

Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India

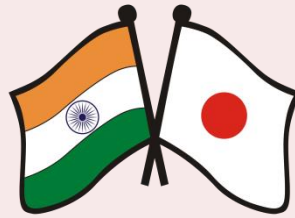


Country Report 2018



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Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India) completed twelve years in 2018.

We are happy to announce the SWYAA-India took an active role in this year and organized two events namely seminar lecture tour of Japan on Mahatma Gandhi and Shizuoka Cultural and Food Festival. Both the events were very well appreciated as it fulfilled the objectives of furthering friendly exchanges and people to people contacts. It has been a very fruitful journey which was made possible with mutual cooperation from friends and supporters of SWYAA-India. SWYAA-India reconnected with various Alumni Associations (AAs) around the world to seek possibilities of working together on common programs and welcome Ex-PYs and key organizations. We strengthened relationships with organizations affiliated with Japan in India and found new acquaintances with the Japan Foundation, JICA, JCCII and other Japanese agencies in India. While our Ex-PYs 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.

It is expected that friendly relationship will be further strengthened through such events so that mutual exchanges in various levels and fields will be further deepened and mutual understanding will be further promoted.

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 through the SWYAA-Open Schools. This year we were happy to receive 10 Ex- PYs and 32 Japanese university students to volunteer in the Open Schools. They had a unique learning experience as they interacted with underprivileged children and understood the objectives of the post program activities of SWYAA-India.

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The post program social development activities undertaken by SWYAA-India during 2018

1. Education of children in SWYAA-India Open Schools
2. Organizing Shizuoka Cultural and Food Festival 2018
3. Homestay+1
4. Collaborative programs
 - Digital education and computer training program and Child sponsorship program in collaboration with SWYAA Norway
 - Opportunity Without Discrimination (OWD) project in India in collaboration with SWYNZAA
 - Sponsorship for education of children by Ex-PYs from Bahrain, Norway and Japan
5. Seminar Lecture tours for Promoting International Peace, Leadership, Compassion and Non–violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi in Japan, Saudi Arabia, Cambodia and Vietnam
6. School cleanliness program in private and government schools in Delhi
7. Visit of Ex-PYs to Open schools for social contribution activities
8. Promoting Peace and Nonviolence through talks and seminar
9. Volunteer exchange program with university students from Japan and Norway
10. Coordination from POC 2018 and pre departure training of PYs of SWY30

To make this successful we are thankful for the cooperation and support received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan, International Youth Exchange Organization (IYEO) of Japan, the Japanese Embassy in India, Indian Embassy in Tokyo, Universities in Japan, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, DISHA and the Discover Japan Club, New Delhi.

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. Ravi Chopra, Ex-PY SWY6 Vice President: Ms. Samrita Gill, Ex-PY SWY6 Treasurer: Mr. Rupesh Gupta, Ex-PY SWY6
Number of members	Total number of ex-PYs: 179 Active members: 96
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?	16 Batches (SWY2, SWY4, SWY6, SWY8, SWY12, SWY14, SWY16, SWY18, SWY20, SWY22, SWY24, GLDP, SWY27, SWY28, SWY29 & SWY30)
Which institution has conducted the selection process?	Government of India
Which institution has conducted the pre-departure training?	Government of India and SWYAA-India
How many days was the pre-departure training?	5 days
Communication:	
How does your AA communicate internally with members & externally with non-members?	Website → https://www.swyaa-india.in Newsletter → Wave of Freindship (Attached) Facebook page → https://www.facebook.com/swyaa.india Face book group: SWYAA GA India → https://www.facebook.com/groups/916385851772576/ Twitter: SWYAA10 GA E-mail: swyaaindia@gmail.com
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 Japan Chamber of Commerce in India

