

Chapter 1

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 Vietnam 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 (i.e. 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 and Term
Selection of Japanese Participating Youths	June 6, Sat.
Conference of the Representatives of the Ten Southeast Asian Countries and Japan	June 10, Wed. and June 11, Thu.
Establishment of the Administration	July 8, Wed. – December 28, Mon.
Pre-program training of Japanese Participating Youths	August 3, Mon. – August 8, Sat.
Facilitators Meeting	August 13, Thu. and August 14, Fri.
Pre-program consultation visit by the Cabinet Office	August 20, Thu. – August 29, Sat. (Myanmar, Vietnam, Philippines) September 6, Sun. – September 13, Sun. (Lao P.D.R., Malaysia)
National Leaders Meeting	September 16, Wed. and September 17, Thu.
Pre-departure training of Japanese Participating Youths	October 24, Sat. – October 27, Tue.
Country program in Japan	October 28, Wed. – November 4, Wed.
Cruise (From departure to disembarkation)	November 5, Thu. – December 16, Wed.
Post-program training of Japanese Participating Youths	December 16, Wed. – December 17, Thu.

3 Organization

The organizing members of the 42nd SSEAYP in 2015 were as follows:

(1) Administration

- a. One Administrator who represented the Government of Japan managed and coordinated the overall program
- b. One Deputy Administrator who assisted the Administrator and would assume the position in case the latter could not perform his duties
- c. Twenty-six administrative staff members who performed their duties under the Administrator's instructions
- d. Eight Facilitators who implemented the Discussion Program under the Administrator's guidance

(2) National Leaders (NLs)

Each government selected one National Leader (NL). The NLs supervised the Participating Youths 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 Participating Youths (PYs) who met the following requirements set forth by the Government of Japan:

- a. 18 to 30 years old as of a specific day in 2015 designated by each country;
- b. Those who were able to participate throughout the Program;
- c. Those having a good command of English to participate in the activities both onboard the ship and in the countries to be visited;
- d. Those who were sound in mind and body;
- e. Those who were cooperative and adaptable to an orderly group life in accordance with the Program schedule;
- f. Those who had an interest and good understanding in the participating countries.

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

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

4 Expenses and the Vessel

(1) Expenses

For the 42nd SSEAYP in 2015, the Government of Japan bore the following program-related expenses in addition to the operational costs of the ship:

- a. Round-trip air fare for the representatives of the ten governments and the Alumni Associations of the Southeast Asian countries between their respective capitals and Japan to attend the Conferences of the Representatives of the Ten Southeast Asian Countries and Japan;
- b. Round-trip air fare for the Facilitators other than Japan countries between their respective capitals and Japan to attend the Facilitators Meeting;
- c. Round-trip air fare for the NLs from ten Southeast Asian countries between their respective capitals and Japan to attend the NL Meeting;
- d. One-way air fare for the NLs and PYs from the ten

Southeast Asian countries from their respective capitals to Japan;

- e. One-way air fare for the Facilitators, from countries other than Japan, from their respective capitals to Japan to participate in the Program;
- f. Travel, medical and accident insurance for all NLs, PYs and host family representatives from respective Southeast Asian countries, Facilitators and representatives of Alumni Associations during the Program;
- g. Meals and beverages to be served on the regular schedule onboard the ship for all NLs and PYs from the ten Southeast Asian countries and for all Facilitators;
- h. Transportation, admission fees, accommodations and meals incurred for the official schedule in Japan;

- i. Transportation cost for the official schedule in the countries to be visited;
- j. One-way air fare for the Facilitators from Kota Kinabalu to return to their respective capitals;
- k. One-way air fare for the NLs and PYs from ten Southeast Asian countries from Japan to return to their respective capitals;
- l. Air fare for the representatives of Alumni Associations (except that of Malaysia) from their nearest international airports to Kota Kinabalu and air fare for representatives of Alumni Associations (except that of Japan) from Tokyo to their nearest international airports;
- m. Round-trip air fare for the representatives of host family representatives from respective Southeast Asian countries between their nearest international airports and Tokyo to be invited to Japan;
- n. Expenses for accommodation and meals for the representatives of Alumni Associations and host family representatives from respective Southeast Asian countries according to the designated itinerary in Japan;
- o. Expenses for meals and beverages served at the reunions onboard for ex-participants of SSEAYP.

Respective government of the 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 each country program.

(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 42nd SSEAYP in 2015.

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 grand baths, etc.

