



**Chapter
4**

Face-to-face Exchange Program

1 Message by the Prime Minister of Japan

I would like to express my heartfelt welcome to the participants of the 47th Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program. I am the Prime Minister of Japan, KISHIDA Fumio. Welcome to Japan.

As Prime Minister, I have had the privilege to visit ASEAN member countries, and, in the past, as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan where I received a warm welcome and hospitality. During the coming December 16th to 18th, I will be welcoming the Leaders of ASEAN member countries to Japan as a host of the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit marking the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation.

People-to-people exchange between ASEAN and Japan is a base of our strong partnership called “heart-to-heart” relations. It is people who will open our future, and we need you, the power of youth, to build a bright future for ASEAN and Japan.

It is precisely for this reason to nurture the “youth power,” that we have this Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program, to promote exchange of youths amongst Japan and Southeast Asia for nearly half a century.

To date, as many as 13,000 youths have participated in this program and they are now playing important roles in their respective fields.

Each of you visited various areas of Japan, experienced homestays, interacted with local youths, and experienced regional culture there. Now, you will be meeting many more friends with different historical and cultural backgrounds and different sense of values through this program. It is my sincere hope that you will learn wonderful things about the countries of your fellow participants. I believe that the experience you gained in this program will be invaluable assets in your future activities as leaders in your respective countries and regions.

I hope that your participation in this program will be an opportunity for you to play an active role as a bridge between ASEAN and Japan.

Thank you.

December 6, 2023

Courtesy Call

At the Office of Prime Minister

2 Activities in Japan

(1) Schedule

Date	Time	Program
November 29 Wednesday	6:30	< National Leaders (NLs), Participating Youths (PYs) from ASEAN member countries > Arrival at Narita Airport or Haneda Airport Thailand (NH-850) at Haneda
	7:00	Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., Viet Nam (VN-310) at Narita
	7:00	Malaysia (JL-724) at Narita
	7:30	Brunei Darussalam (BI-695) at Narita
	8:50	Indonesia (GA-874) at Haneda
	9:50	Singapore (JL-038) at Haneda
	14:00	Philippines (PR-422) at Haneda Transfer to Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo for arrival orientation Contingent Meeting Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo
	14:00	< Japanese NL and PYs > Assembly at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo for Contingent Meeting Stay at Hotel Le Port Kojimachi

Date	Time	Program
November 30 Thursday	9:30-10:45 11:00-11:30 14:00-15:30 15:30-17:00 17:00-21:00	Orientation (at “Orion” Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Mr. FUJIMORI Shunsuke, Director for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office • Introduction of NLs and PYs • Introduction of Administrative staff members • Explanation of the Face-to-face Exchange Program • Announcements from PYs Inauguration Ceremony (at “Orion” Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Mr. KUDO Shozo, State Minister for Youth Affairs of the Cabinet Office • Speech by PY representatives YL of Cambodia YL of Lao P.D.R. YL of Thailand • Photo session Solidarity Group (SG) Meeting Contingent Meeting Voluntary Activity Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo (ASEAN NLs and PYs) Stay at Hotel Le Port Kojimachi (Japanese NL and PYs)
December 1 Friday December 4 Monday		< NLs and PYs > Local Program for four days and three nights (Refer to Chapter 4 (2) Schedule for Local Program) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamagata Prefecture (SG-A) • Aichi Prefecture (SG-C) • Kagoshima Prefecture (SG-E) • Yamanashi Prefecture (SG-B) • Nagasaki Prefecture (SG-D)
December 3 Sunday	7:30 8:50 15:00 15:10 17:40	< Facilitators > Arrival at Narita Airport or Haneda Airport DG4 (BI-695) at Narita DG1 (GA-874) at Haneda DG3 arrival at the hotel DG2 (UA-007) at Narita DG5 (QF-079) at Narita Transfer to Toshi Center Hotel for arrival orientation Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo
December 4 Monday	19:00-21:00	Return from local program and arrival at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo Group Discussion Session III Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo
December 5 Tuesday	9:00-17:00 19:00-21:00	Discussion Program (Field Study) by DG DG1: GiFT (Global Incubation × Fostering Talents) DG2: NPO Corporation Gender Equal DG3: HITOTOWA INC. DG4: Hachidori Solar Corporation Ltd. / Boderless Japan Corporation DG5: TANITA Corporation Group Discussion Session IV Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo

