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Objectives

Amongst the rapid globalization of today's world where cross-border cooperation, coordination, and negotiation are indispensable in every field, leaders capable of playing key roles in initiating globalization are required in local communities as well as in international society. Youth from various countries with diverse backgrounds participate in the Ship for World Youth (hereinafter, SWY) program, the objective of which is to develop youth who can play leading roles in various areas so that they can contribute

to the betterment of society. In addition, by providing opportunities for seminars, discussions, cultural exchange, and communal life in an environment that can be referred to as a microcosm of the world, the Participating Youth are expected to further develop their transnational human networks and deepen mutual understanding. Thus, through this program, the Government of Japan aims to contribute to the field of international human development.

Program Contents

During the SWY program, Japanese Participating Youth (hereinafter JPY) along with Overseas Participating Youth (hereinafter OPY) from 10 other countries participated in the Onshore /Onboard Training Sessions and port of call activities for about 40 days. Participating Youth (hereinafter PY) took part in various kinds of training and exchange activities, including seminars and discussions on common global issues.

Participating Countries

11 countries participated in the program, with a total of 227 PYs (112 OPYs and 115 JPYs) joining the program.

- Kingdom of Bahrain
- Federative Republic of Brazil
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- French Republic
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Japan
- Republic of Kenya
- United Mexican States
- New Zealand
- Republic of Peru
- Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

*Hereafter abbreviation will be used for country names

Vessel, Countries Visited

The vessel used for the SWY program was the M.S. Nippon Maru, chartered by Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Lines Ltd. The operation of the ship was also entrusted to this company. The ship docked in the following port of call for activities and twice during the voyage for refuel and water supply.

Port of Call

- Ensenada (United Mexican States)

Refuel and water supply

- Hawaii (United States of America)



Program Operation

For the Ship for World Youth Program 2019, 33 administrative staff members coordinated the program under the instruction of the administrator.

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| Administrator | Mr. Furuya Ichiro | Director for Office for International Youth Exchange and Office of the Director General for Policies on Cohesive Society, Cabinet Office |
| Deputy administrator | Mr. Satoh Masayuki | Deputy Director for 2nd Youth Exchange Unit, Office of the Director General for Policies on Cohesive Society, Cabinet Office |

Administrative staff 32 members

【Duties】

- The administrator represents the Japanese government with respect to this program, and is responsible for overseeing the operation of this program.
- The deputy administrator supports the administrator and takes on the administrator’s responsibilities should the administrator be unable to do so.
- The administrative staff members receive directives from the administrator and are responsible for implementing the program.

Also, each country’s delegation had one National Leader (hereinafter NL); as for the Japanese delegation, due to the large number of participants, a Sub-National Leader (hereinafter SNL) was also nominated. The National Leader and Sub-National Leader, under the command of the Administrator, were tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of the program before and during its execution, as well as leading the youth participants.

Preparation for the Program

The schedule of this year’s Ship for World Youth Program was as follows:

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| 8 Jun, 9 Jun, 15 Jun, 2019 | Selection test for Japanese applicants |
| <p>After conducting the initial screening of the application materials, the Cabinet Office shortlisted the applicants based on general education, English proficiency, and personality evaluations in Tokyo and Osaka.</p> <p>The basic qualifications for JPYs (except the NL) were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Must hold Japanese nationality and be 18-30 years of age (as of April 1, 2019). b) Must be actively involved in international exchange or youth activities locally, professionally or through school or youth organizations, and be expected to continue to remain committed to such involvement upon returning from the program. c) Must be physically and mentally fit, able to act in harmony with others, able to follow a regimented program, and have the discipline to work together in a large group. d) Must possess sufficient knowledge or skills in areas such as Japanese society, culture, sports, etc. e) Must have an interest in and understanding of the countries to be visited. f) Must possess a sufficient command of the English language in order to participate in the activities of the program. g) Must be able to attend all programs, consisting of the preparatory training session, pre-departure training session, onshore training session, onboard training session, and post-program training session. | |
| 6 Aug – 9 Aug, 2019 | Meeting with government officials from country to be visited to discuss the operations of the program |
| <p>Government representatives of the country to be visited were invited for a meeting at the Cabinet Office to discuss port of call activities. After this meeting, necessary preparations were made with the respective governments through the Japanese diplomatic establishments abroad.</p> <p>After this meeting, the Cabinet Office coordinated and finalized each itinerary with the representatives from the respective governments through the Center for International Youth Exchange, the organization commissioned to coordinate the programs. For the activities in Mexico, higher educational institutions and other institutional visit locations were selected for the participants to engage in discussions with local youth.</p> | |

