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SSEAYP YOUTH CONFERENCE 2021

Youth Engagement in Achieving SDGs: A Route Map for Change



SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021 was carried out to promote friendship and youth exchange between Japan and the ten ASEAN member countries continuously even in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Conference aims to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and ASEAN member countries by participating in various exchange activities. As a result, it is expected to cultivate the youth who can exercise their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society, take the world's social agenda as their own issues, and move into action to solve those issues. The Conference was conducted online with 270 participating youths (PYs) from 11 participating countries, sharing several common activities with the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP). The activities included the Group Discussions, and the Peer Learning Sessions planned and organized by PYs.

In the Group Discussions under the theme “Youth Engagement in Achieving SDGs: A Route Map for Change,” the PYs deepened their understanding of the world's social agenda and discuss how youth can contribute to achieving 17 goals of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) grouped by the following nine topics: 1. Empowerment of All People, 2. Poverty / Access to Water and Food, 3. Employment and Decent Work, 4. Education, 5. Resilient and Sustainable Cities, 6. Good Health and Well-being, 7. Life on Land, 8. Life below Water, and 9. Sustainable Energy.

In the Peer Learning Sessions, the PYs were involved in each session either as an organizer or a participant. The Peer Learning Sessions focus on sharing and discussing organizers' knowledge and experiences with a relatively small number of participants in the peer learning style.

Date	SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021
November 28, 2021	Opening Ceremony Remarks by Mr. WAKAMIYA Kenji, Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Cabinet Office Keynote Speech Speaker: Ms. TATSUNO Madoka (Japanese PY of the 28 th SSEAYP, CEO / Founder of GiFT (Global Incubation × Fostering Talents)) Group Discussion I (by Discussion Group (DG))
December 5, 2021	Peer Learning Session I Group Discussion II (by DG)
December 12, 2021	Peer Learning Session II Group Discussion III (by DG)
December 19, 2021	Peer Learning Session III Group Discussion IV (by DG)
January 9, 2022	Presentation of Discussion Results Closing Ceremony Self-Evaluation (by DG)

Note: Lecture by Guest Speaker (by DG) was included during either Group Discussion I, II, III or IV (by DG).

THE 32ND SIGA JAPAN 2022

SSEAYP International General Assembly

Activate Our Future



Three years have passed since we had our last SIGA (SSEAYP International General Assembly) face-to-face in 2019 hosted by BERSATU in Brunei Darussalam, and the subsequent SIGA was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, there are hopeful signs in the situation surrounding COVID-19; however, the situation is still unpredictable. The year 2022 commemorates the SSEAYP International (SI)'s 35th year anniversary since its establishment in 1987, and the International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO) hosted SIGA virtually on Sunday, March 13, 2022, under the theme "Activate Our Future." SIGA Japan 2022 was co-hosted by SI, IYEO, and the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan.

Over 780 ex-participants of SSEAYP and other international youth exchange programs, host families, friends and families enjoyed their first reunion in a long time virtually. While we live in a society full of uncertainty and challenges, the participants were motivated and empowered by the words of the keynote speaker, Mr. YOSHINO Keiichi, "Do NOT make an excuse and just give it a TRY!"



Time (JST)	SIGA Japan 2022
14:00-14:30	Opening Ceremony (Plenary Session) Remarks by Mr. KUROSE Toshifumi, Director General for International Youth Exchange, Cabinet Office Remarks by Ms. TAKEUCHI Shiho, Chairperson of SIGA Japan 2022 Organizing Committee
14:30-16:00	Keynote Speech (Plenary Session) "Activate Our Future - SSEAYP, Dari K and Chocolate -" Speaker: Mr. YOSHINO Keiichi, Japanese PY of the 28 th and 36 th SSEAYP, CEO of Dari K Co., Ltd.
16:15-17:30	Breakout Session A: Let's dance Soran-bushi together!! B: Online SANSA Dance Festival C: Self-Empowerment for Our Future D: Fulfilling Our Life with Koji Dishes E: Vegan Japanese Cooking Class F: OKONOMIYAKI Party!! G: Welcome to beautiful and active Nagano! H: Iramkarapte! Welcome to Hokkaido! I: THE GAME OF LIFE - Original Version of IYEO - J: SSEAYP Career Talk: Virtual Café & Discussion
17:30-18:00	Closing Ceremony (Plenary Session) Remarks by Mr. SHIRATORI Masanobu, Secretary-General of SSEAYP International