	<p>Consulate of India, Kobe Osaka, Japan Japanese Universities: Keio, Toyo Eiwa, Sophia, Soka, Tokyo university and Tokyo university for foreign studies Universal Peace Federation, Japan SWYAA Norway, SWYNZAA, SWY Oman and SWYAA Bahrain DISHA, New Delhi Discover India Club, Japan Discover Japan Club, India</p>
Do you organize events with the Japanese Embassy?	<p>Yes → How often: Quarterly → What kind of events: Seminar, meeting, and events</p>
Do you organize events with the Japanese community?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → How often: Quarterly → What kind of events: Educational classes, cultural exchange programs, food festival and voluntary work</p>
ACTIVITIES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR	
International reunions (Please write your AA has hosted an international reunion)	
Name of the event	Yes, with JPYs in Japan and with Ex-PYs of SSEAYP Cambodia
Date of the event	in May 2018 , June 2018 and October 2018
Hosting city	Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto Phnom Penh
How many participants? From which countries?	<p>Number of domestic participants: 4 Number of international participants: 39 Names of the countries participated: India ,Japan and Cambodia</p>
Please write a summary of the event	<p>An international reunion was organised by the Indian and JPYs in Osaka and Kyoto during the seminar lecture tour to Japan.</p> <p>Get together held in Phnom Penh with 25 Ex-Pys of SSEYAP International of Cambodia. They had organised our lecture in Parmadina university on Mahatma Gandhi's message of universal peace and brotherhood.</p> <p>We exchanged information about the social contribution activities of India, Japan and Cambodia and tool part in cultural program.</p>
National reunions (Please write your AA has hosted a national reunion)	
Name of the event	Get together during POC coordination meeting and four meetings organized by SWYAA-India
Date of the event	February, September and December 2018

Hosting city	Delhi
How many participants?	24
Please write a summary of the event	<p>Planning meeting was held to discuss about the plan of POC2018 in Kochi and delegation of responsibilities.</p> <p>In this get together Ex-PYs shared information about their experience in SWY program and the post program activities at the individual level for peace, non-violence, volunteerism and school education.</p>
Receiving ex-SWY participants	
How many SWY visitors did you receive in your country?	10 Overseas Ex-PYs, 32 Japanese university students and one advisor of SWY program
Did you organize a “Homestay + 1” project for the visitors? If yes, please write in detail.	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Overseas Ex-PYs participated in Homestay +1 and stayed with the Indian Ex-PYs in their homes. They volunteered in SWYAA-Open School activities with underprivileged children.</p>
OTHERS	
<p>Mr. Ravi Chopra, President of SWYAA-India became the President of the Discover Japan Club, India</p> <p>Mr. Atulya Misra, IAS, Members SWYAA-India became the Principal Secretary in Government of Tamil Naidu (Sr. Bureaucratic posting in Indian Government)</p> <p>Ms. Samrita Kaur Gill, Vice President of SWYAA-India promoted to Joint commissioner in the Government of India</p> <p>Mrs. Upma Chaudhary, IAS, Members SWYAA-India has posted as Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. (Sr. Bureaucratic posting in Govt.)</p> <p>Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive of SWYAA India also took on the responsibility as the Chief Functionary of the Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance for Public Sector Enterprises</p> <p>Mr. Rituparna Baruah, Ex-PY was elected as member in Assam Legislative Assembly election in 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Satya Ranjan Swain Ex-Pys was appointed as senior panel counsel to represent Government of India in Delhi High Court</p>	

The post program social development activities undertaken by SWYAA-India during 2018

