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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 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) member countries 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 46 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 46th Program was carried out for approximately 50 days from October to December, 2019, starting with the country program in Japan in Tokyo and the different prefectures outside of Tokyo. The Program made a port call in Viet Nam, Singapore, Myanmar and Malaysia.

In the Program, the Participating Youths paid courtesy calls on Ministers 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 youth contribution in various fields, 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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The 46th Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program in 2019

Audience with H.I.H. Princess Mako of Akishino and H.I.H. Princess Kako of Akishino



National Leaders, Youth Leaders and Assistant Youth Leaders (November 1)

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 25)



Youth Leader of Brunei Darussalam makes a speech at the Inauguration Ceremony



Mr. Fujiwara Takashi, Parliamentary Vice Minister of the Cabinet Office and National Leader of Myanmar exchange gifts at the Inauguration Ceremony



Mr. Otsuka Taku, State Minister of the Cabinet Office delivers his speech at the Welcome Reception



Youth Leader of Cambodia makes a speech at the Welcome Reception

Local Program (October 26 – 29)



Participating Youths experience apple picking with local youths (Aomori Prefecture)



Participating Youths interact with students of Children's Education Studies at Keiai University (Chiba Prefecture)



Participating Youths have discussion with local youths at Niigata Nippo Media Ship (Niigata Prefecture)



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



Participating Youths visit and listen to the explanation at Saga Castle History Museum (Saga Prefecture)



Participating Youths experience tea ceremony at Isahaya High School (Nagasaki Prefecture)

Discussion Program (Field Study) (October 30)



Participating Youths interact with students at Shinagawa Joshi Gakuin (Education Group)



Participating Youths listen to the lecture at Decent Work Co., Ltd. (Employment and Decent Work Group)



Participating Youths have an office tour at Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd. (Environment and Sustainability Group)



Participating Youths have a discussion with workers at LORANS Co., Ltd. (Youth Entrepreneurship Group)

Cultural Exchange Program (October 31)



Participating Youths experience Henna at Malaysian booth



Participating Youths from different countries enjoy playing music together

Country Program

Viet Nam



Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Luong, Permanent Vice Chairman of the National Committee on Youth of Viet Nam, Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union makes a speech at Welcome Ceremony (November 10)



Participating Youths have a discussion at Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH) – Viet Nam National University of Ho Chi Minh City (Diversity and Social Inclusion Group) (November 11)



Participating Youths have a workshop at Ho Chi Minh City Newspaper Center (Information and Media Group) (November 11)



Participating Youths have a discussion at University of Economics and Finance (Soft Power and Youth Diplomacy Group) (November 11)

Singapore



Welcome speech by Mr. Baey Yam Keng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth at Welcome Lunch and Homestay Matching (November 16)



Participating Youths visit LIVINGSPACE & My Nice Home Gallery (HDB) (November 18)



Participating Youths visit Singapore City Gallery (URA) (November 18)



Participating Youths visit Singapore Maritime Gallery (November 19)

Myanmar



Dr. Myo Kywel, Chairman of National Education Policy Commission makes a speech at Welcome Dinner (November 22)



Participating Youths are excited to meet their host family (November 23)



Participating Youths interact with students at Yangon University of Foreign Languages (November 23)



Participating Youths interact with students at National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) (November 23)

Malaysia



Mr. Syed Saddiq Bin Syed Abdul Rahman, Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia at Welcome Ceremony and Courtesy Call (November 29)



Participating Youths walk around Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) (November 30)



Participating Youths experience accessory making at Mah Meri Cultural Village (November 30)



Participating Youths experience making chocolates at Chocolate Museum (November 30)

Onboard Activities

Discussion Program



Participating Youths present the summary of the group discussion (Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Group)



Participating Youths accept various sights of view by sharing individual assignments which help their mutual understanding (Diversity and Social Inclusion Group)



Participating Youths share their opinions on the inclusive education (Education Group)



Participating Youths present their ideas and deepen their understanding (Employment and Decent Work Group)



Participating Youths present what they have discussed (Environment and Sustainability Group)



Explaining ideas (Good Health and Well-being Group)



Summarizing opinions (Information and Media Group)



Learning new realization through small discussion (Soft Power and Youth Diplomacy Group)

Lecture by the Administrator



Sharing new ideas (Youth Entrepreneurship Group)



Mr. Yamamoto Shigeki, Administrator gives a lecture to the Participating Youths (November 5)

Solidarity Group Activity



Name Game (November 8)



Participating Youths present their SG cheers (November 8)

PY Seminar



[S41] "Viet Nam's Immortal Lotus" by Viet Nam



[S65] "How to Save a Life by Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)" by Malaysia

Voluntary Activity



Introduction to Life and Culture in Myanmar (Thanaka, Foods, etc.)



Japanese Traditional Instruments – Koto

National Presentation



Japan



Brunei Darussalam



Cambodia



Viet Nam



Indonesia



Singapore



Lao P.D.R.



Myanmar



Philippines



Thailand



Malaysia

Flag Hosting Ceremony



Flag hoisting ceremony by Viet Nam (November 10)

Debriefing Session and Farewell Ceremony (December 12)



Participating Youths of Cambodia present action plans of post-program activities



Participating Youths of Japan, Brunei Darussalam and the Philippines present their action plans of post-program activities



Mr. Fukuta Masanobu, Director General for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office, makes a speech at the Farewell Ceremony (December 12)



Ms. Chaw Calya Theint, Youth Leader of Myanmar makes a speech at the Farewell Ceremony

Participants



SG-A



SG-B



SG-C



SG-D



SG-E



SG-F



SG-G



SG-H



SG-I



SG-J



SG-K



National Leaders



Administrative staff members



Facilitators



Representatives of Alumni Associations



Counselor



Crew of Nippon Maru