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Outline of the Program



1 Purpose

The Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP) is based on the respective Joint Statements issued in January 1974 between Japan and the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, and the Kingdom of Thailand. Brunei Darussalam joined the Program in 1985, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in 1996. Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar joined the Program in 1998. Furthermore in 2000, the Kingdom of Cambodia also joined the Program. The Program is carried out by the Government of Japan (through the Director General for International Youth Exchange of the Cabinet Office) with the active participation and cooperation of these ten Southeast Asian countries.

The aims of this Program are to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and the ten Southeast Asian countries, to broaden their perspective on the world, and furthermore, to strengthen their spirit of international cooperation and practical skills for international collaboration. As a result, it is expected to cultivate the youth who are capable to exercise their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society and to contribute to the society in the areas such as youth development. These aims can be achieved through sharing their lives onboard the ship, introducing each other about their countries, and participating in discussions and various exchange activities both onboard and in the countries to be visited

2 Schedule

Item	Date
Selection of Japanese Participating Youths	Sat., May 25 and Sat., June 1
Conference of the Representatives of the Ten Southeast Asian Countries and Japan	Tue., June 11 and Wed., June 12
Establishment of the Administration	Mon., July 8 – Fri., December 27
Facilitators Meeting	Wed., July 24 and Thu., July 25
Pre-Program Training of Japanese Participating Youths	Sun., August 4 – Fri., August 9
Pre-program consultation visit by the Cabinet Office	Sun., August 25 – Sat., August 31 (Viet Nam and Singapore)
	Sun., September 1 – Sat., September 7 (Malaysia and Myanmar)
National Leaders Meeting	Wed., September 18 and Thu., September 19
Pre-Departure Training of Japanese Participating Youths	Mon., October 21 – Thu., October 24
Country Program in Japan	Thu., October 24 – Sun., November 3
Cruise (From departure to disembarkation)	Sun., November 3 – Fri., December 13
Post-Program Training of Japanese Participating Youths	Fri., December 13 and Sat., December 14

3 Organization

The organizing members of the 46th SSEAYP in 2019 were as follows:

(1) Administration

- a. The Administrator (1) represented the Cabinet Office and managed and coordinated the overall Program.
- b. The Deputy Administrator (1) provided necessary assistance to the Administrator and might assume the overall management of the Program in the event that the Administrator could not perform his / her duties.
- c. The Chief (1) provided necessary assistance to the Deputy Administrator and might assume his / her duties in the event that the Deputy Administrator could not perform his/her duties.
- d. The Administrative staff members (28) performed their duties under the Administrator's instructions.
- e. The Facilitators (9) carried out the Discussion Program under the Administrator's instructions.

(2) National Leaders (NLs)

Each government selected one National Leader (NL). The NLs supervised the Participating Youths (PYs) and gave them guidance and advice as necessary. The NLs formed the Cruise Operating Committee (COC), which discussed and decided on the programs of the onboard activities, rules for life onboard, etc., under the guidance and advice of the Administrator.

(3) Participating Youths (PYs)

Each government selected their PYs who met the basic requirements stipulated below.

The PYs for the Program shall be:

- a. 18 to 30 years old as of a specific day in 2019 designated by each government;
- b. Sound in mind and body;
- c. Able to participate throughout the Program (country program in Japan and activities both onboard and in the countries to be visited)
- d. Having a good command of English to participate in the activities both onboard the ship and in the countries to be visited;
- e. Cooperative and adaptable to an orderly group life in accordance with the Program schedule;
- f. Having an interest and good understanding in the participating countries.

One Youth Leader (YL) and one Assistant Youth Leader (AYL) were appointed among the PYs of each contingent.

The YLs were in charge of liaison and coordination of activities of the PYs of their respective contingents. The AYLs assisted the YLs. The YL and AYL of each contingent were of the opposite genders.

4 Expenses and the Vessel

(1) Expenses

For the 46th SSEAYP in 2019, the Cabinet Office bore the following costs, in addition to the costs required for the operation of the ship:

- a. Round-trip air fare (economy class) for the representatives of the governments and Alumni Associations of ten Southeast Asian countries between their respective capitals (Yangon for Myanmar) and Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to attend the Conferences of the Representatives of the Ten Southeast Asian Countries and Japan (and the SSEAYP Alumni Meeting) (including fuel surcharge and taxes, except charges for excess baggage, to be hereafter applied in this column);
- b. Round-trip air fare (economy class) for the Facilitators from the countries other than Japan between the international airport in their residing countries and Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to attend the Facilitators Meeting;
- c. Round-trip air fare (economy class) for the NLs from ten Southeast Asian countries between their respective capitals (Yangon for Myanmar) and Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to attend the NL Meeting;
- d. One-way air fare (economy class) for the NLs and PYs from ten Southeast Asian countries from their respective capitals (Yangon for Myanmar) to Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to participate in the Program;

- e. One-way air fare (economy class) for the Facilitators from countries other than Japan from the international airport in their residing countries to Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to participate in the Program;
- f. Travel, medical and accident insurance for all NLs, PYs from ten Southeast Asian countries, host family representatives, Facilitators and the representatives of Alumni Associations during the Program;
- g. Meals and beverages to be served on the regular schedule onboard the ship for all NLs, PYs from ten Southeast Asian countries and all Facilitators;
- h. Transportation and admission fees for local trip, etc., as well as accommodations and meals required for the official schedule in Japan;
- i. Transportation in the countries to be visited required for the official schedule;
- j. One-way air fare (economy class) after the completion of the Program for the Facilitators from countries other than Japan from Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to the international airport in their residing countries;
- k. One-way air fare (economy class) after the completion of the Program for the NLs and PYs from ten Southeast Asian countries from Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to their respective capitals (Yangon for Myanmar);
- l. Round-trip air fare (economy class) for the representatives of Alumni Associations from ten Southeast Asian countries between their nearest international airports and Tokyo to participate in the Program;
- m. Round-trip air fare (economy class) for the representatives of host families from the respective Southeast Asian countries between their nearest

- international airports and Tokyo to be invited to Japan;
- n. Expenses for accommodations and meals for the representatives of Alumni Associations and the representatives of host families from the respective Southeast Asian countries according to the designated itinerary in Japan;

Each government of the respective Southeast Asian countries covered the expenses for the promotion of the Program, selection and training of the PYs of their countries, and the expenses incurred in preparing and implementing the events and activities held during the country programs of their countries.

(2) The Vessel

The Government of Japan chartered the Nippon Maru and entrusted its operation to Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Line, Ltd. for the 46th SSEAYP in 2019.

The Nippon Maru is an ocean liner with an overall length of 166.6 meters and a gross tonnage of 22,472 tons. It is equipped with 202 cabins, a hall, a lounge, a theater, a library, a Japanese tea room, a swimming pool, a clinic, laundry rooms, a dining room, and a grand bath, etc.