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Persatuan BERSATU (SI Brunei Darussalam)



"BACKBONE OF OUR SUCCESS"



Country Report: As a youth organization, our community is the backbone of our success. One thing we miss is being able to contribute to youth empowerment through conducting events and charity work. Since the COVID-19 crisis emerged, everyone has had to make adjustments so we are proud of our alumni in still being able to give back and uphold our values as an organization. Therefore, we would like to highlight some PYs who have made significant contributions in the battle against COVID-19. In the picture, from left to right: **Meela Adreeyana Hj. Aliuddin** (PY2005), **Hajah Rosmawatiniah P. A. Hj. Ibrahim** (PY1991, OBSC1994, NL2006), and **Ahmad Nabil F. Hj. Mahrub** (PY2008) have their sayings about the project.

Rosma Ibrahim: "I love to give comfort to clients who shares to me that they are scared of needles or that they are afraid of the unknown effect of the vaccine. The elderly who hold my hand while they are being vaccinated, the comforting assurance that I can give them are all I need to know that what I did is right. It gives me a sense of satisfaction to know that however small the task that I do, it does help other people in a big way." **Meela Adreeyana:** "Needless to say, I was in the epicenter of things. Unimaginable working conditions and constant firing from the public made my daily life very difficult. Enduring all that, I know I am stronger than I previously credited myself for as I led my team through adversity with few scruffs. I work well despite stress and constant pressure from different sides." **Ahmad Nabil:** "I make sure the arrival of passengers for quarantine follows all SOPs and direct them to their transportation of their respective hotels or isolation centres. Volunteering is a source of happiness for me because I believe true happiness comes from helping others. You may not have a lot of money saved in your life but if you save a lot of heartache for others, you are a pretty rich person."



Social Contribution Activities: Apart from the online conference, the alumni only managed to squeeze one main project which was the President's Futsal Cup in March 2021, the first of its kind. Due to the widespread and risk of the COVID-19 and the closure of all sporting facilities in the country, the tournament had to be put on hold one year after its proposed date. The one-day event was aimed to promote healthy lifestyles through sports as well as to foster relationships between the alumni members, foster families as well as members from the Japan and ASEAN foreign missions to Brunei Darussalam. The tournament is hoped to be recognized as an annual competition.



Prominent Alumni: **Hj. Jailani** (PY1985, OBSC1989, NL1995) served numerous positions in BERSATU since its formation in 1986 which includes Vice President and President. Apart from projects organized by BERSATU, Hj. Jailani has been involved in activities organised and co-hosted by the Embassy of Japan such as the ASEAN and Japan Children Painting Competition, as well as the Shiga and Shizuoka Prefectures Youth Visit. Besides managing several businesses, Hj. Jailani also spends his days being active in the Brunei Darussalam's Scouts Association since his younger days and has received several awards namely Queen Scouts Award and Scout Wood Badge amongst others.



“ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER TALENTED YOUTH”



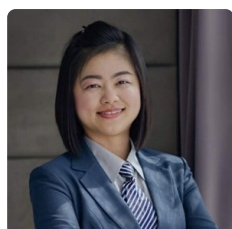
Country Report: During the COVID-19 pandemic, SSEAYP International Cambodia (SIC) carried out activities to support the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Cambodia (MoEYS). SIC supported the MoEYS to conduct interviews to select both SSEAYP Future Youth Leaders Conference and SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021. SIC conducted orientation and training sessions for Cambodian delegates for both conferences. In December 2020, SIC announced an official delegate to represent Cambodia during the SSEAYP Future Youth Leaders Conference. The 27 Cambodian delegates and four SSEAYP ex-PYs were selected to attend the conference.

SIC also supported the MoEYS to select Cambodian youths to participate in the SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021. In August 2021, SIC and MoEYS hosted the selection of the Cambodian youth for the conference. In November 2021, 24 Cambodian delegates were selected to attend this program. With strong support from SIC, Cambodian delegates successfully completed both virtual conferences.