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| 18 Sep – 22 Sep, 2019 | Facilitators Meeting |
| <p>For the smooth and effective implementation of the program, the 7 facilitators in charge of the Course Discussions for the SWY program were invited to attend a Facilitators Meeting. During this meeting, the facilitators were provided with an overview of the SWY program and the course discussion activities including the objectives and outlines for each course. The attendees focused their dialogue on the program's objectives and operation to ensure that all parties held a common understanding. The facilitators also joined and assisted in the implementation of the preparatory training session of the JPYs that began from September 20.</p> | |
| 20 Sep – 25 Sep, 2019 | Preparatory Training Session (for Japanese participants only) |
| <p>The objectives of the preparatory training session were to ensure that the JPYs fully understand the aim and objectives of the program, to mentally prepare them as Japanese representatives, and to help them grasp the fundamentals of what large group activities involve.</p> | |
| 11 Oct, 2019 | Meeting for representatives of the regional program |
| <p>In April 2019, the Cabinet Office asked the five prefectural governments of Yamagata, Shizuoka, Wakayama, Hiroshima, and Oita to host the OPYs for the regional program and to organize courtesy calls, welcome ceremonies, homestay programs, and institutional visits or cultural experiences. In response, each prefecture submitted their own schedule outlines for the regional program to the Cabinet Office. On October 11, 2019, the representatives from the hosting prefectures were invited to a meeting at the Cabinet Office to discuss the plans. After the meeting, the Cabinet Office coordinated with representatives from the hosting prefectures through the Center for International Youth Exchange, the organization commissioned to coordinate the activities for the SWY program, to finalize the itinerary. Each prefecture then began selecting host families and making other preparations for the regional program.</p> | |
| 21 Oct – 26 Oct, 2019 | National Leaders Meeting |
| <p>To ensure the smooth operation of the program, it was necessary to communicate, meet, and discuss with the National Leaders of each delegation before the program. Thus, the National Leaders Meeting was held prior to the program. During this meeting, Cabinet Office officials gave an overview of the aims and objectives of the program, activities in Japan, general life, onshore and onboard activities, and activities at the ports of call. This was followed by discussions among the National Leaders. The discussion, passionate but painstaking at times, was held to determine the day-to-day schedules and rules, pre-program preparations, and other matters related to the program.</p> | |
| 21 Nov – 30 Nov, 2019 | Preliminary visit to the port of call country |
| <p>The Center for International Youth Exchange, commissioned by the Cabinet Office, conducted preliminary visits to Mexico City and Ensenada of Mexico and met the respective officials involved in the port of call activities. During this preliminary inspection, details of the port of call activities were communicated and arranged, and on-site inspections of the ports and institutions to be visited were conducted in order to identify any potential issues that could arise when touring or moving in large groups.</p> <p>After the aforementioned visits and necessary budget adjustments, the Center for International Youth Exchange worked closely with the representatives of the port of call country to coordinate and finalize the schedule of the port of call activities.</p> | |
| Selection of overseas participants | |
| <p>The application and selection of OPYs and their respective NLs were conducted by the governments of the participating countries, at the request of and in coordination with Japanese diplomatic establishments abroad. The candidates for the program were submitted by the Japanese diplomatic establishments abroad upon consultation with the governments of the participating countries, and the Director General for International Youth Exchange Affairs from the Cabinet Office gave the final confirmation for 102 OPYs and 10 NLs.</p> <p>The basic qualifications for OPYs (except the NL) were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Must be 18-30 years of age (as of April 1, 2019); Must be able to participate for the entire duration and in all the activities of the program; Must be in good physical/mental condition and able to endure the voyage; Must fully understand the objective and aim of this program and be capable of following a regimented program; Must be able to contribute greatly to various activities for promoting sound youth development and/or play an active role in the area of international exchange in his/her community, occupation, school, youth organization, etc; Must possess a sufficient command of the English language to be able to participate in activities such as university-level discussions; Must be interested in and have a certain understanding of Japan; Must have no prior experience in international youth exchange programs sponsored by the Cabinet Office, including the SWY program. | |

