives of the SWYAA

International.

3. Revenue of the SWYAA International shall contribute to the expenses needed for the Secretariat.
4. Revenue of the SWYAA International may contribute to the expenses for common activities of the SWYAA International upon approval by the VSIR.

### Article 19

The fiscal year of the SWYAA International shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

## Chapter VIII: Rules and Regulations

### Article 20

The document on “Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)” is an integral part of the SWYAA International Charter, and is annexed to this document. All changes to the IRR will necessitate a two-thirds vote of all full members.

### Miscellaneous Provisions

Membership to the SWYAA International is not associated with a country’s invitation to the SWY program.

## Annex A: Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

### Article A-1: Basic rules for the VSIR

1. A two-thirds vote of all the current full members are needed to:
  - a. Be recognized as a new full member of the SWYAA International.
  - b. Demote a country’s membership from the SWYAA International.
  - c. Remove a country’s membership from the SWYAA International.
  - d. Make amendments to the SWYAA International Charter.
  - e. Approve other issues raised by the member countries.
2. There will be two sessions annually for voting (May and November). If the timing of the sessions were to change, the Secretariat will make an announcement in January of that year.
3. Each voting session will last for seven days.
4. A special voting session can be requested, which will be determined by the Secretariat.
5. A request for voting should be submitted to the Secretariat for consideration at least 30 days before the VSIR.

### Article A-2: Criteria for full membership

1. To qualify for full membership to SWYAA International, a SWYAA must have:
  - a. A constitution or a charter;
  - b. An elected board comprising of one President, at least one Vice President, and one Secretary General and/or Treasurer, who are in the position for a fixed term;
  - c. A democratic, inclusive, and transparent election process;
  - d. A President or a Vice President that is residing in the home country; and
  - e. A clear process and criteria for becoming a SWYAA member.
2. In applying to be a full member of the SWYAA International, it is preferable that the SWYAA:
  - a. Is engaged in contribution activities to society;
  - b. Has arbitration and disciplinary procedures;
  - c. Has submitted annual country reports and provided up-to-date information on its alumni members;
  - d. Supports, and is involved in, pre-departure training of new participating youth of the SWY

- program;
  - e. Has relationships with the local Japanese Embassy, relevant youth organizations, and government agencies (where applicable); and
  - f. Considers addressing membership of ex-PYs not belonging to the home country.
3. Procedure for membership acceptance (full or associate):
- a. Fill out an application form to be provided by the Secretariat.
  - b. Obtain at least two references from full members.
  - c. Submit the application form and references to the Secretariat at least 30 days before the VSIR.
  - d. Membership will be decided at the next VSIR.

**Article A-3: Sanctions and penalties for non-compliance of duties and responsibilities as a member country**

**Process:**

- Item 1: The process for penalties for non-compliance of submission of the annual country report or payment of the annual membership fee shall be as follows:
1. The Secretariat will issue a warning and the SWYAA has three months to comply.
  2. Should that three month period lapse without compliance, the SWYAA will lose its voting rights at the following voting session, and it may be subject to a vote for demotion (full member to associate member)
  3. If the SWYAA is demoted, the SWYAA must

- reapply to retain its full membership status.
- 4. If the SWYAA was not demoted, the voting right will be reinstated at the subsequent VSIR.

**Penalties:**

- Item 2: Penalties for non-compliance of voting at the VSIR shall be as follows:
1. If a SWYAA fails to vote, the Secretariat will issue a warning.
  2. If the SWYAA fails to vote in the following VSIR, it will be subject to a vote for demotion in the following VSIR.

**Article A-4: Voting procedures for amendments of the Charter**

1. Prepare proposition and submit to the Secretariat at least 30 days before the VSIR for inclusion in the agenda.
2. The proposition must have a one-third vote endorsement from full members in order to proceed to the final vote.
3. A final vote will be held at the following VSIR.
4. A proposition needs to include the current Charter text and the explanation of the proposed amendment. If it is a new text, it must specify what Chapter/Section it should be under.
5. Only full members can submit amendments to the Charter.
6. The Secretary General will be able to suggest an amendment to the Charter without one-third vote endorsement.

**Article A-5: Definition and terms**

Terms	Definition
Alumni group	A group of former participating youth of the Ship for World Youth program who have not officially established a SWYAA in the home country.
Alumni member	Former participating youth of the Ship for World Youth program who is a recognized member of his/her SWYAA according to its internal rules for membership.
Annual country report	The official document issued by each SWYAA where the activities, programs and actions performed in a one-year period are described and submitted.
Charter	The document that establishes the basic rules for the existence and performance of the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association International.
Conference for Post-Program Activities	The conference that is held during the annual SWYAA Global Assembly to discuss about the post-program activities.
Former participants/ ex-participating youth (ex-PYs)	Individuals that have completed the SWY program and were granted the certificate of completion issued by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.