Social Contribution Activities: SSEAYP 2020 and 2021 delegates had a great chance to support MoEYS in the program of ASEAN Photo Contest 2022. The program provides ASEAN member states with an opportunity to capture and share the authenticity of cultures, beliefs, and unity through photography. On top of that, the program encourages and empowers talented ASEAN youth to promote collective identities and social responsibilities. The key objective is to strengthen ASEAN values and awareness during the global pandemic.

ASEAN member states will be invited to participate in the program with different themes and topics provided. The main activities of this program are to establish a photo contest among youth from ASEAN member states. After the competition, winning photos will be collaged as a photo album to be disseminated among the ASEAN member states. The contest will offer opportunities to young people from ASEAN to actively engage, share, and mutually understand each other's cultural diversities. In addition, it will contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Committee's objectives.



Prominent Alumni: Dr. Monirath Hav (PY2005, NL2013) had served SIC throughout its mandates as Head of Social Affairs, Secretary General, and Vice President. She had actively led SIC through various milestones including the first SIGA and the first SSEAYP Port of Call in Cambodia in 2007 and 2014, respectively. Dr. Monirath has been featured in a book entitled “Young Southeast Asia: 40 Inspiring Youths” published in 2008 by the ASEAN Secretariat. One of her most outstanding achievements has been the initiation of national cervical cancer awareness campaign as a collaborative effort between SIC, the Union of Youth Federations of Cambodia (UYFC) and the Ministry of Health, which has tremendously contributed to the increase in cervical cancer vaccination and screening rate in the country. Dr. Monirath earned her Medical Doctor degree in Cambodia, specializing in Pathology or Cancer Diagnostics. She also completed her Master's degree in Cancer Research from Australia and a Ph.D. in Medical Sciences from Belgium. She is currently serving as Associate Director of Pathology and Cancer Research at a cancer research laboratory in San Francisco, USA, where her work focuses on understanding how new biomolecules can activate the immune system to fight cancer.

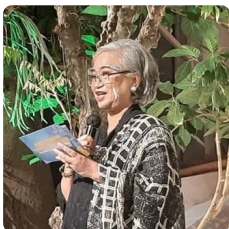
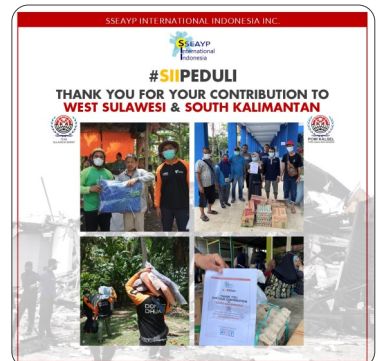


"GIVING AND THRIVING TOGETHER"



Country Report: SSEAYP International Indonesia Inc. (SII) started 2021 with the participation of 10 alumni in SICO 2.0, arranged by KABESA - SSEAYP International Malaysia. Besides enhanced production and promotion of the Ship Mask (after SSEAYP Mask in 2020), SII tried to optimize the digital technology during this pandemic by conducting several virtual sessions and web seminars; one of them featured SII active members which were studying abroad during this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, SII has successfully conducted the Pre-Conference Training (Jakarta, Nov. 2021) for the delegates of Indonesia - SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021. Part of providing the participants with various insightful sessions and practical advices for the second SSEAYP virtual conference, as well as an excellent opportunity for the alumni to reunite again to give and thrive together.

Social Contribution Activities: Along with the campaign of COVID-19 national vaccinations program, SSEAYP International Indonesia Inc., through SII Peduli Program, responded to three regional-scale natural disasters which happened in 2021. From the earthquake in West Sulawesi Province and flooding in South Kalimantan Province as of early January to the volcano eruption (Mount Semeru) in East Java Province on December. With the fundraising campaign and promotion through social media, and direct help from SSEAYP Indonesia alumni who live near or in those provinces, packages of shelter kit and food aid have been distributed to the disaster victims. Donations were collected not just from Indonesia, but also from overseas through the SSEAYP alumni network.



