

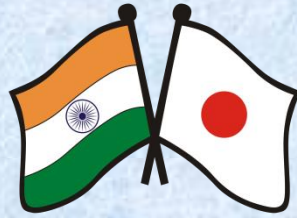
Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India



Country Report 2014



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In recent years Japan India relations have undergone a significant and qualitative shift. The strategic Global Partnership between Indian and Japan, which started a new era of bilateral relations which has marked by mutual good will friendship and respect. In this direction Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken the initiative to visited Japan from August 31 to September 3 and had said that “Japan is a very important country and the bilateral relationship is a priority for India”. This will strengthen the cultural inflow and people to people contact between India and Japan as per the Global strategic relationship spearheaded by our Prime Minster Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India) completed seven years in March 2014. It has been a very fruitful journey which was made possible with mutual cooperation from friends and supporters of SWYAA-India. We strengthened relationships with organizations affiliated with Japan in India and found new acquaintances. While our ex-participants individually made a mark in their respective fields, achieving great heights and bringing laurels to the country, SWYAA-India was hailed as one of the most active Alumni Associations and got recognition in India and Japan. SWYAA-India was acknowledged by the Embassy of Japan in India for effectively promoting people to people contact, cross cultural exchange, and nurturing the spirit of international cooperation while serving the disadvantages sections of the society. The social development activities undertaken as part of the post program initiatives made an impact and helped in changing the lives of the underprivileged sections of the society. SWYAA-India would like to express our warm greetings to all friends of SWY program in Japan.

The social development activities of SWYAA-India included initiatives for promoting Peace, encouraging volunteerism and education of children undertaken by SWYAA-India as part of the post program initiatives. We received encouragement from the Japanese Embassy in India, Indian Embassy in Tokyo, Universities in Japan, Japanese companies like Canon India and Mitsui Chemicals and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Govt. of India.

In 2013-2014, SWYAA-India scaled new heights and throbbed with as it harnessed youth power for volunteerism through lectures and interactions. Our activities have made a great impact and helped increase the social responsibility and voluntarism among Indian and Japanese youth who understood the ideas behind a face to face and non-violent society as out lined by the Father of Our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi who had said a century ago to be the change you want to see in the world. Youth contributed their time and efforts for maintaining ecological balance, environment, education, HIV/AIDS, empowerment of youth, skill training and conservation of natural resources. Through the Indo-Japan Friendship group meetings we welcomed new friends from India and Japan and were a spring board for new initiatives. In the 60th year of the diplomatic relations we look forward to a new chapter of friendship and cooperation between India and Japan.

As part of our endeavor to encourage volunteerism SWYAA-India collaborated with Keo University, Tokyo and welcomed 13 students and their Prof. Shimpo. Together we worked out a program for sensitizing the Japanese students about the social issues and encouraged them to participate by volunteering their time with primary school students and children from the marginalized communities.

RAVI CHOPRA
General Secretary

BASIC FACTS	
Basic facts about your country's Alumni Association:	
Country	INDIA
Name of the organization	SHIP FOR WORLD YOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-INDIA (SWYAA-INDIA)
Organisational structure	Officially registered with Government of India as a NPO
Board members (Name/batch)	President: Mr. UKS Chauhan, IAS, EX-NL, SWY6 Vice President and General Secretary: Mr. Ravi Chopra, Chief Executive, EX-PY SWY6 Treasurer: Mr. Rupesh Gupta, CA, EX-PY SWY6
Number of members	Total number of ex-PYs: 156 Active members: 72
Annual membership fee	Yes → Indian Rs.500 or US \$ 8
Basic facts about your country's participation in SWY:	
Which batches has your country participated in?	12 Batches (SWY2, SWY4, SWY6, SWY8, SWY12, SWY14, SWY16, SWY18, SWY20, SWY22, SWY24 & GLDP)
Which institution has conducted the selection process?	Government of India
Which institution has conducted the pre-departure training?	Government of India SWYAA-India
How many days was the pre-departure training?	4 – 6 days
Communication:	
How does your AA communicate internally with members & externally with non-members?	Website → https://www.swyaaindia.org Newsletter → Wave of Freindship (Attached) Facebook page → https://www.facebook.com/swyaa.india
NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY	
Important associates and collaborators?	Embassy of Japan in India JICA-Head Quaters (Tokyo) and India office Japan Foundation, India Suginami City Government Japanese Universities: Keio, Toyo Eiwa, Sophia, Soka, Tokyo university for foeign studies Japanese Companies : Canon India Pvt. Limited and Mitsui India Private Limited Initiative of Change (NPO), Tokyo, Universal Peace Federation, Japan and IEWA, Tokyo
Do you organize events with the Japanese Embassy?	Yes → How often: Quarterly → What kind of events: Seminar & meetings