Date	Time	Program
December 6 Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Group Discussion Session V
	14:00-17:00	Group Discussion Session VI
	11:00-11:30	< NLS, YLs and AYLs > Audience with Her Imperial Highness Princess Kako of Akishino (at Akasaka East Palace) • Speech by YL of Malaysia
	17:15-17:30	Courtesy Call on Prime Minister of Japan (at the Office of Prime Minister) • Speech by YL of Brunei Darussalam • Speech by H.E. Mr. KISHIDA Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan • Photo session
	19:00-21:00	Preparation for Presentation of Discussion Results by DG Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo
		<Representatives of the respective Governments and SSEAYP Alumni Associations (AAs)> Arrival at Narita Airport or Haneda Airport 7:00 Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., Viet Nam (VN-310) at Narita 7:15 Malaysia (MH-088) at Narita 7:30 Brunei Darussalam (BI-695) at Narita 7:40 Thailand, SSEAYP International (SI) (TG-642) at Narita 8:50 Indonesia (GA-874) at Haneda 9:50 Singapore (JL-038) at Haneda 14:00 Philippines (PR-422) at Haneda Transfer to Hotel New Otani Tokyo 19:00-21:00 SSEAYP AAs Meeting (at “601” Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo) Stay at Hotel New Otani Tokyo

Date	Time	Program
December 7 Thursday	8:30-9:50 10:00-11:00 11:20-12:00 14:00-15:00 16:30-18:00	<p>< NLS and PYs > Rehearsal for Presentation of Discussion Results and Farewell Ceremony (at “Orizuru-Mai” Hotel New Otani Tokyo)</p> <p><NLS, PYs, Representatives of respective Governments, and SSEAYP AAs > Presentation of Discussion Results (at “Orizuru-Mai” Hotel New Otani Tokyo) Farewell Ceremony (at “Orizuru-Mai” Hotel New Otani Tokyo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Ms. YUFU Wakako, Director General for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office • Speech by PY representatives AYL of Indonesia YL of Singapore YL of Viet Nam • Presentation of Certificate of Completion <p>14:00-15:00 Post-Program Session by Contingent</p> <p>16:30-18:00 Commemorative Event for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (at “Orizuru-Rei” Hotel New Otani Tokyo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Mr. OTSUKA Yukihiro, Vice Minister for Policy Coordination of the Cabinet Office • Speech by Mrs. Apinya Chompumas, Director-General, Department of Children and Youth, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Royal Thai Government • Speech by PY representatives YL of Japan AYL of the Philippines • Gift exchange • Toast by Ms. YUFU Wakako, Director General for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office • Cultural Performance (Introductions of each country) • Speech by Ms. KATO Ayuko, Minister of State for Youth Affairs of the Cabinet Office <p style="text-align: right;">Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo (NLS and PYs) Stay at Hotel New Otani Tokyo (Representatives of the respective governments and SSEAYP AAs)</p>

Date	Time	Program
December 8 Friday		<p>< NLS, PYs from ASEAN member countries, and Facilitators > Departure from Narita Airport or Haneda Airport 9:30 Cambodia, Lao P.D.R. (VN-301) from Narita 9:30 Viet Nam (VN-311) from Narita 9:30 Philippines (PR-431) from Narita 10:55 Singapore (JL-037) from Haneda 11:05 Thailand (NH-847) from Haneda 11:20 Malaysia (JL-723) from Narita 11:45 Brunei Darussalam, Facilitator of DG4 (BI-696) from Narita 11:45 Indonesia, Facilitator of DG1 (GA-875) from Haneda 17:25 Facilitator of DG2 (UA-006) from Narita 19:20 Facilitator of DG5 (QF-080) from Narita</p>
	9:00-21:00	<p>< Japanese NL and PYs > Post-Program Training (at “Subaru” Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo) Stay at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo</p>
	10:00-12:00	<p>< Representatives of the respective governments and SSEAYP AAs > Conference of the Representatives of the Southeast Asian Countries and Japan for the 48th SSEAYP in 2024 (at “606” Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo)</p>
	14:30-16:30	<p>SSEAYP AAs Meeting (at “606” Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo) Stay at Hotel New Otani Tokyo</p>
December 9 Saturday	9:00-12:00	<p>< Japanese NL and PYs > Post-Program Training (at "Subaru" Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo)</p>
		<p>< Representatives of the respective governments and SSEAYP AAs > Departure from Narita Airport or Haneda Airport 9:30 Cambodia, Lao P.D.R. (VN-301) from Narita 9:30 Viet Nam (VN-311) from Narita 9:30 Philippines (PR-431) from Narita 10:00 Brunei Darussalam (SQ-637) from Narita 10:05 Malaysia (MH-089) from Narita 10:15 Indonesia (GA-9353) from Haneda 10:35 Thailand, SI (TG-683) from Haneda 10:55 Singapore (JL-037) from Haneda</p>