Terms	Definition
Future activity plan	The official document issued by each SWYAA where proposed activities, programs and actions are outlined.
Home country	The country to which the Alumni Association belongs.
International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO)	An Alumni Association for the Japanese ex-participating youth of the international youth exchange programs sponsored by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.
Post-program activities	Social contribution activities that ex-PYs are expected to engage in after completing the SWY program.
Secretariat	The administrative entity in charge of general affairs and finance of SWYAA International.
Secretary General	A principal officer of administration to manage national SWYAA or the SWYAA International. The Secretary General may or may not be a paid staff.
Ship for World Youth (SWY) program	The international youth exchange program sponsored by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan that aims to promote friendship, cooperation and understanding within the youth of the world.
Ship for World Youth Alumni Association (SWYAA)	The organization that unites the ex-participating youth of the SWY program in the home country to actively participate in social contribution activities.
Ship for World Youth Alumni Association International (SWYAA International)	An international body that is formed by the recognized SWYAA.
SWYAA International Representatives Network	The mailing list comprised of the full and associate members of the SWYAA International.
SWYAA Global Assembly (SWYAA GA)	The official annual gathering of former participants of the SWY program.
Voting Session of SWYAA International Representatives (VSIR)	The official forum where representatives designated by each full member of the SWYAA International to discuss and vote on proposed issue(s).

## Annex B: SWYAA Guideline

### Article B-1: General Tasks

1. Contribute to various social contribution activities based on the SWYAA International Charter.
2. Maintain an accurate national database of the members and inform the SWYAA International Secretariat of any changes to the national database.
3. Submit an annual country report and contribute to the annual SWY News.
4. Regularly publish and distribute a national newsletter. A copy of this newsletter should be provided to the SWYAA International Secretariat.
5. Develop a network among SWYAA International member countries through various communication tools.
6. Create one official website for the national SWYAA.

7. Involve in the selection process and/or preparation and training of the new Participating Youths (PYs).

### Article B-2: Organizational Structure

1. Each national SWYAA is autonomous and independent.
2. Each national SWYAA must have one President who was elected through a democratic, inclusive, and transparent election process.
3. It is advisable for each national Alumni Association to have one or two Vice President(s), a Secretary General and/or Treasurer.
4. One of the President or the Vice President should reside in his/her home country.
5. Each national SWYAA must have two

representatives who shall be registered to the SWYAA International Representatives Network: one should be the President and the other should preferably be the Vice President or the Secretary General.

6. Every attempt should be made to seek active membership from past participants of the SWY program who are citizens of and/or residing in the home country. There are three types of members:
  - a. Ex-PYs of the SWY program
  - b. Ex-PYs of any other program sponsored by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
  - c. Volunteer members of the SWYAA activities

### **Article B-3: Management and Duties**

1. Duties of President
  - a. Represent the national SWYAA and to be responsible for overall management of the national SWYAA.
  - b. Represent the country at the Voting Session of SWYAA International Representatives.
  - c. Activate social contribution activities by the members of the country.
  - d. Maintain contact with the Japanese Embassy, SWYAA International Secretariat and other SWYAAAs.
  - e. Delegate duties to the Vice President(s) and/ or to the Secretary General as necessary.
  - f. Maintain and pass on all archived information to successive President.
  - g. Inform the Secretariat of the new board members when the new board members were elected.
2. Duties of Vice President
  - a. Provide support to the President.
  - b. Stand in for the President in the event that the President is unable to fulfill his or her duties.
3. Duties of the Secretary General
  - a. Ensure an accurate and up to date list of members and their contact information is maintained.
  - b. Receive and transmit information to the national SWYAA.
  - c. Keep documentation of the national SWYAA activities.
4. Duties of Treasurer

The main responsibility of the Treasurer is to manage the financial affairs of the national SWYAA. This

means:

- a. To collect membership fees;
- b. To maintain financial records and provide an annual financial report; and
- c. To pay the annual membership fee to the SWYAA International.

### **Article B-4: Membership and Disqualification**

1. Every ex-PY shall automatically be qualified to become a member of his/her respective SWYAA upon completing the SWY program.
2. Local SWYAA will determine the membership and voting eligibility status of its members.
3. As per the general principles of the SWY program, national issues of the SWYAA will not be discussed through other channels. However, the following shall thoroughly be taken into consideration in terms of disqualification of an ex-PY from his/her respective SWYAA:
  - a. An ex-PY can only be disqualified as SWYAA member by his/her respective SWYAA based on certain grounds such as:
    - 1) Conviction from serious criminal offence;
    - 2) Committing acts that severely damage the relations of the countries;
    - 3) Harm the image of SWY, SWYAA or SWYAA International;
    - 4) Racist activities; or
    - 5) Any kind of serious harassment (including sexual harassment)
  - b. The decision to disqualify an ex-PY as member of the SWYAA shall not be made by any individual, but by a two-thirds majority vote of the board of the respective SWYAA.
  - c. The concerned SWYAA must immediately formally inform the SWYAA International Secretariat of such disqualification with a detailed explanation of the incident and the procedures that were undertaken.
4. An ex-PY who was disqualified by his/her respective SWYAA, may be re-admitted through a two-thirds majority vote of the board of the respective SWYAA.
5. Even if the person is disqualified from the national SWYAA, the status of the person being an ex-PY of the SWY program still remains.
6. A member that was disqualified from the national SWYAA will not be able to participate in the SWYAA Global Assembly.

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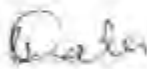
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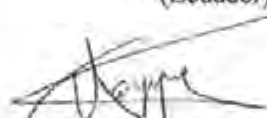
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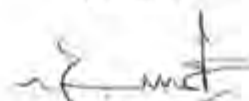
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