

**Chapter
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Outline of the Program

1 Purpose

Currently, it is indispensable that cooperation, coordination, and negotiation across borders in various fields, and leaders of the next generation who are capable of leading and guiding people are required.

From this aspect, the Ship for World Youth (SWY) program focuses on implementing programs where

Participating Youths (PYs) from various backgrounds will gain abilities to deal with different cultures, communication skills, leadership skills and management skills through having discussions, cultural exchanges and workshops that are organized by PYs. In addition, it aims to establish strong human network across national borders.

2 Delegation

Argentine Republic	ARG	Republic of Kenya	KEN
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	ETH	United Mexican States	MEX
French Republic	FRA	New Zealand	NZL
Republic of India	IND	Solomon Islands	SOL
Ireland	IRL	Republic of Türkiye	TUR
Japan	JPN	United Arab Emirates	UAE
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	JOR	Republic of Zambia	ZAM

* 14 Delegations in Total

3 Organization

(1) Administration (ADM)

The ADM is engaged in the duties regarding the administrative affairs of this program.

(2) Facilitator

Ten Facilitators (one per discussion theme) are expected to coordinate and manage the assigned Course Discussion consisting of multinational PYs.

(3) Activity Unit

a. Delegation

(a) National Leader (NL)

- Leads the Participating Youths (PYs) in his/her delegation.
- As a member of the NL Meeting, NLs discuss and decide on basic matters concerning life and activities during the program period as requested by the Administration.
- Serves as a Group Leader (GL) of his/her Letter Group.

- Japan shall have two NLs, one of whom shall be a Sub-NL (SNL); the SNL shall assist the NL and play a role equivalent to that of the NL.

(b) Youth Leader (YL)

- Each delegation except Japan shall have one YL. Japan shall have two YLs, one of whom shall be an Assistant YL (AYL), who shall assist the YLs and play a role equivalent to that of the YLs.
- The YLs and AYL shall assist the NLs and SNL and serve as substitutes when the NLs and SNL are unable to continue their duties.
- They shall also serve as Assistant Group Leader (AGL) for their Letter Group.

b. Letter Group (LG)

14 Letter Groups (A-N) consisting of PYs from delegations shall be organized as the basic activity unit

during the program. Each group shall have one GL and one AGL.

c. Course Discussion (CD)

Each participant shall be assigned to one of ten groups that will discuss a different topic and engage in thematic discussions within their group.

d. Committee

Various activities and events shall be organized and conducted in order to facilitate exchanges among PYs and to promote mutual understanding and friendship. To plan and manage these activities, every PY shall be a member of one of the following committees:

(a) All-PY Seminar Committee

Plan, prepare, and organize seminars for all PYs (All-PY Seminar).

(b) Discussion Committee

Prepare and organize Summary Forum.

(c) Peer-Learning Seminar Committee

Coordinate Peer-Learning Seminar, allocate the date, time, and venue of the seminar, and inquire about necessary supplies for the PYs who wish to organize a seminar.

(d) Port of Call Activity Committee

Coordinate activity groups in Local Visit Programs (Kyoto and Hyogo Prefectures) and organize presentations of results at Kochi Prefecture.

(e) Press Committee

Consolidate activity reports for the official report and publicize events and seminars planned by the Voluntary Activities Committee and the Peer-Learning Seminar Committee.

(f) Voluntary Activity Committee

Coordinate Voluntary Activity, allocate the date, time, and venue of the seminar, and inquire about necessary supplies for the PYs who wish to host a VA.

4 Preparation for the Program

Meeting for Representatives of Participating Countries	Mon., June 26, 2023
The government officials in charge of SWY and the representatives of the SWY alumni associations of the participating countries attended the online meeting with the Cabinet Office and shared their opinions for the smooth and effective operation of the program including the selection and nomination of PYs and NLs.	
Facilitators Meeting	Sat., July 15, 2023 Sun., July 16, 2023
For the smooth and effective implementation of the program, ten facilitators in charge of the Course Discussions attended the online meeting with the Cabinet Office. 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 the Pre-Program Training of JPYs virtually from August 30 to provide JPYs with discussion sessions by each course.	
Joint Meeting of Facilitators and the Local Committee Members in Kochi Prefecture	Sat., July 29, 2023 Sun., July 30, 2023
For the smooth implementation of the program as a series of Course Discussion and Local Practical Program, ten facilitators and Local Committee members in charge of Local Practical Program attended the online meeting with the Cabinet Office. The attendees focused their dialogue on the Local Practical Program’s objectives and operation to ensure that all parties held a common understanding. In response, Kochi Prefecture submitted their schedule outlines for the Local Practical Program. In December 2023, the staff of the Cabinet Office and the Center for International Youth Exchange, the organization commissioned to coordinate the activities for the SWY, visited Kochi Prefecture to finalize the itinerary.	

