

Chapter 1 Outline of the Program

1 Purpose and Contents

(1) Purpose

SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021 is carried out to promote friendship and youth exchange between Japan and the ten ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) member countries continuously even in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Conference aims to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and ASEAN member countries by participating in various exchange activities. As a result, it is expected to cultivate the youth who can exercise their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society, take the world's social agenda as their own issues, and move into action to solve those issues.

(2) Contents

The Conference was conducted online, sharing several common activities with the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP). The activities included the Group Discussions, and the Peer Learning Sessions planned and organized by participating youths.

In the Group Discussions under the theme “Youth engagement in achieving SDGs: A route map for change,” the participating youths deepened their understanding of the world's social agenda and discuss how youth can contribute to achieving 17 goals of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) grouped by the following nine topics: 1. Empowerment of All People, 2. Poverty / Access to Water and Food, 3. Employment and Decent Work, 4. Education, 5. Resilient and Sustainable Cities, 6. Good Health and Well-being, 7. Life on Land, 8. Life below Water, and 9. Sustainable Energy. The Group Discussions were led by nine facilitators who are experts in the respective fields.

2 Schedule

Item	Date
Conference of the Representatives of the Ten Southeast Asian Countries and Japan	Tue., June 22, 2021
Selection of Japanese Participating Youths	Sun., August 22 and Sun., August 29, 2021
Facilitators Meeting	Wed., October 6, Wed., November 17, Sun., November 28, Sun., December 5, Sun., December 12, and Sun., December 19, 2021
Pre-Program Training of Japanese Participating Youths	Sun., November 7, 2021
SSEAYP Youth Conference	Sun., November 28, Sun., December 5, Sun., December 12, Sun., December 19, 2021, and Sun., January 9, 2022
Post-Program Training of Japanese Participating Youths	Sun., January 23, 2022

3 Participating Youths (PYs)

Each government selected their Participating Youths (PYs) who met the basic requirements stipulated below.

(1) Number of PYs (Quota)

Approximately 3 PYs × 9 topics = Approximately 27 PYs per country

Approximately 300 PYs in total (11 countries)

(2) Requirements

- Age between approximately 18 and 30 years old as of April 1, 2021
- Youth who is interested in youth exchange between ASEAN member countries and Japan

c. Youth who has a good command of English to participate in the discussion activities

d. Youth who has no experience of participating in the past SSEAYP

* Participation in “SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021” will not be counted as participation in SSEAYP, and the participants of this Conference will be able to participate in SSEAYP in the future.

* Participants of the “Next Generation Leaders Conference” (Jan. - Feb. 2021) may apply for “SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021.” However, priority should be given to new applicants.

4 Facilitators Meeting

The Cabinet Office held the online Facilitators Meetings of the SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021 with the attendance of nine facilitators. The aim of the Meeting was to ensure the smooth and effective implementation of the Conference by sharing a common understanding of basic matters including purposes and by exchanging views and opinions about the program operation.

[Agenda of Facilitators Meetings]

Meeting 1 (October 6, 2021)

- Outline and Schedule of the SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021
- Proposal from Facilitators and Exchange of Opinions regarding the Group Topic Information
- Format of Presentation of Discussion Results
- Pre-Program Assignments for PYs

Meeting 2 (November 17, 2021)

- Updates from Facilitators
- Lecture by Guest Speaker (by Discussion Group (DG))

Meeting 3 (November 28, 2021)

- Review of Group Discussion I
- Peer Learning Sessions

Meeting 4 (December 5, 2021)

- Review of Group Discussion II
- Preparation for Presentation of Discussion Results

Meeting 5 (December 12, 2021)

- Review of Group Discussion III
- Preparation for Presentation of Discussion Results

Meeting 6 (December 19, 2021)

- Review of Group Discussion IV
- Self-Evaluation (by DG)



Facilitators Meeting 1 (October 6, 2021)

[List of Facilitators]

	Discussion Topic	Name	Gender	Country
1	Empowerment of All People	Martin Polaine	M	United Kingdom
2	Poverty / Access to Water and Food	Rahmat Hidayat HM	M	Indonesia
3	Employment and Decent Work	Dini Hajarahmah	F	Indonesia
4	Education	Somkiat Kamolpun	M	Thailand
5	Resilient and Sustainable Cities	Pannaritsara Chuenjitrabhiramon	F	Thailand
6	Good Health and Well-being	Carmela D. Barcelona	F	Philippines
7	Life on Land	Vivien How	F	Malaysia
8	Life below Water	Nutcha Charoenboon	F	Thailand
9	Sustainable Energy	Sitta Marattanachai	F	Thailand