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Ship for World Youth 25

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the purpose of the programme?

A. The purpose of the "Ship for World Youth" programme is to broaden the global view of youth by promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Japanese and foreign youth. It also aims to cultivate the spirit of international cooperation and the competence to practice it, and to foster leadership in various areas of international society.

Q. How can I apply for the SWY programme? What is the criteria?

A. You must be a New Zealand Citizen, between 18 and 30 and communicate well in English. You must be able to participate throughout the programme. Application forms are available from the MYD website www.myd.govt.nz.

Q. How long does the programme run for?

A. For 2013 the programme is 31 days. The NZ delegation will be away from 23 January 2013 to 22 February 2013.

A group of 22 of Japanese SWY Participating Youth will visit New Zealand from the 22 February 2013 to 1 March 2013.

Q. How many countries and how many participants from each country?

A. The Japanese Government invites approximately 10 countries (10 participants) to join a Japanese contingent of 110 young people. The New Zealand delegation consists of 10 young people (one National Leader and nine Participating Youth).

Q. How much does it cost to participate?

A. The programme is fully sponsored by the Cabinet Office of the Japanese Government (except for personal/incidental charges and insurance etc).

Q. What is the recruitment process?

A. Applications are received and shortlisted by the Ministry of Youth Development and the SWY Alumni Representatives. The recruitment panel will interview shortlisted applicants and will recommend one National Leader to the Japan Cabinet Office and nine Participating Youth. The panel will also nominate 4 extra young people as reserves should chosen individuals be unable to go.

Q. What qualifications do I need to participate?

A. No qualifications are required to participate, however it is preferred the National Leader is a previous Participating Youth.

Q. What are the study topics on board the ship?

A. The participating youth choose one course and discuss the topic under the common theme "Youth Contribution to Society". The aim of the "Course

Discussion" is to deepen the participants' understanding and knowledge of the topic, as well as to make them aware of their roles in society to promote active citizenship. Examples of courses include: Education, Information and Media, International Relations and Sustainable Lifestyles.

Q. What are the activities on board the ship?

A. The activities include leadership seminars, participating youth seminars, national presentations, club activities and voluntary activities. Examples of seminar topics include: nuclear weapons and peace, global warming, human rights and community building. Examples of club activities include: Taiko (Japanese drums), Arabic language and calligraphy, Sado (tea ceremony), Latin dance, African Dance, Yoga and Haka. Participants will have free time on board the ship, and they are free to plan and organise events such as discussion sessions, study groups, sports and parties.

Q. What is the aim of the programme?

A. The aims of the "Ship for World Youth" programme is to:

- Develop leadership
- Expand global network
- Gain international perspectives
- Deepen friendships and mutual understanding
- Promote social contribution activities
- Nurture spirit of international cooperation

Q. Where can I find out more information?

A. More information can be accessed through the New Zealand Ship for World Alumni - <http://swynz.org.nz>

SWY information can be found at <http://www.shipforworldyouth.org>

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