Do you organize events with the Japanese community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → How often: Monthly → What kind of events: Educational classes, cultural exchange programs and voluntary work
ACTIVITIES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR	
International reunions (Please write your AA has hosted an international reunion)	
Name of the event	Yes, during The POC of SWY 24
Date of the event	14 FEBRUARY, 2012
Hosting city	CHENNAI
How many participants? From which countries?	Number of domestic participants: 18 Number of international participants: 4 Names of the countries participated: India, Japan and Nepal
Please write a summary of the event	In the reunion of Ex-Pys of SWY program met together and relived the moments spent together on the ship. We exchanged information about the post program activities in their countries. Information was also given about other Ex-Pys who have achieved eminence in their chosen fields like politics, bureaucracy, social development, art and culture and academics.
National reunions (Please write your AA has hosted a national reunion)	
Name of the event	Get Together
Date of the event	January 2014 & December 2014
Hosting city	Delhi
How many participants?	Twenty eight
Please write a summary of the event	In this get together the Ex-Pys shared information about their work & contribution for the post program activates through sustaining the contacts with other Ex-Pys, performance of Japanese and Indian music, poetry reading & discussed future plans.
Receiving ex-SWY participants	
How many SWY visitors did you receive in your country?	Ten Ex-Pys and advisors have visited our country in this year.
Did you organize a "Homestay + 1" project for the visitors? If yes, please write in detail.	Yes. Some of them stayed with the Indian EX-PYs in their homes.
OTHERS	
<p>Mr. UKS Chauhan. IAS, Vice President of SWYAA-India is Joint Secretary, Government of India (Sr. Bureaucratic posting in Indian Government)</p> <p>Mr. Ravi Chopra, General Secretary of SWYAA-India becomes a Chief Executive of Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance for Public Sector Enterprises of India</p> <p>Mr. Atulya Misra, IAS, Members SWYAA-India becomes a Chairmen of Port Trust, Chennai, Government of India (Sr. Bureaucratic posting in Indian Government)</p> <p>Ms. Samrita Kaur Gill, Joint Secretary of SWYAA-India promoted to Deputy commissioner of Custom, Government of India</p> <p>Mrs. Upma Chaudhary, IAS, Members SWYAA-India promoted to Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh (Sr. Bureaucratic posting in Govt.)</p>	

POST-PROGRAM SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES :

Volunteers Program with Japanese University “*” (Study tour by Japanese students of Keio University)

It was a rare opportunity for the children of the Open Schools of SWYAA-India to interact with 11 Japanese students from Keio University in Tokyo in September 2014 at Mayapuri, New Delhi. They had come along with Professor K.Shimpo, Keio University for volunteering in the educational activities being implemented by SWYAA-India. This gave them a unique opportunity to introducing various aspects of the Japanese culture to these underprivileged children.