Prominent Alumni: Laretna T. Adishakti (PY1978) is a Lecturer and Coordinator of the Center for Heritage Conservation, Dept. of Architecture and Planning, Faculty of Engineering, Gadjah Mada University, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Laretna received her Doctorate in Engineering from Kyoto University, Japan (1997), while her Master of Architecture degree is from the University of Wisconsin, USA (1988). Currently, Sita, her nickname, facilitates as Co-Founder and Vice President of the Indonesian Heritage Trust, and Co-Founder and Board of Advisors of the Jogja Heritage Society. She facilitated Borobudur Heritage Saujana, Asian Heritage, Kotagede Heritage District post-earthquake, Imogiri Saujana Batik Heritage, and Jogja World Batik City. She is also Trusty of Galeri Batik Jawa Indigo Co. Ltd.; Board of Experts for "Sekarjagad" Batik Society, and Board Members for TTASSEA. Sita is Board of Advisors, ICOMOS Indonesia; a Member of the Asian Academy for Heritage Management UNESCO-ICCROM. Sita, who is also a painter and flower arranger, was selected as a participant of SSEAYP (1978); the Outstanding Young Persons, Osaka Junior Chamber, Japan (1992); an Eisenhower Fellow, USA (2002), served as Selection Committee for Rolex Award for Enterprises in Geneva, Switzerland (2006), received Nikkei Asia Prizes (2009) for Culture and "Practical Award 2015" from Association of Rural Planning, Tokyo, Japan.

JAPAN

International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO)



● “MORE ACTIVE AND MEANINGFUL ORGANIZATION”

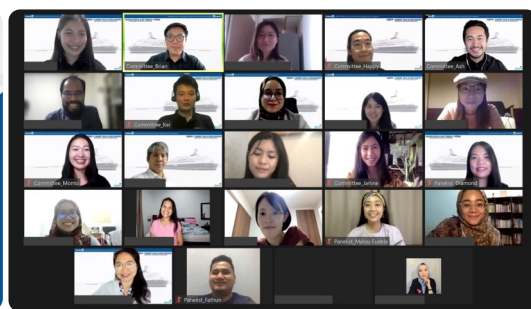


Country Report: International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO) launched a program called the “IYEO Future Creation Forum” in March 2021. 36 participants from all over Japan and abroad, together with 11 organizers and facilitators, discussed what kind of future IYEO would like to create in order to realize the ideal future from the following five perspectives:

1. Collaborating with people with international backgrounds; 2. Deepening and encouraging cross-cultural understanding; 3. Discovering and promoting the attractive aspects of regional communities in Japan; 4. Creating multi-generational career education opportunities; and, 5. Strengthening the foundations of IYEO activities. We finally proposed the “IYEO Future Creation Plan 2025” in August 2021. This initiative will energetically continue next year to make IYEO a more active and meaningful organization.

Social Contribution Activities:

The “SSEAYP Career Talk & Discussion: Working in International Organizations” was held online in Sept. 2021. This event has gathered people all around Japan and ASEAN member states to exchange experiences, ideas, and insights.



This event has been implemented by six committee members who participated in SSEAYP Conference for Considering its Role and Significance of SSEAYP Future Youth Leaders Conference in Jan. - Feb. 2021. After the conference, we launched a LinkedIn page for SSEAYP ex-PYs and we planned this career event to leverage our professional networks. In the event, we invited three panelists who are working in the United Nations. Together, we were able to have such fruitful sharing moments and discussion time about career motivations and goals, self-branding, survival skills, and the working environment, especially during this pandemic, of the United Nations agencies. According to the result of the post-survey, more than 90% of participants were satisfied with the event and we will continue this initiative next year.



Prominent Alumni: Ms. TATSUNO Madoka (PY2001) was awakened to global education at the age of 17 when she attended an international peace conference; she later participated in the 28th SSEAYP. After working as a business coach, she obtained a Master's degree in Intercultural Service, Leadership and Management in the U.S. She also worked as an education coordinator at an NPO in the U.S. and for the Ship for World Youth program. At the end of 2012, she established GiFT (Global Incubation x Fostering Talents) to promote global citizenship (the mindset to make the world a better place). Based on GiFT's Global Citizenship process and Story-based Learning workshops, GiFT currently offers programs in seven different countries working with SSEAYP alumni. Currently, she is involved in the implementation of several global citizenship programs, working with the Government of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). She is the co-author of the book “Learning and Working in the World is a Way of Life” published by Shoshikankanbou. Ms. TATSUNO delivered a keynote speech at the opening of the SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021.