Pre-Program Training for JPYs	Wed., August 30 – Sun., September 3, 2023
<p>The Pre-Program Training for JPYs was held at National Olympics Memorial Youth Center in Tokyo, Japan in order to ensure that 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>	
Meeting for Persons in Charge of Local Visit Program	Fri., September 8, 2023
<p>The representatives of the governments (Kyoto Prefecture and Hyogo Prefecture) and International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan attended the online meeting with the Cabinet Office to prepare for the Local Visit Program. In response, each prefecture submitted their own schedule outlines for the Local Visit Program. In December 2023, the staff of the Cabinet Office and the Center for International Youth Exchange, the organization commissioned to coordinate the activities for the SWY, visited each prefecture to finalize the itinerary.</p>	
National Leaders Meeting	Sat., September 30, 2023 Sun., October 1, 2023 Sat., October 7, 2023
<p>To ensure the smooth and effective operation of the program and activities, NLs of each delegation attended the meeting with the Cabinet Office prior to the program. During this meeting, the Cabinet Office gave an overview of the aims and objectives of the program, activities of the Online Exchange and the Program in Japan, basic rules, and preparations for the program, etc. This was followed by discussions among the NLs to determine the schedules and rules, pre-program preparations, and other matters related to the program.</p>	
Online Exchange [Group 1 (ETH, FRA, IND, IRL, JPN, JOR, KEN, TUR, UAE, ZAM)]	Sat., November 4, 2023 Sat., November 11, 2023 Sat., November 25, 2023
Online Exchange [Group 2 (ARG, JPN, MEX, NZL, SOL)]	Sun., November 5, 2023 Sun., November 12, 2023 Sun., November 26, 2023
Online Exchange (Voluntary Activities)	Sat., November 4, 2023 – Thu., February 29, 2024
<p>Participating countries were divided into two (Western side region (Europe, Africa, Asia and Middle East) and Eastern side region (Latin America and Oceania) to have the Online Exchange including online Course Discussions for three days respectively. In the Opening Ceremony on the first day, Ms. YUFU Wakako, Director General for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office gave a video message. The aim of the Online Exchange is to allow JPYs and OPYs to develop mutual understanding and friendship before they meet face-to-face so that they could start the Face-to-face Exchange more smoothly. During this period, PYs could plan and organize activities spontaneously from their creative ideas, and a strong bond was formed among PYs through preparing together for the Face-to-face Exchange including Voluntary Activities and Local Practical Program.</p>	
Face-to-face Exchange	Wed., January 24 – Wed., February 21, 2024
<p>Overseas NLs and PYs arrived in Japan on January 24, 2024 and joined the programs with Japanese NLs and PYs in Hotel Mystays Premier Narita. The participants got onboard the Nippon Maru on January 28 and participated in the program onboard and at Port of Calls (Kyoto, Hyogo, and Kochi Prefectures). On completion of all the programs, Overseas NLs and PYs departed from Japan on February 21, 2024.</p>	
Post-Program Training for JPYs	Wed., February 21 – Thu., February 22, 2024
<p>After the Face-to-face Exchange, JPYs attended the Post-Program Training at National Olympics Memorial Youth Center. Under the initiative of Japanese NL and SNL, JPYs reflected experiences gained during the program and had better image of how they could start post-program activities after the program.</p>	

5 Program Itinerary

(1) Online Exchange

※ JPYs were divided into two groups to participate in either Online Exchange: Group 1 or 2.