Japanese students also visit government primary schools and taught the students accompanied by the teacher from SWYAA-India in the classes Children were encouraged to learn counting, names of days and months as well as Japanese craft, painting, calligraphy, dance, song and origami. This was an unique experience which the Indian children and Japanese youth enjoyed very much. They praised the children’s learning levels and mentioned that children of both the countries have the same spirit of inquisitiveness and innocence. They were amazed as the Indian children had a very open minded and sharp high IQ whereas and informed that the Japanese children are intricacy very shy and do not open up easily.



The visit was also very important in the view of Honourable Prime Minster Narendra Modi’s visit for strengthening the strategic global partnership between India and Japan and his interaction with Japanese school children and youth during his trip. This also was a unique opportunity to showcase CSR activities of the SWYAA-India in the area of education. Japanese students and the Professor were very impressed by the commitment to enhancing the quality of education in schools. For the children and class teachers this was a very first opportunity of communicating with the Japanese students in spite of the language barriers on one to one basis.



This study tour provided a firsthand opportunity to the Japanese youth to have personal contact with Indian youth and children, experience the Indian culture and understand their social responsibility programs to contribute to the world for making it a better place.

Celebrating Silver Jubilee of SWYAA Program



On 18th January, 2014, SWYAA-India organized the event at New Delhi to commemorate the 25th year (silver jubilee year) of Indian participation in the SWY program facilitated by Pankaj Agrawala, NL SWY 2 and the President SWYAA-India and Ravi Chopra, Ex PY SWY6 and the General Secretary SWYAA-India. Twenty eight Ex-PYs drawn from across the batches revived the adventures once more, by bringing the spirit of the ‘world youth wave’ to the fore!!!!



In this song and dance extravaganza Ex-JPYs and representatives of the Embassy of Japan in India and Director Japan Information Center made special efforts to participate and supported the event.

Reunion of Ex-PYs

SWYAA-India held a get together of the Ex-PYs from India and Japan in New Delhi facilitated by U.P.S.Chauhan, NL SWY 6 and the Vice President SWYAA-India and Ravi Chopra, Ex PY SWY6 and the General Secretary SWYAA-India in January 2014.

The meeting included:

- Report of the activities on the accomplishments of SWYAA-India over the year and the efforts of promoting social development activities by Ravi Chopra, General Secretary, SWYAA-India.



- Mobilizing the resources for organizing activities from government, corporate sector and promote corporate social responsibility in fulfilling the youth development activities.

Open School Project

SWYAA-India continued to teach in ten Canon open schools and educated 1050 underprivileged children in the age group of 4 to 14 years living in ten slum clusters in New Delhi. In the open schools children received educational inputs up to primary level as per the school syllabus. This project has been supported since 2010 by the Canon India Private Limited.



As multi group and multi-level children were enrolled in the classes separate lesson plans for children of 4-6 years and for children in the age group 7 years and above. Younger children 4-6 years were taught to count, recite, identify and write numbers from 1-9 using simple activities like counting with beads, playing games, using the counting chart, writing on their slates. Education on health and hygiene was imparted using the kit provided by the Sesame Workshop India and flash cards, flip chart and picture mats were used. The monthly assessment plan included observing their ability to hear and recite what was taught.

In the remedial classes children studying in class 3rd and 5th were made to complete their homework using text books. They were able to recognizing and writing two, three and four letter words and writing their name. Children were given practice in counting and recognizing numbers from 1-50, carrying out addition and subtraction using three digits numbers and learn the tables from 2-10.



As a result of our educational classes 950 children were mainstreamed in the government schools & the children's learning ability in language and numeric was enhanced by 75%.

Discover Japan Club (Promoting India - Japan Friendship, Culture and Cooperation)

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SWYAA-India launched the 'Discover Japan Club' (DJC) India in 2014 for promoting friendship, cooperation and better understanding in India about Japan, its people, culture and business styles. Since then DJC is providing a strong foundation for mutually beneficial relationship in view of the strategic Global Partnership between Indian and Japan. This is the counterpart of the 'Discover Indian Club', Japan founded in 1978 by 'Japan India Association', Tokyo which celebrated its' 110th anniversary in 2013. Our mission at DJC is to promote and strengthen friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Japan and India. In carrying out these activities, DJC will collaborate closely with the Japan Foundation, Japan Information Centre in Embassy at the Embassy of India, JICA, SWYAA-International and other like-minded public and private institutions.