MALAYSIA

KABESA (SI Malaysia)



"LIVING IN THE NEXT NORMAL"

Country Report: As we are living in the new era of the "Next Normal," everything has to be done not as usual. Been affected by COVID-19 pandemic with multi-variants, Malaysia via its alumni are ready to adapt. We will not miss the train. We organized several small and medium online program during the time as we have to abide the Standard Operation Procedure set by the Government of Malaysia.

In 2020 and 2021, we managed to facilitate the participants that involved in two SSEAYP-based programs called SSEAYP Future Youth Leaders Conference in Jan. to Feb. 2021, and SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021 in Nov. 2021 to Jan. 2022. Following the success of **SSEAYP International Conference (SICO)** in 2019, we held another series of the conference, **SICO 2.0** in Feb. 2021. We would like to thank everyone from SSEAYP Internationals (SI), the Alumni Associations of SSEAYP, that participated to make the event a successful one. We received a lot of praise and supports from so many parties including the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia. We also hold almost 60 series of online talk known as **MaPY Noodle Talk (MNT)**; we manage to invite prominent alumni from other countries like Mr. Rino Wicaksono (Indonesia), Ms. OKAWARA Tomoko (Japan), and Mr. Visit Dejkumtorn (Thailand). We share a lot of things which happened during their time joining SSEAYP. The latest, we hold another discussion program called **SSEAYP Roundtable Program (SRPro)**. We gather participants from all over Malaysia, ASEAN member countries, Japan and Korea to involve in that program.



Social Contribution Activities: In Aug. 2021, northern part of Malaysia had been affected by flood. A lot of damage occurred involving houses, lost of crops and properties. We managed to arrange a group of volunteers from KABESA (SSEAYP International Malaysia), through Misi Bantuan Pasca Banjir / Post-Flood Relief Mission to help our members that affected by the disaster. Moreover, due to the changing phase of COVID-19, if we still don't have Reunion on Board or the Port of Call, we plan to have Reunion on Land in 2022.



Prominent Alumni: Che Muhamad Nordin Bin Ismail (PY1988) is the current President for SSEAYP International Malaysia (KABESA) and serving for the second tenure after firstly elected in 2004. He holds the Bachelor Degree in Human Development (University Putra Malaysia) as his highest achievement in education. His talent in leadership had put him at multilevel position in youth organization and NGOs. During his presidential era, he made a lot of changes in KABESA. He played a significant roles to established KABESA as a partner to the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia. His philosophy of cadre and empowerment has open a huge opportunity for the members and the organization itself to develop skills and create network for the betterment. Under his surveillance there was a manuscript of study with the topic of "Exploring the Acceptance of Difference Culture during the Port of Calls Program among MaPY of the 46th SSEAYP 2019" had been published. And it was awarded as The Best Paper Presented during the National Conference on the Humanities and Social Sciences (NACOSS) VI. Now, KABESA is working on to publish a book that compile the experiences of participating youth since its first sail in 1974 until now.

PHILIPPINES

SSEAYP International Philippines, Inc.



"PROUD TO BE SIP"



Country Report: The SSEAYP International Philippines (SIP) conducted the “Alive and Kicking: Delta Edition,” a mental health related webinar held on November 13, 2021 at 4 p.m. (Manila Time). This webinar aimed to provide information on dealing with mental health as the entire global population was forced into isolation while dealing with overwhelming anxiety about the present and the future, due to the worldwide pandemic. SIP invited caliber resource speakers and experts including clinical psychologist and former guidance counselor **Dr. Merlo Calumpang Fuentes** (PY1977) on mental health, **Ms. Joana Regina Lontoc Alberto** on body health, and “The Feast” builder and educator **Bro. Alvin Barcelona** (PY1994) on spiritual health. The topics talk about the long-term ramifications of the pandemic and the role of holistic wellness in the journey to healing. The webinar had almost 200 online viewers in its onset and was moderated by **Ms. Miel Reyes** (PY1986, OBSC1991). This webinar is a follow through of the webinar conducted by the SIP in October 2020 titled **DG Talks: Life Hacks for the Youth**. Due to pandemic, the activities of SIP were limited and had to implore the use of virtual platforms. Both webinars may still be accessed through the SSEAYP Philippine Ambassadors of Goodwill Facebook Page.



