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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 joined the Program 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 Southeast Asian countries.

The purpose of the Program is to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and the ASEAN member countries by participating in various exchange activities both online and face-to-face. It aims 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 leaders of the next generation who are capable to exercise their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society.

## 2 Schedule

Item	Date
Selection of Japanese Participating Youths	Sun., May 28 and Tue., May 30
Conference of the Representatives of the Southeast Asian Countries and Japan	Tue., July 4 and Fri., December 8
Meeting of the Representatives of the Local Program Hosting Prefectures	Mon., August 28 and Wed., November 1
Facilitators Meeting	Fri., September 15 and Wed., October 11
Pre-Program Training of Japanese Participating Youths	Sun., September 24 Sat., October 28 – Sun., October 29
National Leaders Meeting	Wed., September 27 and Wed., November 8
Pre-program consultation visit by the Cabinet Office	Mon., October 27 (Yamanashi) Thu., October 12 – Fri., October 13 (Yamagata) Wed., October 18 – Thu., October 19 (Aichi) Thu., October 19 – Fri., October 20 (Kagoshima) Fri., October 20 – Sat., October 21 (Nagasaki)
Online Exchange Program	Sun., November 12 and Sun., November 19
Face-to-face Exchange Program	Wed., November 29 – Fri., December 8
Post-Program Training of Japanese Participating Youths	Fri., December 8 and Sat., December 9

## 3 Organization

The organizing members of the 47th SSEAYP in 2023 were as follows:

### (1) Administration

- a. Administrative staff members
- b. Facilitators
- c. Nurses

### (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.

### (3) Participating Youths (PYs)

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

The PYs for the Program shall:

- a. Be 18 to 33 years old as of a specific day in 2023 designated by each government.
- b. Be in good physical and mental condition and act according to the program schedule orderly and live harmoniously in a large group.
- c. Have interest in Japan and be expected to expand exchange and promote friendship among Japan and own country.
- d. Possess considerable knowledge of the society and cultures of own country.
- e. Have interest in and understanding of the participating countries other than own country.
- f. Have sufficient command of English equal to university discussion level to participate smoothly in activities.
- g. Be able to participate in the entire duration of the program.
- h. Bear the expense for preparing the equipment required for online exchange (computers, the environment to access the internet, etc.).
- i. Cooperate in following with the necessary measures against infectious diseases such as COVID-19 and influenza requested by the Cabinet Office as deemed necessary (vaccination, wear a face mask, sanitize hands and fingers, take PCR tests, etc.).
- j. Cooperate in following with the necessary border measures against infectious diseases such as COVID-19 when they are in place.
- k. Have no prior experience in international youth exchange programs sponsored by the Cabinet Office in FY2019 and before.

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 the opposite genders.

## 4 Expenses

For the 47th SSEAYP in 2023, the Cabinet Office bore the following costs.

- (1) One-way air fare (economy class) for the NLs and PYs from Southeast Asian countries and for Facilitators from countries other than Japan from their respective capitals to Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to participate in the Program.
- (2) Travel, medical and accident insurance for all NLs, PYs from Southeast Asian countries and Facilitators during the Program.
- (3) Transportation and admission fees for local trip, etc., as well as accommodations and meals required for the official schedule in Japan.
- (4) One-way air fare (economy class) after the completion of the Program for the NLs and PYs from Southeast Asian countries, and for the Facilitators from countries other than Japan from Tokyo (Haneda airport or Narita airport) to the international airport in their residing countries.
- (5) Round-trip air fare (economy class) for the representatives of respective governments and Alumni Associations (except for Japan) between their nearest international airports and Tokyo.
- (6) Expenses for accommodation and meals for the representatives of respective governments and Alumni Associations according to the designated itinerary in Japan.

Each government of the respective Southeast Asian countries covered the expenses for the selection and

training of the PYs of their countries.