Even though ties between Japan and India are becoming stronger and stronger every year, there is still lot of scope for promoting interpersonal exchange and cultural exchange. DJC is working to expand cultural exchanges between the peoples of two countries through music and dance, stage dramas, arts and architecture, textile and fashion. DJC looks forward to joining hands with Japanese people and organizations in Japan who are interested in India and wish to discover the “real Japan”. SWYAA-India will work with them to promote friendship and collaboration between the peoples of the two countries.

According to Mr. Ravi Chopra, President DJC and General Secretary SWYAA-India “*It was felt that our task would be more effective if DJC in India had a partner in Japan so that information about Japan and its society and culture can be disseminated in different parts of India. For this purpose, we had established DJC in India. Strong bilateral ties between Japan and India will be good not only for our two countries but will also contribute to world peace and stability*”.

Participation in the conference in Tokyo

Mr. Ravi Chopra, General Secretary of SWYAA-India participated in the meeting of the representatives for the Global Youth Leaders Development Program “The Ship for the World Youth Leaders” from June 25 to 27, 2014.



Representative of the alumni association of each participating county held the meeting to reflect on accomplishments of the Ship for World Youth program and the Global Leaders Development Program and to exchange ideas for improvement of the Global Youth Leaders Development Program "Ship for World Youth Leaders" and the future programs after 2015 in order to make those programs effective and efficient.

Collaboration with Honda Cars Limited



A collaborative program in the field of CSR was initiated by SWYAA-India with Honda Car India Limited (HCIL) and three representatives from SWYAA-India visited HCIL factory at Tapukara near Delhi for a meeting with Senior Vice President, Assistant Vice President and Senior Managers. The discussion was to support programs for constructing

water kiosks for providing safe and pure drinking water to the rural community and empowering rural women for self-reliance. As a result of this meeting, the villagers enthusiastically supported the proposal of HCIL of constructing a water kiosk in the village and agreed to provide common land in the center of the village for easy accessibility in the first instances. They were eager about the involvement women in Self-Help groups for taking up the activities of micro credit and micro enterprise development.

Networking with SWYAA South Africa

Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive of SWYAA-India and Mr. Ravi Chopra, General Secretary were invited by the High Commission of India in South Africa in July 2014 for delivering special talks on the ‘Global impact of the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg from 16-22 July, 2014. This event was organized to commemorate 100th year of return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India and the Birth Anniversary of Nelson Mandela (Madiba).

We took this opportunity to network with the President and Vice-Presidents of the AA of South Africa namely, President, Mr. July Maphosa, SWY12, Vice President, Ms. Lynn Adams SWY8 and the Vice President, Mr. Craig Morkel SWY8 for an international reunion between India and South Africa. We had a productive discussion of collaborative programs with one of the Ms. Ramine Ex-PYs who visited us in Johannesburg.

Lectures on Peace and Transformational Leadership in Japan “*”

Mrs. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive and Mr. Ravi Chopra, General Secretary of SWYAA-India visited four universities in Japan for giving lectures on ‘International Peace, Non-violence, Universal values and Transformational leadership based on the messages of Mahatma Gandhi.’



During this occasion a special lecture on “Mahatma Gandhi’s Leadership for Transformational Change and Sustainable Development” was organized at the IYEO (supported by CENTERYE) on Oct. 9, 2014.



Eight Ex- JPYs visited us during this time in Tokyo & Kyoto and participated in the lectures. The others lectures were organized at Sophia University, Soka University, Kyoto University, Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo University of Foreign Language and Universal Peace Federation from 5 to 11 October 2015.



