

## **Annex A**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**



### **ABOUT THE SHIP FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUTH PROGRAMME (SSEAYP)**

The Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Programme (SSEAYP) is an annual programme sponsored by the Japanese Government and supported by the member-countries of ASEAN. The programme brings together more than 300 youth from ASEAN countries and Japan, providing them with the unique opportunity to live together on board the ship Nippon Maru for over 40 days. SSEAYP started in January 1974 based on Joint Statements issued between Japan and the five ASEAN countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Brunei Darussalam joined in 1985. Vietnam participated in the programme in 1996 while Laos and Myanmar participated in 1998, and Cambodia in 2000.

The aim of SSEAYP is to foster friendship and greater understanding among youths from Japan and ASEAN. It also seeks to broaden their international outlook.

A series of activities are lined up for the selected participants. The programme during voyages includes discussions on social and youth matters, cultural introductions, sports, recreation and club activities. While activities at each port-of-call include interaction with the local youth, courtesy calls on dignitaries and institutional visits, as well as community service and homestay experience.

### **SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL (SI)**

The SSEAYP International was founded in 1987 as a coalition of all Alumni organisations of the SSEAYP. The SSEAYP International was formed with an objective: to contribute to the development of ties and understanding for coexistence among nations and strengthening of world peace, harmony and prosperity. The prime purpose of the SSEAYP International is four-fold:

1. To create the opportunity for the reunion of the ex-participants in our desire to promote lasting friendship, understanding and goodwill.
2. To help in the development of the activities of all Alumni Association by exchanging information regularly.
3. To contribute to society by planning and managing joint projects in accordance with social needs.
4. To engage in activities that will generate funds for the above mentioned activities.

## **SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL SINGAPORE (SIS)**

As early as 1976, ex-participants of SSEAYP met together and decided to form an alumni association to look into the interest of ex-participants. A move to form Singapore Goodwill Association (SINGA) was rejected by the Registrar of Societies. In 1979, the National Youth Co-coordinating Committee agreed to allow the SSEAYP Alumni Singapore to be formed under the aegis of the National Youth Co-coordinating Committee (NYCC), now called the National Youth Council (NYC).

## **SSEAYP INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SIGA)**

SIGA is annual general meeting of former participants of the SSEAYP, their families as well as host parents. It is organized by SI and hosted by an Alumni Associations on a rotational basis. The 1<sup>st</sup> SIGA was held in 1988 was hosted by KABESA – the Malaysian Alumni Association.

The objectives of SIGA are:

- To sustain the mutual relationship among the ex-participating youths (ex-PYs) of ASEAN and Japan.
- To create the opportunity for the reunion of former participants in order to realize our desire to promote lasting friendship, understanding and goodwill.
- To help in the development of the activities of all the Alumni Associations through the exchange of information.
- To exchange information on activities of respective Alumni Associations and the Secretariat of SSEAYP International.
- To support government in promoting youth activities in the international level.

On going activities pursuant to SIGA are :

- a) SI Travel Network
- b) SI HR Network
- c) SI Social Contributions Activities

## **SIGA 2011**

### **Organising Committee**

The Organising Committee (OC) is chaired by John Vijayan Vasavan, a former participant as well as National Leader of SSEAYP. He was the Secretary General of SIS from 1988-1998 and a participant of every SIGA since its inception since 1988.

Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Health & Manpower) and MP for Sembawang GRC and Mr Viswa Sadasivan, Nominated MP are advisors to the OC. Both are also former participants of the SSEAYP.

Other members of the OC are from the various batches of the SSEAYP.

Each member of the OC will chair a Working Committee (WC). Members of the WC will be recruited and appointed from amongst the SIS membership. There are 13 Working Committees.

### **Proposed Date**

29 Apr to 2 May 2011

### **Proposed Venue**

A lodging which accommodate about 300 – 400 persons

### **Proposed Theme**

“SSEAYP WAVE towards a sustainable environment”

### **Objectives**

- To share with our ASEAN and Japanese counterparts on how Singapore, once a water scare nation became a water resourceful country.
- To provide an opportunity for the participants to visit and view the various facilities recycling facilities available in Singapore.
- To engage participants with a hands on environmental activities.
- To develop a collective action plan for ASEAN – Japan.

### **Proposed Activities**

- a) A lecture by a prominent Singaporean politician to share Singapore policies and success stories on programmes like “Clean Singapore River” campaign, converting sewerage water to Newater, building of reservoirs including the Marina Barrage to provide for local water supply, creation of desalination plants to be source of local water supply, creation of water recreation facilities at our fresh water reservoirs like Pandan Reservoir, refilling at Pulau Semakau, Flood prevention programme and converting sludge to be used as road “re-surface”.
- b) Workshop discussion and developing a joint people sector ASEAN – Japan sustainable environment plan.
- c) A joint ASEAN-Japan hands on “Clean our shores” campaign – where all participants both and visitors in association with local environmental friendly activist will clean our sea shores.
- d) A mini trade exhibition by commercial entities dealing environmental products especially those dealing with sanitary and water purification equipment.

### **Expected Participation**

About 300 foreign participants and 100 local are expected to attend.

### **Likely Local Partners**

- a) National Environment Agency (NEA)

- b) Public Utilities Board (PUB)
- c) National Parks Board (NParks)
- d) Building Construction Authority (BCA)
- e) Housing & Development Board (HDB)
- f) Singapore Environment Council (SEC)
- g) Waterways Watch Society (WWS)
- h) Environmental Challenge Organisation (Singapore), or *ECO Singapore*
- i) Commercial Organisations dealing with environmental products

### **Supporting Agencies**

- a) National Youth Council (NYC)
- b) Singapore Tourism Board (STB)