Program Itinerary

Onshore Training Session 1

| Date | | Morning Period ① | Morning Period ② | Afternoon Period ① | Afternoon Period ② | Afternoon Period ③ | Evening Period | |
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| Jan. 10 | Fri | Overseas Participating Youth: Arrival to Japan | | | | | | |
| Jan. 11 | Sat | Overseas Participating Youth: AM: Morning Off to adjust to a new time zone PM: Transfer to National Youth Olympic Center (NYC) | | | | Guideline on NYC/Check-in | 18:15-20:00 Welcome Reception | |
| | | Japanese Participating Youth: PM: Pre-departure Training Session | | | | | | |
| Jan. 12 | Sun | 9:30-11:30 Delegation Meeting | | 13:00-15:00 Program Orientation | 15:15-16:00 Lecture by Administrator | 16:15-17:15 Letter Group Meeting | 19:00-20:45 Icebreaker | |
| Jan. 13 | Mon | 9:30-12:00 Introduction to SWY | | 13:30-14:45 Leadership Seminar | 15:00-16:15 Discussion Skill Seminar | 16:30-17:30 Letter Group Meeting | | |
| Jan. 14 | Tue | 9:30-12:00 Activity: Simulated Olympic/ Paralympic Games | | 13:40-14:50 Course Introduction | 15:00-16:10 Committee Meeting | 16:20-17:30 Check-out Orientation | | |

Onboard Training Session

| Date | | Morning Activity (LG) | Morning Period ① | Morning Period ② | Afternoon Period ① | Afternoon Period ② | Afternoon Period ③ | Evening Period |
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| | | 9:15-9:30 | 9:30-10:40 (70mins) | 10:50-12:00 (70mins) | 13:40-14:50 (70mins) | 15:00-16:10 (70mins) | 16:20-17:30 (70mins) | 19:30-21:30 (120mins) |
| Jan. 15 | Wed | | Check-out / Depart from NYC to Yokohama Port | | Transfer to Yokohama Port / Free Time | | Boarding | Orientation from the Ship Side/ Life Onboard Orientation |
| Jan. 16 | Thu | | Evacuation Drill / Psychology Seminar | | Open Ship for Guests/ Departure Ceremony | | | Counter Closed |
| Jan. 17 | Fri | | Ground Rule Orientation | | Lecture by Captain | Committee Meeting | | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 18 | Sat | | Half Holiday | | Course Discussion ① | | Committee Meeting | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 19 | Sun | Letter Group A | National Presentation Rehearsal | | | National Presentation | | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 20 | Mon | | Official Group Photo Session | | Delegation Meeting | National Presentation | | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 21-1 | Tue | Letter Group B | Introduction to Club Activity | | Committee Meeting | National Presentation | | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 21-2 | Tue | | Course Discussion ② | | Sports & Recreation ① | | Voluntary Activity | Counter Closed |
| Jan. 22 | Wed | Letter Group C | All-PY Seminar ① | | Peer Learning Seminar ① | | Committee Meeting | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 23 | Thu | | Follow- up Session of Course Discussion | Delegation Meeting | Club Activity A ① | | Port of Call Orientation, Hawaii | Seminar "How to enjoy Hawaii" |
| Jan. 24 | Fri | | Refuel and Water Supply in Hawaii | | | | | Counter Closed |

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| Jan. 25 | Sat | | Holiday | | | | Counter Closed |
| Jan. 26 | Sun | Letter Group D | Olympic/Paralympic Seminar ① | Post Program Activity ① | Club Activity B ① | | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 27 | Mon | Letter Group E | Course Discussion ③ | Peer Learning Seminar ② | | Voluntary Activity | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 28 | Tue | | Club Activity A ② | Committee Meeting | Official Photo Session | | Voluntary Activity |
| Jan. 29 | Wed | Letter Group F | All-PY Seminar ② | Port of Call Orientation, Ensenada, Mexico | | Delegation Meeting | Counter Closed |
| Jan. 30 | Thu | | Port of Call Activity in Ensenada, Mexico | | | | Counter Closed |
| Jan. 31 | Fri | | | | | | Counter Closed |
| Feb. 1 | Sat | | | | | | Cabin change orientation |
| Feb. 2 | Sun | | Half Holiday | Port of Call Activity Evaluation | Cabin Mate Matching | Packing | Cabin Check |
| Feb. 3 | Mon | | Cabin Change | Committee Meeting | Letter Group Meeting | Cabin Change (check-in to new room) | Counter Closed |
| Feb. 4 | Tue | | Club Activity B ② | Course Discussion ④ | | Voluntary Activity | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 5 | Wed | Letter Group G | Olympic/Paralympic Seminar ② | Peer Learning Seminar ③ | | Committee Meeting | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 6 | Thu | Letter Group H | Sports & Recreation ② | Club Activity A ③ | | Port of Call Orientation, Hawaii | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 7 | Fri | | Refuel and Water Supply in Hawaii | | | | Counter Closed |
| Feb. 8 | Sat | | Holiday | | | | Counter Closed |
| Feb. 9 | Sun | | Course Discussion ⑤ | Club Activity B ③ | | Committee Meeting | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 10 | Mon | Letter Group I | All-PY Seminar ③ | Post Program Activity Session ② by NL | Peer Learning Seminar ④ | | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 12 | Wed | Letter Group J | Summary Forum Rehearsal | Summary Forum | | | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 13 | Thu | | Post Program Activity ③ | Committee Meeting | Delegation Meeting | Olympic/Paralympic Seminar ③ by NL | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 14 | Fri | Letter Group K | Exhibition Rehearsal | Exhibition | | | Voluntary Activity |
| Feb. 15 | Sat | | Morning Off | Re-Entry | *13:40-15:40 Reflection by NL | *15:40-16:10 Disembarkation Orientation | *16:10-20:00 Farewell Ceremony & Dinner |
| Feb. 16 | Sun | | Preparation for Disembarkation | | | | |
| Feb. 17 | Mon | | Voluntary Activity | | | | |

