

International Youth Exchange 2018 -Report-

# The 45th Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program



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## Preface

The Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP) aims to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the Participating Youths of Japan and the member countries of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) as well as to broaden their perspectives on the world by participating in various activities such as discussions, homestay and interaction with local youths while living together onboard the ship and in the countries to be visited. Consequently, the participants are expected to show leadership in various sectors of the society amidst the progression of internationalization.

The SSEAYP was launched in 1974 as a joint program between Japan and ASEAN member countries and sets sail every year to count 45 times. The total number of Participating Youths exceeds 12,000, and they are now playing important roles in the respective regions, countries and the globalizing society.

The 45th Program was carried out for approximately 50 days from October to December, 2018, starting with the country program in Japan in Tokyo and the different prefectures outside of Tokyo. The Program made a port call in Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, and the representatives of participants visited Davao during the country program in Manila, the Philippines.

In the Program, the Participating Youths paid courtesy calls on heads of state and joined interactions with local youths and homestay in the countries they visited, and they also participated in the various onboard activities such as discussions on the common issues, national presentations and PY Seminars. I am certain that through these activities they promoted mutual understanding among them as well as gained lots of valuable experiences to grow as leaders with a broad perspective.

Furthermore, making use of the knowledge and experiences that they gained in this Program, the Participating Youths of each country designed the plan of post-program activities including social contribution activities during they were onboard. It is my hope that they would contribute to society by engaging themselves in the post-program activities in the respective regions, countries and the world as a whole by taking advantage of the network they have established in the Program.

This Report records the various activities of the Participating Youths during the country program in Japan, onboard and during the country programs they experienced. It also includes the messages from heads of state as well as evaluations and suggestions concerning this Program from the Participating Youths themselves. I hope that this Report will be of use for your understanding of the fruits of the Program.

Lastly, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the governments of the participating countries, the alumni associations, the host families, the ministries and agencies in Japan including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, local public organizations, youth organizations and all those who gave their gracious cooperation in this Program.

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### Audience with T.I.H. Prince and Princess Akishino



National Leaders, Youth Leaders and Assistant Youth Leaders (October 31)

### Courtesy Call on H.E. Mr. Abe Shinzo, Prime Minister of Japan



National Leaders, Youth Leaders and Assistant Youth Leaders (October 31)



## Country Program in Japan

### Inauguration Ceremony, Welcome Reception (October 24)



Youth Leader of Cambodia makes a speech at the Inauguration Ceremony



Mr. Koda Noriyuki, Vice Minister for Policy Coordination of the Cabinet Office and National Leader of the Philippines exchange gifts at the Inauguration Ceremony



Youth Leader of Indonesia makes a speech at the Welcome Reception



Mr. Fukuta Masanobu, Director General for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office proposes a toast at the Welcome Reception

### Local Program (October 25 – 29)



Participating Youths have a discussion with students at Anjo Higashi High School (Aichi Prefecture)



Participating Youths experience making "Oyaki (Japanese bun)" while receiving instructions (Nagano Prefecture)



Participating Youths are excited to meet their host family (Fukushima Prefecture)



Participating Youths wear Japanese kimono and walk around Kintai-kyo Bridge (Yamaguchi Prefecture)

### Institutional Visit (October 30)



Participating Youths visit Yahoo! Japan (Information and Media Group)



Participating Youths interact with senior citizens at Social Welfare Corporation 'Kotoen' (Living in the Longevity Society Group)



Participating Youths interact with students at Tokyo Gakugei University International Secondary School (Quality Education Group)



Participating Youths listen to the explanation by Mr. Kitahara Yoshikazu, Executive Vice President, Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. at Nihonbashi area (Resilient and Sustainable City Design Group)

### Cultural Exchange Program (October 31)



Experiencing Thai culture at the cultural exchange booth of Thailand



Experiencing Vietnamese traditional game at the cultural exchange booth of Viet Nam

## Country Program

### Brunei Darussalam



Audience with H.M. Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam (November 12)



Participating Youths have a discussion at Ministry of Foreign Affairs (International Relations (ASEAN-Japan Cooperation) Group) (November 10)





Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports makes a speech at Welcome Dinner (November 10)



Datin Paduka Dr. Hajah Norlila binti Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Jalil, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports makes a speech at Send-off Ceremony (November 13)

### Philippines (Manila)



Keynote Message by Ambassador Junever M. Mahilum-West, Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs at Welcome Ceremony and Dinner (November 17)



Participating Youths visit National Museum of the Philippines (November 18)



Asec. Paul Anthony M. Pangilinan, Commissioner-at-large of National Youth Commission makes a speech at Send-off Ceremony (November 20)



Youth Leader of Japan makes a speech at Send-off Ceremony (November 20)

### Philippines (Davao)



Ms. Maria Clara Belen Sunga Acosta, City Councilor of Davao City makes a speech at Welcome Lunch (November 18)



Interaction with members of SSEAYP International Philippines - Region XI at Farewell Ceremony and Breakfast (November 19)

### Thailand



Courtesy Call on General Anantaporn Kanjanarat, Minister of Social Development and Human Security (November 24)



Mr. Poramete Vimolsiri, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security makes a speech at Welcome Ceremony (November 24)



Combined Performance by Participating Youths at Welcome Dinner (November 24)



Participating Youths experience Muay Thai at Bangkok Thonburi University (November 25)

### Viet Nam



Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Luong, Permanent Vice Chairman of the National Committee on Youth of Viet Nam makes a speech at Welcome Ceremony (December 2)



Participating Youths of Lao P.D.R. perform at Cultural Exchange (December 2)



Participating Youths interact with Local Youths through musical instruments at Nguyen Thi Minh Khai High School (December 3)



Mr. Nguyen Viet Que Son, Vice Permanent Secretary of Ho Chi Minh Youth Union, President of Union of Students of Ho Chi Minh City makes a speech at Send-off Ceremony (December 5)