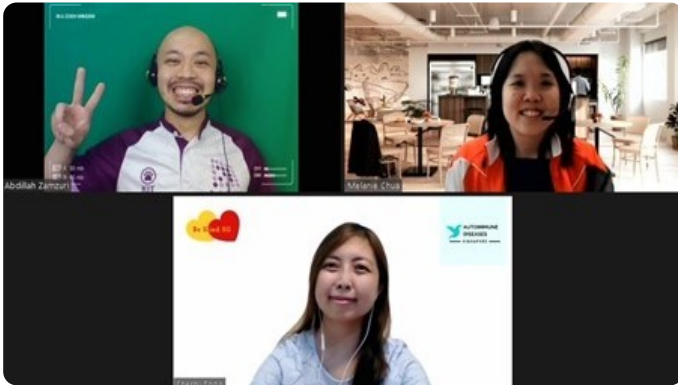
Social Contribution Activities: On October 10, 2021, the Philippine Contingent to the 46th SSEAYP in partnership with facilitators conducted another webinar titled **SSEAYP Talks on Grief: Processing Difficult Emotions** to commemorate World Mental Health Day via Zoom. **Fairuziana Humam S. Psi., M. A.**, Mental Health Educator and the facilitator of the 46th SSEAYP for Good Health and Well-being was invited as resource speaker. In her sharing, Fairuziana shared how we can understand grief as an emotion and culture for the loss of loved ones. The SSEAYP Talks short run almost 15 minutes. The video as of the time of writing reached more than 1,100 people and received 43 reactions, comments and shares with majority of viewers coming from Aceh, Indonesia, Metro Manila, and Bicol Region.



Prominent Alumni: **Mr. Vincent L. Soriano** (PY1996) has been public servant since he was 18 years old starting as a Municipal Councilor of Pakil, Laguna, Philippines. He was then elected as Vice Mayor of Pakil at the age of 21 and as Board Member for the Province of Laguna at 24. Outside the executive and legislative positions that Mayor Vince handled, he was also the Chief of Staff of Laguna Governor until he was elected as Mayor in 2016. In his incumbency as Mayor, Pakil was the first town to pass an FOI Ordinance in Calabarzon Region. This ensures a truly transparent and accountable public service. Despite his hectic schedule, Mayor Vince remains to be an active alumnus in good standing in SSEAYP International Philippines. He is a 1996 Philippine PY with a Lifetime Membership. He regularly attends Reunions on Board, General Membership Meetings and other activities.



"SHARING INSPIRATIONAL STORIES"



Country Report: SI Singapore organised the **Sharing Inspirational Stories (SIS)** series with the objective of inviting former PYs to share their SSEAYP experiences and how SSEAYP had propelled them to do more for their communities. In the inaugural session on 26 April 2021, SI Singapore was glad to have **Sherry Soon** (PY2010) and **Melanie Chua** (PY2018), who were featured in the SSEAYP News No. 43, 2021 for their contributions to their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The session was hosted by **Abdillah Zamzuri** (PY2007), live on Facebook.



In the second installation of the SIS series on 31 July 2021, **Sharifah M. Yokoyama** (PY1989, NL2013) and **Koh Chin Chin** (PY2000, OBSC2002) shared about women's development work in Singapore and ASEAN. The theme tied in with the Year of Celebrating SG Women which was observed in Singapore in 2021. The session was hosted by **Parveen Banu** (PY2010).

About Webinar on COVID-19 in Singapore, in support of the nation's COVID-19 efforts, SSEAYP International Singapore invited Dr Carol Loi, a registered nurse, researcher and a long serving volunteer of the Singapore Red Cross, to share with former PYs on the studies about COVID-19 vaccines and her experience combating the COVID-19 pandemic at the frontline. The session was held on 10 April 2021.