1. SWYAA Open school program the open school in the open schools we worked with 680 underprivileged children The main aim was for inclusion and improvement of quality improvement quality education based on the goals of SDG4. The government schools we taught two subjects that is language and In addition to that list children were engaged in many activities like introduction to Japanese culture language customs and business from SWYers from other countries too
2. Study tour of students of Keio University, Tokyo 19 students and to Professor visited the open school and volunteered with children but in directing them and teaching them Japanese songs and dances numbers and figures and in the slum areas they taught them steps for Sorenbushi dance
3. Workshop by students of University of Tokyo 11 students of the MIS group from University of Tokyo volunteered with the children in the open school and workshop on garbage management, recycling and reuse. They also collaborated in the project For teaching Japanese language to the underprivileged children by starting classes with their Indian collaborator twice a week in the open school.
4. Visit of two students of Scuba University to make a documentary film to students came to teach lyric writing and singing To make a promotional film for their NGO 'Les World' and raise awareness about Open school.
5. Why are India organised Konnichiwa Japan evening Introduced Japanese culture and cuisine by presenting a performance from Shizuoka prefecture at the India International Centre in Delhi
6. Lecture tour on peace, harmony and in global leadership in Japan in collaboration with six universities and two institutes in Japan by Shobhana Radhakrishna organised by SWYAA India for 15 days in May 2018
7. Collaborative programmes with alumina associations (AAs) and SSEYAP International - In October, SWYAA India collaborated for joint programmes with SSEYAP Cambodia International for the lectures on leadership in peace.
8. Disaster relief in Kerala- The early part of Kerala was raped by floods reap floods causing havoc to live properties and all the schools were closed as the schoolchildren got displaced from their homes due to the floods. SWYAA-India India appealed to SWYAA International to donate for the flood relief and re-habitation work especially with children. IYEO donated \$840, SWYAA Peru donated \$100.
9. Education material for the open School- PYs of Australia SWY 30 donated Aus\$50 for buying educational material in the open school to which SWYAA India contributed matching amount and provided education materials to 30 children.
10. Campaign against Discretionary in open school- SWYAA-India and SWYAA New Zealand jointly launched 100 day campaign against discrimination in 10 government schools in Delhi. A workshop with 25 primary school teachers and representing teachers union in Delhi were held by Arish Naresh Ex-PYs SWY27 to trained to start the campaign against discrimination in their schools. Simultaneously this was launched in the open schools with 650 children.
10. Dental Hygiene workshop for open school children- Arish Naresh volunteered in Open schools to bring awareness on dental hygiene and good oral hygiene practices with our students.

POST-PROGRAM SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES : **Initiated Inter-program collaboration between by SWYAA and SSEAYP International**



One of the post program activities of SWYAA-India is of inspiring youth to work for leadership, peace, nonviolence, conflict resolution, and interfaith harmony in today's strife driven and violent world.

For this SWYAA-India has been organizing talks on the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi, who has inspired people across the globe to work for peace building which is one of the most important issues youth would wish to share on board or any other global occasions.

In this direction during August 2017, SWYAA-India held a joint program with SSEAYP International Indonesia (SII). The Secretary-General and members of SII organized a seminar at the University of Paramadina, Jakarta for the students and members of SII on 'Mahatma Gandhi's leadership and vision of Non-Violence, Peace, and Harmony'.



This year in October 2018 a joint collaborative program with SSEAYP International Cambodia (SIC) and SWYAA India was organized through the seminar on 'Transformational leadership of Mahatma Gandhi' at the Pannasastra University in Phnom Penh to commemorate the UN International Day of Nonviolence which was attended by 149 students. This was hosted by the Cambodian PYs of 45th SSEAYP program. The Vice-chancellor of the university and the Culture and Educational in-charge of the Indian Embassy also participated.

The seminars were conducted by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive and Ravi Chopra, President of SWYAA-India. In both the places, the seminars were very well received in the first of its kind collaboration between SWYAA and SSEAYP International for bringing the greater impact of SWY program.

Promoting youth leadership for international peace in Japanese University in 2018

We initiated a program in Japanese universities for promoting International Peace, Leadership and Non-violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi in Japan. This has been done on an annual basis since the last four years as part of the SWYAA-India post program activities.



This year lectures were held in collaboration with the Sophia University in Tokyo, Kindai University in Osaka, University of Tokyo at Hongo Campus, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Doshisha University in Kyoto, Ongaku No Mori in Nara and Kyoto University of Foreign Studies in their universities from 16th to 24th May 2018 and were delivered jointly by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive of SWYAA-India.