Schedule of Local Program

a. Yamagata Prefecture (SG-A)

Date	Time	Program
December 1 Friday	11:00-13:44 14:40-15:40 16:00-16:40	Transfer from Tokyo Station to Yamagata Station (Tsubasa 135) Courtesy call at Yamagata Prefectural Government Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Ms. NISHIZAWA Keiko, Executive Director, Happy Child Rearing Support Department, Yamagata Prefecture • Speech by NL of Thailand • Speech by NL of Japan • Introductions of PYs • Welcome Performance (Hanagasa dance) • Gift exchange • Photo session Homestay Matching
December 2 Saturday	9:15 9:15-11:00 11:20 12:30-15:30	Assembly at Yusokan 【Japan-ASEAN Youth Exchange Program】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of "Kendama" with local youths Kendama instructors: Mr. Shelby Brown and Mr. Nick Gallagher, Nagai Kendama Project SPIKE in Nagai city • Lunch • Kimono wearing experience and Hanagasa dance Supported by Yamagata-ken Minyo kyokai (Yamagata folk song association), SHIMENSOKA Hanagasa group of Yamagata University -Homestay-
December 3 Sunday	AM/PM 19:00	-Homestay- PYs return from Homestay (at HOTEL CASTLE YAMAGATA) Stay at HOTEL CASTLE YAMAGATA
December 4 Monday	9:30-10:45 12:08-14:48 15:30	Visit to Yamagata City Dai-ichi Elementary School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-introduction of PYs • Interaction with pupils (games, Hanagasa dance, etc.) Transfer from Yamagata Station to Tokyo Station (Tsubasa 140) Arrival at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo



Soba noodles lunch interaction with local youths



Hanagasa dance with local youths

b. Yamanashi Prefecture (SG-B)

Date	Time	Program
December 1 Friday	12:30-14:03 15:30-16:10 16:20-16:30 16:30-17:00	Transfer from Shinjuku Station to Kofu Station (Kaiji 23) Courtesy call at Yamanashi Prefectural Government Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Mr. FURIHATA Tomohiro, Superintendent, Yamanashi Prefectural Board of Education • Speech by NL of Cambodia • Speech by NL of Singapore • Gift exchange • Photo session Orientation Homestay Matching
December 2 Saturday		-Homestay-
December 3 Sunday	13:10 13:40-14:10 14:40-18:10 18:30-20:00	PYs return from homestay Farewell gathering with host families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance by PYs 【Japan-ASEAN Youth Exchange Program】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture by Mr. AKAIKE Yuma, Representative of Director, KEIPE Co., Ltd. Title: What should be done in our generation from local areas? • Group Discussion Theme: Thinking about the future from the current situation in Yamanashi Dinner with local youths Stay at dormy inn Kofu Marunouchi
December 4 Monday	9:00-10:00 10:25-11:25 11:40-12:30 13:16-14:43 15:30	Visit to the head office and factory of Indenya Uehara Yushichi Ltd. Visit to the flagship store of Indenya Uehara Yushichi Ltd. Lunch Transfer from Kofu Station to Shinjuku Station (Azusa 26) Arrival at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo



Performance by PYs at farewell gathering with host families



Listening to the explanation at Inden Museum

c. Aichi Prefecture (SG-C)

Date	Time	Program
December 1 Friday	12:12-13:48 14:20-16:00 16:40-17:30 17:45-18:30 18:30	Transfer from Tokyo Station to Nagoya Station (Nozomi 31) Visit to Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology Courtesy call on Governor of Aichi Prefecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by NL of Lao P.D.R. • Speech by NL of Malaysia • Speech by Mr. OHMURA Hideaki, Governor of Aichi Prefecture • Gift exchange • Photo session Orientation (at Will Aichi) Homestay Matching
December 2 Saturday		-Homestay-
December 3 Sunday	13:00-13:15 13:50 15:00 17:00-17:30 17:30	PYs return from homestay (at Nagoya International Center) 【Japan-ASEAN Youth Exchange Program】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by AYL of Thailand • Speech by PY of Singapore • Performance by PYs • Photo session Exchange program with local youths I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of Japanese calligraphy and Yosakoi dance Move to Osu shopping street Exchange program with local youths II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking tour around Osu shopping street • Dinner <p style="text-align: right;">Stay at CYPRESS HOTEL Nagoya-eki Mae</p>
December 4 Monday	9:50 12:57-14:33 15:15	Visit to Nagoya Castle Transfer from Nagoya Station to Tokyo Station (Nozomi 18) Arrival at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo



Visit to Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology



Visit to Nagoya Castel

d. Nagasaki Prefecture (SG-D)

Date	Time	Program
December 1 Friday	12:20-14:25 16:15-16:45 17:30	Transfer from Haneda Airport to Nagasaki Airport (JAL609) Courtesy call on Vice Governor of Nagasaki Prefecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Mr. URA Masaki, Vice Governor of Nagasaki Prefecture • Speech by NL of Brunei Darussalam • Speech by NL of Indonesia • Gift exchange • Photo session Homestay Matching (at Isahaya Community Center)
December 2 Saturday		-Homestay-
December 3 Sunday	13:00 14:00-16:45 17:30	PYs return from homestay (at Isahaya Community Center) 【Japan-ASEAN Youth Exchange Program】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture by Mr. TASAKI Toru, National Government Licensed Guide Interpreter Title: History of Nagasaki • Speech by YL of Singapore • Speech by YL of the Philippines • Gift presentation by PY of Lao P.D.R. • Gift presentation by PY of Thailand • Visit to Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum • Photo session in front of Peace Statue • Walking tour in Peace Park Dinner with local youths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing “We are unity” Stay at Richmond Hotel Nagasaki Shianbashi
December 4 Monday	10:30-11:00 12:15-13:45 15:45	Farewell Greeting (at Nagasaki Airport) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Ms. NAGATA Harumi, Section Chief, Lifelong Learning Division, Education Bureau of Nagasaki Prefecture • Speech by Ms. YAMADA Hiromi, Chairperson of Nagasaki Reception Organizing Committee Transfer from Nagasaki Airport to Haneda Airport (JAL610) Arrival at Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo



Listening to the lecture at Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum



Warm welcome at Nagasaki Airport

3 Inauguration Ceremony

The Inauguration Ceremony of the 47th SSEAYP was held from 11:00 on November 30 at the “Orion”, Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo.

First, Mr. KUDO Shozo, State Minister of the Cabinet Office, delivered a speech. Subsequently, YL of Cambodia, YL of Lao P.D.R. and YL of Thailand delivered speeches on behalf of PYs.



Mr. KUDO Sozo, State Minister of the Cabinet Office, and NLs

4 Presentation of Discussion Results and Farewell Ceremony

(1) Presentation of Discussion Results

Presentation of Discussion Results was held from 10:00 on December 7 at the “Orizuru-Mai” at Hote New Otani Tokyo.

First, PY of the Philippines from the Presentation of Discussion Result committee, which spontaneously formed under the guidance of Facilitators, gave opening remarks. Subsequently, each DG presented the discussion outcomes and post-program activity plans as the first step of what they can do for the society. Presentation of Discussion Results was concluded with the closing remarks by PY of Cambodia from the committee.

(2) Farewell Ceremony

After Presentation of Discussion Results, Farewell Ceremony was held from 11:20 at the same venue.

First, Ms. YUFU Wakako, Director General for International Youth Exchange of the Cabinet Office, delivered a speech. Subsequently, AYL of Indonesia, YL of Singapore and YL of Viet Nam delivered speeches on behalf of PYs. Ms. YUFU handed the certificate of completion to YLs from ASEAN member countries as representatives of all PYs, then Farewell Ceremony was closed.

5 Departure

On December 8, starting at 6:00, NLs and PYs from ASEAN member countries assembled at the hotel lobby by

contingent. They proceeded to Narita Airport or Haneda Airport by bus and flew to the respective countries.

6 Post-Program Training for Japanese PYs

A two-day Post-Program Training for 20 Japanese PYs was conducted on December 8 and 9 at the Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo.

Japanese PYs reflected on the Program and discussed

how to utilize their experiences gained through the Program. They also assigned themselves to the roles and responsibilities for the reporting session and engaged in the preparation for it.