Social Contribution Activities: SI Singapore, represented by Secretary-General Amos Lee and PYs Engagement and SCA Director Francis Goh, contributed 43 cartons of premium dates (215 kg in total) to the Migrant Workers' Centre (MWC) on 30 April 2021. The dates were distributed to migrant workers residing in the dormitories to share the Hari Raya festive joy. MWC is a non-government organisation which champions fair employment practices and the well-being of migrant workers in Singapore.



Prominent Alumni: **Lynn Wong Yuqing** (PY2018) is a Legacy Strategist and Heritage Curator. In 2016, she left her Ph.D. in marketing at a top business school to pursue her passion in revitalising clan associations and preserving Chinese heritage and culture. In 2018, she organised the Ho Yeah Festival, the first Cantonese and Hakka-themed festival to encourage the youth to connect with their roots. For her fervent advocacy and promotion of Chinese heritage and culture, she was nominated as The Straits Times Singaporean of the Year 2021.

THAILAND

Association of the Ship for Southeast Asian Youth of Thailand



“YOUTH EMPOWERMENT DURING COVID-19”



Country Report: The Department of Children and Youth (DCY), Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand conducted four regional and one national assembly for children and youth development (NACYD) through Zoom virtual meetings with major support from the Association of the Ship for Southeast Asian Youth of Thailand (ASSEAY). This year's assembly was focused on the NEXT Normal for the Development of Thai Children and Youth in four different dimensions:

Social Enterprise, socio-economics, soft skills, and political involvement. ASSEAY Thailand had taken a significant role in NACYD by providing professional aid, including one MC, 12 speakers, and one technical staff in all four regional assemblies: the North-Eastern assembly which took place on November 22, 2021, the Southern assembly which took place on November 23, 2021, the Central and Eastern assembly which took place on November 24, 2021, and the Northern assembly which took place on November 29, 2021. Furthermore, on December 9, 2021, ASSEAY supported the national assembly with one MC and four panel discussion speakers, using both ex-PYs and alumni network contacts. There was a total of over 600 participants from 100 different stakeholders with relevant work to children and youth attending. The valuable inputs from the participants during the assembly were proposed to the National Board of Children and Youth Development Promotion and the Thai government to act as the guideline for significant changes in children and youth development.

Social Contribution Activities: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, post-program activities were suspended for the year. However, ASSEAY Thailand worked closely with the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) to support the empowerment of Thai youth, communities, and SSEAYP. ASSEAY organised a 3-day online Pre-Departure Training (PDT) for Thai PYs to prepare for discussions, peer learning, and networking through virtual interactions. The training's agenda were aligned with the theme 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),' consisting of informative session about SDGs, DG workshops, peer learning session organisation, as well as technical skills and soft-skills for virtual meetings. Most importantly, they were excitedly and readily prepared to build connections and mutual understanding with PYs from other countries. Ex-Thai PYs lent their helping hands to ensure that the current batch of Thai PYs would gain the most out of PDT. Despite the limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic necessitating online training, friendships flourished among Thai PYs and the ex-PYs who shared with them useful information and memorable SSEAYP experiences. We hope that one day they will get to have the authentic SSEAYP experience onboard the Nippon Maru.



Prominent Alumni: Mr. Thanit Hlek Kongkaew (PY2003) has been a coordinator in several local SSEAYP related activities including SIGA, SSEAYP pre-program and post-program activities. He served as a SSEAYP discussion facilitator in 2009 on the topic of the Environment, in 2011 on Corporate Social Contributions, and in 2013 on School Education. The experiences gained from SSEAYP has brought his attention to human resources development, community development and leadership. Mr. Hlek started his career at Thailand Productivity Institute aiming to improve productivity and efficiency for the Thai industrial sector. He then continued his career path in the social impact development sector. Currently, Mr. Hlek serves as a Director of Sustainability Unit at the Mae Fah Luang Foundation. His focus is to promote sustainability through developing social enterprises and providing consultancy to the private sector.



