

International Youth Exchange FY2019

# – Official Report – Ship for World Youth Program



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## Preface

As globalization advances in our world and makes international cooperation, coordination, and negotiation indispensable, we need leaders who are capable of leading and teaching us how to deal with this globalization in every area of society from local communities to the international arena.

The “Ship for World Youth” program aims to widen participants’ perspectives on international issues, cultivate their spirit of international cooperation, and develop the next generation of leaders who are able to contribute to society in various fields.

This year, youth from 11 countries including Japan took part in a 7-day Onshore Training Session in mid-January 2020. This was followed by more than 30 days voyage that included Onboard Training Sessions and Port of Call activities.

During the training, the Participating Youth were separated into 7 thematic Course Discussion groups and studied different international issues. There were also seminars held by participants which became a chance to improve the practical skills of the youth.

With a view to host Olympics and Paralympics game in Tokyo 2020, participants from different backgrounds organized lectures and seminars related to the Olympics and Paralympics game. Further, the program offered the opportunities of onsite tours to new Olympic stadium and the relevant institutions. Through the activities, the participants deepened their understanding on Japanese culture and technologies as well as different values in various fields and global issues.

In Mexico, the program received warm welcome by hosting organizations of Port of Call activity such as the governments of Baja California, Tijuana City, and Ensenada City. Besides welcome ceremony and onboard reception, we had a privilege to interact with university students, visit institutes to train Olympic and Paralympic athletes, marine conservation museum, where all successfully cultivated learning opportunities of participants.

After returning back to Japan, the Japanese Participating Youth joined a 2-day Post-Program Training Session to reflect on the program and to talk about their future activities.

The ex-participants of the program are currently contributing to societies in various parts of the world, and we as the Cabinet Office also support these post-program activities.

We believe each and every one of the Participating Youth has acquired the foundation to achieve leadership skills so that they can discuss in a global context and deliver locally, nationally or globally at any level of the stage. We wish for them to hereafter demonstrate their leadership skills in their individual lives.

This report is a record of the various activities that the Participating Youth took part in while in Japan, on board, and in the various countries. It would be my pleasure if, through reading this account, readers could appreciate the fruits of this program and continue to provide their support in the future.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for the cooperation of the various government representatives from the participating countries that were involved, the Ship for World Youth Alumni Associations and their members (former participants), the host families, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other ministries involved, the local governments, and the youth organizations.

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List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

Ship for World Youth Program	SWY
Participating Youth	PY
Japanese Participating Youth	JPY
Overseas Participating Youth	OPY
Ex-participating Youth	Ex-PY
National Leader	NL
Sub-National Leader	SNL
Assistant National Leader	ANL
Assistant Group Leader	AGL
Cultural Heritage Preservation Course	CHP
Global Citizenship Course	GC
Global Environmental and Climate Change Course	EC
Global Inclusive Society Course	GIS
Health and Wellbeing Course	HW
Peacebuilding and International Cooperation Course	PI
Technology in an Equal Society Course	TES
Ship for World Youth Alumni Association	SWYAA
International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan	IYEO
National Olympics Memorial Youth Center	NYC

\*Please refer to the list when the text includes abbreviations and/or acronyms.

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# Courtesy Call

## Courtesy Call on the Prime Minister ABE Shinzo



(Photograph by the Cabinet Public Relations Office, the Government of Japan)

## Preparatory Training Session



JPY shared their expectation towards the program



Ms. Nakamura Yurika, an Ex-PY who participated in Beijing Olympics was invited and PYs learned about Olympics

## Activities in Japan



Welcome speech by the Administrator, Mr. Furuya Ichiro



PYs met for the first time and enjoyed their time

## Onshore Training Session 1



NL introduced themselves at the Program Orientation



PYs got to know each other through icebreaking activity carried out by NL



PYs enjoyed their conversation with new people at the icebreaking activity



Leadership Seminar by Mr. Robin Lewis, co-founder of an app aimed for reducing the use of plastic bottle, "mymizu"



Seminar about Olympics and Paralympics by the chairman of All Nippon ID Sport Association, Mr. Saito Toshiyuki



Group photo after being encouraged by Mr. Otsuka Taku, Minister of State of Youth Affairs

## Onboard Training Session

### Departure Ceremony



Mr. Miura Kentaro, Deputy Director General of Cabinet Office expressed his greetings at Departure Ceremony



Group photo of NL at Departure Ceremony

### National Presentation



Egypt Delegation presented dresses and dances of each region



JPY danced a Japanese traditional dance, Nihon Buyou



New Zealand Delegation introduced the culture and history of Maori



Sri Lanka Delegation showed the daily life and culture through dances