[Group 1 (ETH, FRA, IND, IRL, JPN, JOR, KEN, TUR, UAE, ZAM)]

			17:00-18:00 (JST)	18:15-20:00 (JST)
1	November 4	Sat	Opening Ceremony / Orientation [Plenary Session with all PYs]	Course Discussion 1
2	November 11	Sat	Letter Group Meeting / Committee Meeting	Course Discussion 2
3	November 25	Sat	Preparation for Port of Call	Course Discussion 3

[Group 2 (ARG, JPN, MEX, NZL, SOL)]

			8:00-9:00 (JST)	9:15-11:00 (JST)
1	November 5	Sun	Opening Ceremony / Orientation [Plenary Session with all PYs]	Course Discussion 1
2	November 12	Sun	Letter Group Meeting / Committee Meeting	Course Discussion 2
3	November 26	Sun	Preparation for Port of Call	Course Discussion 3

(2) Face-to-face Exchange

			9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	13:30-14:30	14:45-15:45	16:00-17:00	17:15-17:30	19:20-20:20	20:30-21:30
1	Jan. 24	Wed	[OPYs] Arrival in Japan, Arrival Orientation [JPYs] Assembly in Narita, Arrival Orientation							
2	Jan. 25	Thu	[NLS/SNL/YLS/AYL] Audience with the Imperial Family ----- [PYs] Icebreaking	Committee Meeting	Inauguration Ceremony / Orientation			Course Discussion Meeting	Letter Group Meeting	
3	Jan. 26	Fri	Orientation for VA	Committee Meeting	Afternoon Assembly	Preparation for VA / PL Seminar		Letter Group Meeting	Voluntary Activity 1	Voluntary Activity 2
4	Jan. 27	Sat	Field Study						Check-out Orientation	
5	Jan. 28	Sun	Check Out / Depart to the Port				Embarkation / Baggage Pick-up		Life Onboard Orientation	
6	Jan. 29	Mon	Evacuation Drill / Psychology Seminar	Open Ship	Departure Ceremony	Departure	Letter Group Meeting	All-PY Seminar 1		
7	Jan. 30	Tue	Course Discussion 1	Committee Meeting	Voluntary Activity 3	Voluntary Activity 4	Letter Group Meeting	Voluntary Activity 5	Voluntary Activity 6	
8	Jan. 31	Wed	Course Discussion 2	Committee Meeting	PL Seminar 1	PL Seminar 2	Letter Group Meeting	Port of Call Orientation	Port of Call Preparation	
9	Feb. 1	Thu	Port of Call Activity in Kyoto Prefecture						-	
10	Feb. 2	Fri	Port of Call Activity in Kyoto Prefecture						-	
11	Feb. 3	Sat	Port of Call Activity in Kyoto Prefecture						-	
12	Feb. 4	Sun	Half Holiday	PL Seminar 3	Course Discussion 3		Letter Group Meeting	Voluntary Activity 7	Voluntary Activity 8	
13	Feb. 5	Mon	Official Group Photo Session	PL Seminar 4	Course Discussion 4		Letter Group Meeting	Port of Call Orientation	Port of Call Preparation	
14	Feb. 6	Tue	Port of Call Activity in Hyogo Prefecture						-	
15	Feb. 7	Wed	Port of Call Activity in Hyogo Prefecture						-	
16	Feb. 8	Thu	Port of Call Activity in Hyogo Prefecture						-	
17	Feb. 9	Fri	Half Holiday	Post Program Activity Session		Port of Call Orientation	Letter Group Meeting	Port of Call Preparation	-	
18	Feb. 10	Sat	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
19	Feb. 11	Sun	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
20	Feb. 12	Mon	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
21	Feb. 13	Tue	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
22	Feb. 14	Wed	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
23	Feb. 15	Thu	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
24	Feb. 16	Fri	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
25	Feb. 17	Sat	Port of Call Activity in Kochi Prefecture						-	
26	Feb. 18	Sun	Half Holiday	Reflection by CD	Committee Meeting	Delegation Meeting	Letter Group Meeting	Disembarkation Orientation		
27	Feb. 19	Mon	All-PY Seminar 2	Preparation for Summary Forum			Letter Group Meeting	Preparation for Disembarkation / Cabin Check		
28	Feb. 20	Tue	Rehearsal for Summary Forum	Summary Forum		Closing Ceremony	[NLS/SNL/YLS/ AYL] Courtesy Call on the Prime Minister ----- [PYs] Baggage Down	Farewell Party		
29	Feb. 21	Wed	[OPYs] Departure							