

SHIP FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN AND JAPANESE YOUTH PROGRAMME **(SSEAYP)**



Interesting Facts about SSEAYP:

- 🏰 Organised by the **Cabinet Office of Japan** and supported by the governments of Southeast Asia, this programme has benefited over **1,000 Singaporean youths since 1974**
- 🏰 Enhance young leaders' **understanding and appreciation for international collaboration and regional concerns** through interaction with prominent industry players, thought leaders and foreign dignitaries
- 🏰 **Widen networks and broaden perspectives** with fellow youth leaders from Japan and ASEAN
- 🏰 **Activities** include discussions, institutional visits, courtesy call on foreign dignitaries, homestay and cultural exchanges

About SSEAYP

Bringing together more than 300 youths from ASEAN countries and Japan, the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP) provides youths with the unique opportunity to live together on board the Nippon Maru Ship for over 50 days. SSEAYP is an annual programme sponsored by the Japanese Government and supported by the member-countries of ASEAN. The National Youth Council (NYC), Singapore's national co-ordinating body for youth affairs oversees the programme.

SSEAYP began in January 1974 after Joint Statements were issued between Japan and five ASEAN countries - Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. They were joined by Brunei Darussalam in 1985, followed by Vietnam in 1996. Both Laos and Myanmar came on board in 1998, with Cambodia as the latest newcomer in 2000. Apart from broadening youths' international outlook, SSEAYP also fosters friendship and greater understanding among youths from Japan and ASEAN.

Key Highlights

Taking place from 23 October to 13 December 2018*, this year's SSEAYP will visit four of the ten ASEAN countries (Brunei, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam) and Japan. Singapore will be sending a contingent of 28 youths and a National Leader to participate in SSEAYP 2018.

The journey promises participants with vibrant discussions on social and youth matters, eye-opening cultural exchanges and engaging participation in sports, recreational and club activities. At each port of call, participants can look forward to interacting with the local youths, pay courtesy calls on dignitaries, visit local institutions, get involved in community service and experience a unique home stay programme.

*Dates subject to change

Nomination Criteria for SSEAYP 2018

	Position open for nominations/ applications	Basic Criteria
1.	45th SSEAYP National Leader Closing Date: 31 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nominee(s) for the National Leader should be a Singapore citizen who is preferably between 31 and 39 years old, as of 1 January 2018. • The nominee(s) should preferably have a good professional track record and commendable moral standing. • The nominee(s) should have a good command of English and is able to represent Singapore in this key ambassadorial role. • The nominee(s) should preferably have experience with SSEAYP. Other experiences with prominent youth exchange programmes will also be favourably considered. • For more details of the role and desired profile of the National Leader, please refer to <u>Annex A</u> below.
2.	45th SSEAYP Participating Youths Closing Date: 30 April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nominee(s) should be a Singapore citizen between 18 to 30 years old, as of 1 January 2018. • The nominee (s) should possess a commendable track record of active youth, community or public service and be outstanding youth(s) capable of assuming an ambassadorial role for Singapore. • The nominee (s) should possess a keen interest in cultural exchange and new friendships with youths from ASEAN and Japan • Upon selection, the Participating Youth must be able to commit to 3 months training prior to the start of the programme. • For more details of the role and desired profile of the Participating Youth, please refer to <u>Annex B</u> below.

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE 45TH SHIP FOR SOUTHEAST
ASIAN AND JAPANESE YOUTH PROGRAMME (SSEAYP) 2018**