These lectures have enhanced the understanding of Japanese youth about the ideologies of the greatest man of this century. The students were very interested to inculcate non-violence in their lives and wanted to find out the practical aspects of adopting in their life and work. They were genuinely concerned about simple life and judicious use of natural resources.



Lectures were given to youth from colleges and universities to encourage them to volunteer for social development programs and prepare themselves in the service of those who are downtrodden. Many youth have enrolled with SWYAA-India's social development work.

Environment Conservation

To conserve the precious resource of water and soil in the drought prone area in the villages of Bihar state, ten individual rainwater harvesting tanks of 2000 liters capacity were constructed. During the monsoon season the tanks were full and the excess rainwater was channeled in the wells bringing up the water table. This changed the lives of the poor families and reduced the drudgery of waiting endlessly for water and improving the quality of life.



Mrs. Maliti Devi with individual rainwater harvesting structure built by SWYAA-India

SUPPORT TO PYs AND Ex-PYs

The participating youth from India for Global Youth Leaders Development Program 2014 “The Ship for World Youth Leaders” were oriented at Delhi and Chennai at the Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Youth Development by the representative of SWYAA-India.

Five Ex-JPYs visited us during this time in Delhi and participated in the activities of SWYAA-India.



Participation in the Global Assembly held in Turkey



Four Ex-PYs from SWYAA-India went to Istanbul in Turkey to participate in the Global Assembly from August 30 to September 3, 2014 and gave Ms. Pynbeit Passah, SWY 2 made a presentation about the AA from India.

Forth coming events

The events planned for next year are:

- Talks to youth on ‘Mindful Leadership for Transformation and Social Responsibility’
- Event to celebrate ‘Uta No Chikara’ - Power of Song
- Promoting India - Japan relations through Discover Japan Club
- Plan for holding Global Assembly
- Volunteer exchange program with Japanese Universities
- Get together of Ex-PYs
- Educational classes of Canon-Open School
- Environmental Conservation
- Collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Government of India
- Networking with Japanese Embassy, agencies and companies in India

Publication

SWYAA-India re-print two coffee table books of photographs by the underprivileged children titled ‘Our World One World’ and ‘My Habitat; My Friends’ with the support of Canon India Private Limited.

SWYAA-India brought out yearly newsletter ‘Waves of friendships’ in February 2014 and distributed at Ex-PYs, PYs and to Japanese embassy and agencies in India.

Media Coverage

Print and electronic media in India and Japan gave exclusive coverage to various aspects of SWYAA-India. The magazine of the Embassy of Japan titled 'Japan Calling' carried the coverage in their one issue.

Networking and Linkages

SWYAA-India strengthened the linkages with the Embassy of Japan in India as well as with the Embassy of India in Japan. Strong relationships were forged with Sugunami City in Japan, Sugunami Association for Cultural Exchange, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Tokyo University for Foreign Studies (TUFS), International NGO Volunteer Platform in Japan, Japan Foundation, Initiatives for Change-Japan, Canon India Private Limited, Honda Car India, Mitsui Corporation, OISCA International, Sophia University, Soka University, Kyoto University, Universal Peace Federation and Indo-Japan Partnership Forum. Meetings were held with the officials of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and the official of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute Youth Development, Government of India for the youth development program.

Profile of the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India)

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Legal Status	:	Registered under societies registration act XXI of Government of India <i>Registration No.:</i> S/58262 <i>Registration date:</i> 02/04/2007 Registered under section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961, Government of India
Geographical coverage	:	States of India - Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, Kerala and Assam
Executive committee	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President : Mr. U.K.S.Chauhan, (I.A.S.) ▪ General Secretary : Mr. Ravi Chopra ▪ Treasurer : Mr. Rupesh Gupta ▪ Joint Secretary : Ms. Samrita Kaur Gill ▪ Chief Executive : Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna ▪ Contact Person : Mr. Ravi Chopra, General Secretary

“Be the change that you want to see in the world”.

-Mahatma Gandhi