Onshore Training Session 2

| Date | | | Morning Period ① | Morning Period ② | Afternoon Period ① | Afternoon Period ② | Afternoon Period ③ | Evening Period |
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| Feb. 18 | Tue | Arrival to Japan | Institutional Visit to the Olympic & Palalympic Facilities in Tokyo (Odaiba, Ariake) | | | Letter Group Meeting | | Counter Closed |
| Feb. 19 | Wed | | Tokyo City Tour | | | | Program Evaluation | Counter Closed |
| Feb. 20 | Thu | | Overseas Participating Youth: Regional Program Orientation Japanese Participating Youth: Delegation Meeting | 12:00 - 13:30 Completion Ceremony / Dissolution Party | | | Counter Closed | |
| Feb. 21 | Fri | | Overseas Participating Youth: Regional Program (Courtesy call, Institutional visit etc.) ----- Japanese Participating Youth: Post-program Training Session | | | | | |
| Feb. 22 | Sat | | Overseas Participating Youth: Regional Program (Welcome Reception, Homestay) ----- Japanese Participating Youth: Post-program Training Session | | | | | |
| Feb. 23 | Sun | | Overseas Participating Youth: Regional Program (Homestay) | | | | | |
| Feb. 24 | Mon | | Overseas Participating Youth: Regional Program/Transfer to international airport | | | | | |

* In order to adjust the time-zone difference, the itinerary has two times of January 21st and diminished February 11th.

Activity Units of Participating Youth

Each PY was assigned to 4 groups: Delegation, Letter, Committee, and Course Discussion groups. Through each group, the PY would conduct a variety of activities during the onshore and onboard training sessions.

Delegation (Participating Country)

Each of the overseas delegation comprised of 1 National Leader and approximately 11 Participating Youth. The Japanese delegation consisted of 115 members, including 113 Participating Youth, 1 National Leader and 1 Sub-National Leader. Also, each NL nominated two Assistant National Leader (ANL) from their delegation to bring NLs and PYs together.

Activities by delegation

- National Presentation (Performance of music and dances to introduce each country’s culture)
- Club Activity (Organizing activities to allow the PYs to experience each other’s culture)

Letter Group (LG)

PYs were divided into 11 groups, with each assigned a letter (from A to K). It became the basic functional unit around where activities onshore and onboard were organized. Each group consisted of approximately 20 PYs, and efforts were made to ensure heterogeneous grouping in terms of nationality, age, occupation, etc. 1 NL was assigned to each group as Group Leader (GL), and 2 ANLs were allocated to each group to support their Group Leader as Assistant Group Leaders (AGL).

Activities by Letter Group

- Morning assembly (Roll call and body temperature check)
- Tokyo city tour (Sightseeing around Tokyo as organized by JPYs)
- Letter group meeting (For the purpose of information sharing, conducted each evening during the onboard training session)

Committee

Various activities and events were organized and conducted in order to facilitate exchanges among PYs and to promote mutual understanding and friendship building. To maintain communication with the administration and those in charge of planning and managing these activities, the following 8 committees were formed.

- Advertisement Committee
- Event Committee
- All-PY Seminar Committee
- National Presentation Committee
- Assistant Group Leader Committee
- Olympic/Paralympic Seminar Committee
- Club Activity Committee
- Peer-Learning Seminar Committee

Course Discussion

With “Youth Contribution to Society” as a common theme, 7 course discussion themes were established as platform for PYs to discuss common issues from global perspectives. Each PY was allocated to one of the courses based on their choice. In each course, a facilitator, who is a specialist in the designated field, led the discussion.

- Cultural Heritage and Preservation (CHP)
- Global Citizenship (GC)
- Global Environmental and Climate Change (EC)
- Global Inclusive Society (GIS)
- Health and Wellbeing (HW)
- Peacebuilding and International Cooperation (PI)
- Technology in an Equal Society (TES)