

Outline of the Ship for World Youth Program FY2023 (New program)

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1. Purpose

The Ship for World Youth Program (SWY) is implemented with the aims to cultivate the global leaders of the next generation who can contribute to society where participating youth from all around the world gather and improve abilities to deal with different cultures and leadership skills, etc. through having discussions and cultural exchange, etc. In addition, it aims to establish global human network beyond national borders.

2. Program Contents

Youth from 13 countries around the world and Japan will conduct various trainings and exchange activities while participating in a "hybrid program" that combines online exchange through information and communication devices from their home countries, and face-to-face exchange onboard the ship and at ports of call (local practical program and local visit program) after their arrival in Japan.

- (1) Online exchange: Seminars, group discussions (*), planning for local practical program, cultural exchange, etc.

*Please refer to the discussion themes listed below. Participants will be assigned to the one of the themes based on prior survey of preferences.

1. Gender Equality (promotion of respectful society and employment regardless of gender)
2. Realization of Cohesive Society (society where all residents including foreign, disabled and elderly people can play active roles)
3. Quality Education (society where educational opportunities and quality education are secured and provided)
4. Youth Empowerment (unlock youth potential)
5. Succession of Local Traditions and Histories (protection and succession of local traditions, histories and cultures)
6. Development of Attractive Communities (increase life satisfaction so that people would like to continue living in the area)
7. Disaster Prevention Education and Tourism (awareness-raising activities and initiatives toward disaster prevention)
8. Disaster Prevention Measures (development of disaster prevention infrastructure)
9. Environmental Conservation and Tourism (balancing of environmental conservation and tourism)
10. Living Close to Nature (coexistence between human and nature)

- (2) Face-to-face exchange:

- Onboard activities (cultural exchange, preparation for local practical program, etc. while cruising within the Japanese territorial waters)

- Port of call activities (local practical program: collaborative work in a series of processes from planning specific projects to implementing projects in the field, in cooperation with organization such as local NPOs that work on social issues like SDGs)

(Local visit program: courtesy call, field study, cultural experiences, exchanges with local youth, etc.)

3. Participating Countries (tentative)

Argentine Republic, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, French Republic, Republic of India, Ireland, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Kenya, United Mexican States, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Republic of Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Republic of Zambia and Japan

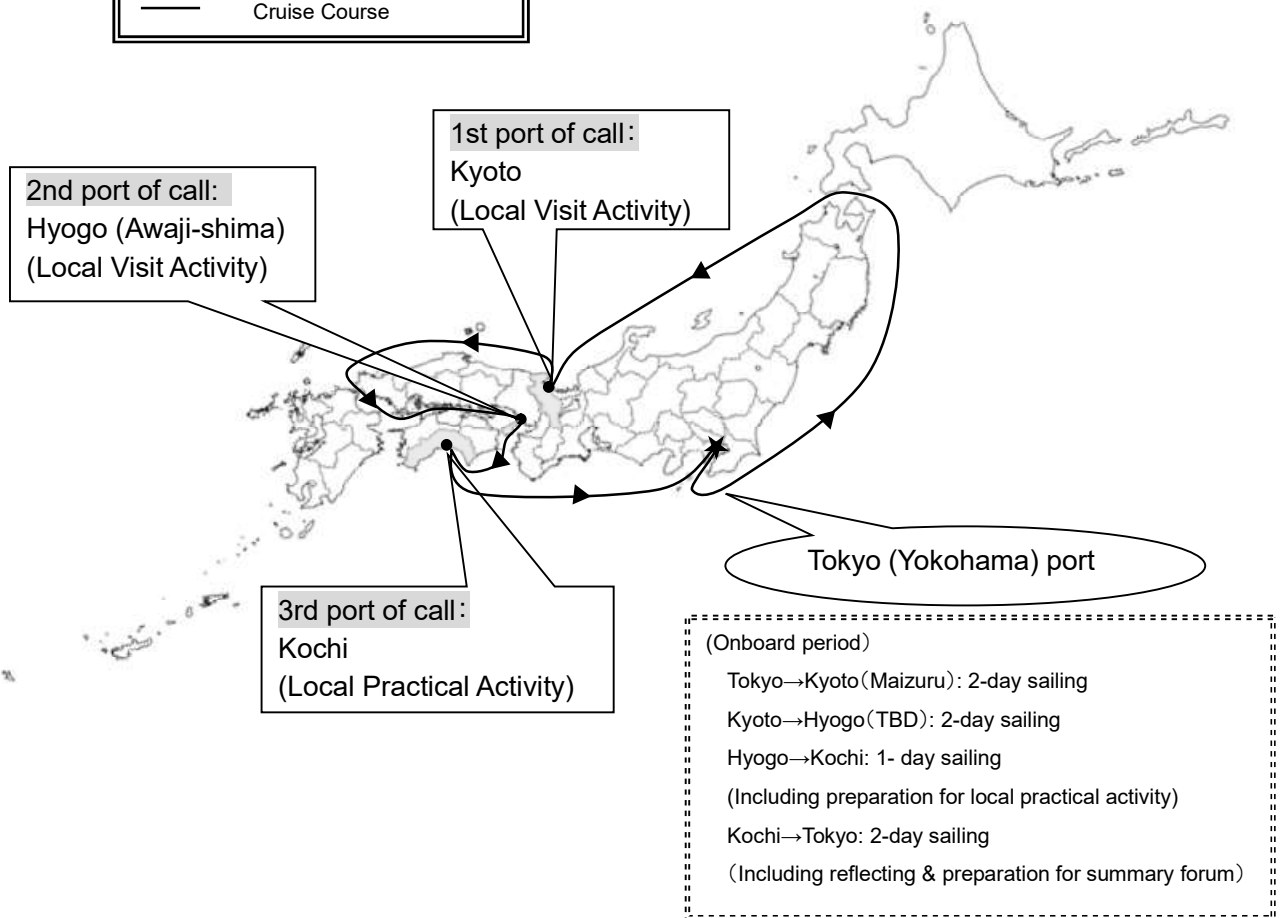
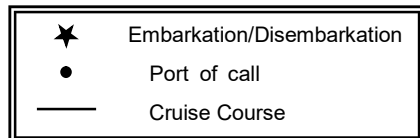
4. Number of Participants (tentative)

