



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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THE SHIP FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN & JAPANESE YOUTH PROGRAM (SSEAYP)

The Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP) is an annual program organised by the Cabinet Office of Japan. The program is based on the Joint Statement 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. The 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 (through the Office for International Youth Exchange of the Cabinet Office) with the active participation and cooperation of these ten Southeast Asian countries.

This program aims to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and the ten Southeast Asian countries, to broaden their perspective of the world, and to strengthen their spirit of international cooperation and practical skills for international collaboration. As a result, it is expected to cultivate youth capable of developing their leadership skills in various fields in the globalising society and contributing to society in areas such as youth development. These aims can be achieved by sharing their lives onboard the ship, introducing each other to their countries, and participating in discussions and various exchange activities onboard and in the countries to be visited.

The uniqueness of SSEAYP is based on its activities onboard the ship and during Port-of-Calls. All participants will experience sharing their lives onboard the ship, introducing each other about their countries for example through National Presentation, participating in discussions and various exchange activities for example Discussion Group which is the heart of SSEAYP, PY Seminars, Solidarity Group Activities in the countries to be visited for example homestay, local youth interaction activities and institutional visits.



MALAYSIA - KOREA YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (MKYEP)



The Malaysia-Korea Youth Exchange Programme is the annual international youth exchange programme which is subject to the agreement made between the Malaysian and Korean government since the year of 1979. It is a collaborative programme under the administration of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Malaysia and Ministry of Gender Equality and Family in Korea.

One of the goals of this program is to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the country of Malaysia and Korea in producing youths with wide knowledge particularly in youth development. This annual programme involves 20 youth delegates from both countries to have a country programme in each country for 10 days.

MALAYSIA - SINGAPORE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (MSYEP)

The Malaysia – Singapore Youth Leaders Exchange Programme (MSYLEP) aims to be a critical bilateral programme between the respective youth focal points of Singapore and Malaysia.

The programme will involve 40 participants from both countries aged between 18 – 30 years old (20 from Malaysia, 20 from Singapore). This five days program will include seminar workshops, learning journeys, dialogues with thought and industry leaders, as well as institutional visits to essential public and private installations. The participants' specific age and occupational profile may differ from year to year based on the program and theme for that particular year. Program themes will vary each year as agreed upon by both countries.

The six days exchange will cover several components, including institutional visits and learning journeys, keynote lectures, group discussions, meetings with political leaders/think tanks and workshops.



ASEAN TRANS BACKPACKERS (TABS)



The ASEAN-Trans Backpackers Program (TABS) is a new program initiative by the National Youth and Sports Department (JBSN).

The program seeks to develop and empower Malaysian youth by fostering a strong sense of identity and equipping them to compete at the international level.

The program will cross ASEAN countries using public transport such as trains, buses, and walking routes.

The program is designed to push participants beyond their comfort zones, enhance their personal development, and nurture a spirit of volunteerism. It includes a variety of activities that promote self-growth and active engagement in community-based social initiatives with local populations