We had a very successful the lecture tour in Japan was very successful as a large number of Japanese students attended the lectures and were eager to learn more about the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in the era of rapid globalization and increase in violence. During the lectures, we gave detailed information about SWY program in each of the universities and answered the queries of the interested students.



For this year, we received an overwhelming cooperation from the Japanese Ex-PYs of the SWY Program extend their support and friendship including Ms. Tamae Saito, Mr. Masahide Morita, Ms. Mari Kimura-Okamoto, Ms. Ayako Sekimoto, Ms. Yukiko Chikamori, Mr. Shuichi Sato, Ms. Makiko Kojima, Ms. Mamiko Fukushima, Ms. Kahori Shoji and Ms. Ayano Hamada.



We also took the opportunity to have a meeting with Mr. Hiromitsu Shimada, Director General, Policy Planning and Coordination, Ms. Kaori Nakamura, Director, and Mr. Masayuki Sato, Deputy Director for International Youth Exchange in the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan.

They mentioned that the lectures were complimenting the leadership program under the SWY program and shared similar vision and objectives for bringing about global peace and harmony.

Volunteer Program with Japanese University students

A. Study tour by students of Keio University

SWYAA-India organized the study tour for 19 Japanese students and 2 Professors from Keio University, Tokyo in September, 2018 and visited New Delhi and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh in India. This study tour was aimed at studying the current situation of education in India. In Delhi, the Japanese students volunteered in the educational program of SWYAA India in the Open schools and in the Government Primary Schools.



They introduced Japanese language, songs, Sorenbushi dance, counting, cartoon characters and origami, counting, painting to students. They met the community during the slum walk and acquainted themselves with the living conditions of the underprivileged children in the slums. It was an important activity organized by SWYAA-India with Japanese youth who also got firsthand information about the SWY Leaders program of the Cabinet Office of Japan.



SWYAA-India organized a visit to Pratham (NPO) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh State for understanding their area of work in the education of children and undertakes annual surveys to monitor the quality of education in the government primary schools.

B. Field visit by students of University of Tokyo

In September, 2018 SWYAA-India hosted 12 students studying liberal arts at the University of Tokyo who visited SWYAA Open Schools in Delhi. They belong to the Non-Profit Organization called MIS (Multilateral Interaction with Students) in Japan.

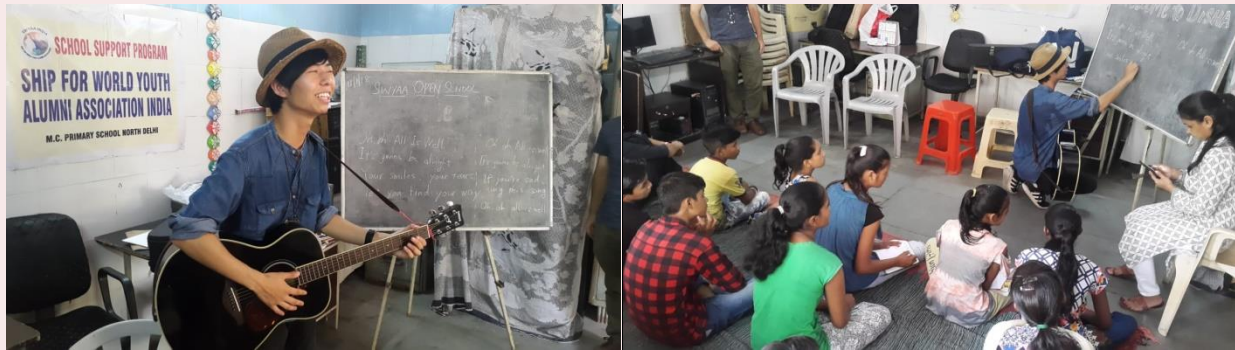


MIS is carrying out projects at about one or two times a year with students from Southeast and South Asia in 7 countries including Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Burma (Myanmar), Indonesia, India and Malaysia. In addition, they regularly conduct projects a year for each project team, prepare the project, and learn management methods to facilitate the project smoothly. The purpose of their visit was to give a short introduction of their organization, in MIS, discuss social problems with students in Delhi and then do projects to work to solve these problems. We gave an overview on about SWY leaders program and the post program activities by SWYAA-India. They were very happy to learn about SWY program.