JPYs (approx. 100) and OPYs (approx. 130 (10 PYs per country x 13 countries))

5. Schedule (tentative)

- (1) Online exchange: November, 2023
- (2) Face to face exchange: January to February, 2024 (approx. 4 weeks: onboard & port of call activities)
 - Local practical program: 1 area (Kochi prefecture, approx. 8 days)
 - Local visit program: 2 areas (Kyoto & Hyogo prefectures, approx. 3 days each)

6. Ports of Call and Cruise Course (tentative)



Ship for World Youth Program FY2023: Program Schedule

<Online exchange program>

2023	Date	Day	Contents	Day No.	Venue
Aug.	30	Wed.	Preparatory Training Session for JPYs	Day1	TRNG Facility
	31	Thu.	Preparatory Training Session for JPYs	Day2	TRNG Facility
Sept.	1	Fri.	Preparatory Training Session for JPYs	Day3	TRNG Facility
	2	Sat.	Preparatory Training Session for JPYs	Day4	TRNG Facility
	3	Sun.	Preparatory Training Session for JPYs	Day4	TRNG Facility
Nov.	4	Sat.	Online exchange (group ①)	Day1	Online
	5	Sun.	Online exchange (group ②)	Day1	Online
	11	Sat.	Online exchange (group ①)	Day2	Online
	12	Sun.	Online exchange (group ②)	Day2	Online
	25	Sat.	Online exchange (group ①)	Day3	Online
	26	Sun.	Online exchange (group ②)	Day3	Online
From Sat., November 4 to Thu., February 29		Voluntary online exchange (Committee activities, face-to-face exchange, preparation for local practical program, etc.)			Online

<Tokyo program>

2024	Date	Day	Contents	Day No.	Venue
Jan.	24	Wed.	[OPYs, etc. arrive in Tokyo][JPYs gather in Tokyo]	Day1	Tokyo area
	25	Thu.	Tokyo program (orientation, etc.)	Day2	Tokyo area
	26	Fri.	Tokyo program (Courtesy call, field study, etc.)	Day3	Tokyo area
	27	Sat.	Tokyo program (Courtesy call, discussion, etc.)	Day4	Tokyo area
	28	Sun.	[Embarkation day] (Courtesy call, etc.)	Day1	Tokyo port
	29	Mon.	Send-off ceremony [set sail at 16:00 (tentative)] Onboard orientation	Day2	On docked ship
	30	Tue.	Cruise (lifeboat drill, discussion, seminar, etc.)	Day3	On cruising ship
	31	Wed.	Cruise (CD, seminar, etc.)	Day4	On cruising ship
Feb.	1	Thu.	POC activity1 [Berth (Maizuru port) at 9:00 (tentative)]	Day5	Northern Kyoto
	2	Fri.	POC activity1	Day6	Northern Kyoto
	3	Sat.	POC activity1 [Set sail at 17:00 (tentative)]	Day7	Northern Kyoto
	4	Sun.	Cruise (discussion, seminar, etc.)	Day8	On cruising ship
	5	Mon.	Cruise (discussion, seminar, etc.)	Day9	On cruising ship
	6	Tue.	POC activity2 [Berth (Kobe port) at 9:00 (tentative)]	Day10	Awajishima-Island in Hyogo
	7	Wed.	POC activity2	Day11	Awajishima-Island in Hyogo
	8	Thu.	POC activity2 [Set sail at 17:00 (tentative)]	Day12	Awajishima-Island in Hyogo
	9	Fri.	Cruise (preparation for local practical program, etc.)	Day13	On cruising ship
	10	Sat.	Local practical program [Berth (Kochi port) at 9:00 (tentative)]	Day14	Kochi
	11	Sun.	Local practical program	Day15	Kochi
	12	Mon.	Local practical program	Day16	Kochi
	13	Tue.	Local practical program	Day17	Kochi
	14	Wed.	Local practical program	Day18	Kochi
15	Thu.	Local practical program	Day19	Kochi	
16	Fri.	Local practical program	Day20	Kochi	
17	Sat.	Local practical program [Set sail at 17:00 (tentative)]	Day21	Kochi	
18	Sun.	Cruise (reflection on local practical program, preparation for disembarkation)	Day22	On cruising ship	
19	Mon.	Cruise (reflection on the entire SWY program, preparation for summary forum)	Day23	On cruising ship	
20	Tue.	[Berth (Tokyo) at 9:00 (tentative)] Summary Forum (presentation of the program results), Farewell Festival and Ceremony	Day24	Tokyo port	
21	Wed.	[Disembarkation day] [OPYs, Facis, ONLs departure] Post-program Training Session for JPYs	Day25 (Day1)	Tokyo area	
22	Thu.	Post-program Training Session for JPYs/Dismiss	(Day2)	Tokyo area	

(Note) Schedule is subject to change for various reasons.