NATIONAL LEADER

1. Based on guidelines given by the programme organiser, nominees for the position of National Leader shall be **Singapore citizens** preferably aged between 31 and 39 years old as of 1 January 2018.
2. Nominees should preferably be ex-Participating Youths (PYs) or individuals who are deeply familiar with the SSEAYP. Youth leaders or youth officers with a proven track record of active youth, community or public service will be considered favourably.
3. Nominees shall be of good character and have no criminal records.
4. Nominees must possess a good command of the English language, which is the medium used in the Programme.
5. Nominees must be physically fit for extended sea travel and communal living on board the ship. The selected candidate is required to undergo medical and dental examinations **at his/her own expense**. These reports are to be submitted **within three weeks** of being informed of the selection after the interview.
6. Nominees are encouraged to attend a sharing session conducted by the NYC and SSEAYP International Singapore on **15 March 2018, 7pm, The Redbox, 113 Somerset Road, Learning Hub, Level 2, Singapore 238165.**
7. The selected candidate must be responsible for the arrangements of his/her own medical insurance coverage.
8. The selected candidate shall obtain leave from his/her employer or institution to take part in the programme. He/She shall confirm his/her participation **within two weeks** of being informed of the selection after the interview and submit to NYC the original documents of proof of leave granted by his/her employer for participation in SSEAYP.
9. The selected Candidate for the position of National Leader will become Singapore's national representative in the programme and must therefore conduct himself in a manner befitting the national position of an Ambassador for Singapore. He/She will be entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the Contingent to become exemplary youth ambassadors for Singapore.
10. The selected Candidate for the position of National Leader must be able to attend the National Leader's Meeting in Tokyo for a period of 4 days, tentatively scheduled to take place in mid to late September 2018.
11. The selected Candidate for the position of National Leader must also be able to sit on the Orientation Committee and the Selection Panel for PYs. He/She must be able to participate in the PYs interview session tentatively scheduled on weekends in May or June 2018.
12. The selected candidate for the position of National Leader must be able to commit to all activities pertaining to SSEAYP 2018. These include planning and overseeing the compulsory pre-SSEAYP orientation training from **July to October 2018** for PYs and all necessary preparations by the Contingent for SSEAYP, attending official SSEAYP meetings before and during the programme as well as coordinating the post-programme activities.

13. If the selected candidate does not comply with any of the conditions above, he/she may be disqualified from participation.

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PARTICIPATING YOUTH

1. Nominees/applicants shall be **Singapore citizens** between **18 and 30 years old, as of 1 January 2018**. Full-Time National Service men (NSFs) are not eligible to apply for the programme.
2. Nominees/applicants should preferably be youth leaders or youth officers with a proven track record of active youth, community or public service.
3. Nominees/applicants shall be of good character and have no criminal records.
4. Nominees/applicants must possess a good command of the English language, which is the medium used in the programme.
5. Nominees/applicants must be physically fit for extended sea travel and communal living on board the ship. All selected participants are required to undergo medical and dental examinations (including chest x-ray and relevant vaccinations) **at their own expense**. Deadline to submit the completed medical and dental reports will be advised at a later date.
6. Nominees/applicants are encouraged to attend a sharing session conducted by the NYC and SSEAYP International Singapore on **15 March 2018, 7pm, The Redbox, 113 Somerset Road, Learning Hub, Level 2, Singapore 238165 and 7 April 2018, 12noon, National Youth Council, Blk 490 Lorong 6, Toa Payoh HDB Hub, Biz Three, Singapore 310490.**
7. All participants must be responsible for the arrangements of their own medical insurance coverage.
8. All participants shall obtain leave from their employers or institutions. They shall confirm their participation **within two weeks** of being informed of their selection.
9. All participants are required to undergo an intensive orientation programme, which includes evening training sessions on weekdays and a residential weekend session per week. **The orientation programme is scheduled to take place from July to October 2018. However, participants should expect to continue with their Contingent preparation and meetings through to their departure date in October 2018.**
10. Participants who fail to participate fully in the orientation programme and fulfil their duties assigned by the Contingent shall face expulsion. NYC reserves the right to terminate the participation of candidates who cannot perform their role and contribute to the Contingent.
11. All participants must contribute a sum of **S\$900** per person to the Contingent Fund for the Contingent's expenses for the programme. Participants are encouraged to raise funds or approach their nominating organisations to subsidise their contributions to the Contingent Fund. All contributions to the Contingent Fund are **strictly non-refundable**.
12. All participants must conduct themselves in a proper manner befitting the position of a youth Ambassador for Singapore before, during and after the Programme. This includes being mindful of their speech and behaviour on social media and in their interaction with members of the public and fellow participants of the programme.
13. All participants must return immediately to Singapore with the contingent upon completion of the programme. Participants who conduct themselves dishonourably during the programme will be sent back and will have to bear the cost of travel and any other related cost.

14. Any participating youth who does not comply with any of the conditions above may be disqualified from participation in SSEAYP and NYC reserves the right to penalise him/her from participating in future NYC overseas youth programmes.
15. As part of the requirements for a participating youth, all successful candidates are to fulfil the following in the year after their participation:
 - a) Knowledge sharing with new batch of PYs including but not limited to attending Pre Departure Training (PDT) sessions;
 - b) To assist on the next local programme eg: Liaison Officer, Host Family, Planning Committee Member, etc;
 - c) To complete Post Programme Activity (PPA) within the following year of their return. Participants are encouraged to raise funds for their Contingent's PPA; and
 - d) Promote and publicise SSEAYP via NYC's and Contingent's networks.
16. Successful candidates are also encouraged to continue supporting NYC in its ongoing initiatives for community building and youth outreach through knowledge sharing, community volunteerism and other similar initiatives.