“SHARING SUCCESSFUL STORIES”



Country Report: Lao Youth Union and Lao SSEAYP Alumni Association (LSAA) hosted a seminar; discussing the methods and procedures for applying for scholarships to study abroad of Lao youth to lay the foundation of understanding, strengthen the knowledge of youth members on the process of preparing for scholarships, exam to apply for scholarships to study abroad, as well as to inspire Lao people to study abroad. The seminar was conducted on March 4, 2022, from 13.30 to 16.00 at Sinxay Building, Lao Youth Union. At the event, there was the representative of Board President of LSAA, ex-Lao PYs from various batches to share their successful stories on how to apply for the international scholarship, as well as Lao Youth members of Lao Youth Union and the public.



Social Contribution Activities: Early March 2022, Lao Youth Union, LSAA, and Lao Youth Radio conducted a social contribution program to collect unused clothes, learning materials and sports types of equipment donated by the public. On 18-19 March 2022, the in-charge committee hand it over to Ban Naxay School, Longsan District, Xaysomboun Province, about 85 km from Pak Ngum District, Vientiane Capital. At the handover and receiving ceremony, local authorities of Longsan District, Ban Naxay Village authorities, board principal of Ban Naxay School, villagers, children's guardians, and venerable youth and children of the district were attended – approximately 345 people.



Prominent Alumni: Dr. Bounheng Southichak (PY2000), Vice President of LSAA, got a scholarship to study in Japan three years after his participation in SSEAYP. SSEAYP has shaped and changed his life in many ways. First and foremost, he become more open to diversity, cultures and community services. He is now running a Lao Youth Radio Station and Social Media to support youth and provide them with useful information and opportunities. At the same time, he loves creating activities to support Lao youth, such as Global Citizenship Program between Lao and Japanese University Students, the Toyota Incubation Program for Lao Youth, Lao Youth Media Start-Up Event, Children Communication on Earth (CCE) between children from Lao P.D.R. and Miyagi Prefecture, Japan, and other community services such as donation and volunteer activities. He said, “I don't know why I commit a lot to youth and community services, but when I think about SSEAYP and Japan provided me with many opportunities, there is no excuse not to give something back to my beloved country and be a good agent to bridge the friendship between Lao P.D.R., Japan and ASEAN. I Love SSEAYP!”

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Country Report: 2021 is a year with many challenges for the entire world due to the continuous development of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the early stage, it made people who are disadvantaged, unemployed, and living in small residential areas unable to access necessary resources. Acknowledging these difficulties, the Vietnamese PYs of the 46th SSEAYP built and implemented a Post-Program Activity (PPA), which is named “**Dear Saigon Project,**” to continue to give back to the community. Since the end of the 46th SSEAYP, the spirit of giving back to society is still burning in these young people and we look forward to many more PPAs in the future.

The success of the community projects must be created by the thorough understanding of the community's present need, the clever allocation of the existing resources, and the collective efforts of many stakeholders. These include sponsors, suburban farms, transport units, volunteers, and the enthusiastic support of local authorities.



Social Contribution Activities: Viet Nam, especially Ho Chi Minh City has been facing many difficulties with the third wave of COVID-19 during the last two quarters of 2021. The citywide lock-down policy contributed to preventing the outbreak of the disease. Within one month, under the direction of **Ms. Tran Hoang Khanh Van** (NL2019), the project quickly built a supply chain by collecting, transporting, and distributing food and necessities from nearby provinces to Ho Chi Minh City. Products were transferred directly from the farm to the hands of those in need. Moreover, with an effort to add a touch of creativity, a short clip with the song “Bai Ca Truyen Rau” with a catchy melody and funny choreography was produced to attract the community's attention. This communication activity received the participation of a large number of ex-Vietnamese PYs from many batches from all over the world.



Prominent Alumni: Journalist **Ms. Dang Thi Diem Quynh** (NL2008) is currently the Director of the Television Film Production Center (VFC), Vietnam Television. Ms. Quynh shared “SSEAYP is an exceptionally cherished experience, fully packed with knowledge and emotion for anyone lucky enough to participate. Unlike other international youth exchange programs, SSEAYP is a lively journey of discovering the world and self-training, leaving a deep and beautiful impression for the rest of your life. I joined SSEAYP when I was no longer a youngster, but together with the young people, I lived my youth once more, opened my heart to the joy and challenges of the program, and I enjoyed the happiness of traveling around the world. MS Nippon Maru is as beautiful as a dream. Being seasick is also a brilliant and an unforgettable memory.”



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