SWYAA-India and MIS student's group initiated a joint program for starting Japanese language class for the students of Open School. Through this, we gave them an opportunity to gain insight and to help them to grow themselves as future leaders to pull the world beyond the fence of the country and to do the seeding for the future.

C. Visit by students of Tsukuba University, Tokyo



In 2018 Daichi, Satoru Somaya and Nagumo, three students of Tsukuba University held workshop with children of SWYAA Open School in writing lyric and singing to make a promotional film for their NPO 'Les World' and raise awareness about SWYAA Open school internationally..

Support by Tsukuba Future Funding Japan for SWYAA open school

Project: Imparting Quality Education to girl students studying in two Government Primary Schools in Delhi with support by Tsukuba Future Funding opportunity

This educational improvement project is being carried out for 300 girl students in two public primary schools attended by children of poor families through introduction of active learning by our facilitators and developing teaching learning material for increasing the learning level of students for realizing their true potentials from October 2017 March 2018. This was done in collaboration with Satoru Somaya from Tokyo.



This support has enabled the girl students to avail learning opportunity through the pedagogy of activity based learning in the schools. The class room based support with the help of our facilitators has provided them to learn language, math, general knowledge and English in a joyful and the aid of attractive teaching learning materials.

We are thankful to the Crowd Funding support of 'Tsukuba Future Funding' for providing this education opportunity to girl children for their overall development.

Education Program - SWYAA Open schools

SWYAA-India aims to provide inclusive and equitable quality education to disadvantaged girl children for promoting lifelong learning opportunities as per the UN Sustainable Development Goal-4 (SDG-4). One of our focus areas is inclusive education through innovative approaches for underprivileged children and to advocate for making quality education a reality for all by 2030. In India, 32.4% of young girls opt out of school due to poverty. Even today 79% of girls are made to do household chores and earn additional money to support the family despite being enrolled in school. Because of this they cannot concentrate on studies and drop out of school, despite being enrolled in school. 76% of girl students have no access or have used the internet. According to our experience of working with underprivileged children, educating the girl child would do wonders for the progress of the nation. SWYAA-India aims to play a transformative role in shaping young minds, molding their characters and imparting right based education.



With this aim, SWYAA-India has been educating 640 disadvantaged children in the SWYAA-Open Schools set up in six slum clusters and two government primary schools in Delhi. SWYAA-India recognises that education is a must for a better future. Our work with children studying in 1st to 5th classes is by way of imparting primary level education, preparing them for socialisation and mainstreaming in the appropriate classes. At the same time, school drop outs and working children are taught in the remedial classes. This support has enabled the children in the age group of 6-12 years to avail learning opportunity through the pedagogy of activity based learning. Over the years, SWYAA-India has been able to demonstrate our capability to reach out to the most vulnerable children, accelerating the process of socialisation, educating them, mobilising their parents and mainstreaming children in formal government schools for retention and completion of primary education.



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In recent years, the cases of child sex abuse and sexual harassment in slums and schools have become rampant and is a serious problem in India. The severity and gravity of these types of crime against children have led SWYAA-India to work with at-risk girls of this community many of whom, unfortunately, have been direct survivors of abuse while the others are at constant high risk of abuse. Our focus is to work with adolescent girls and teachers by raising their awareness about the issues related to sexual abuse and the redressal mechanism. The involvement of their parents is critical because of the lack of social support which further aggravates the problem as they are unable to take the steps that needs be taken in case of any complaint.

SWYAA-India empowers the girls through sessions about child abuse, incest, child marriage, gender based violence and menstrual hygiene. Education, therefore, is the most powerful tool for them to break away from this systemic cycle of abuse, neglect, and oppression, and turn themselves into strong, independent survivors, not victims.

Activities in the Open Schools

- Teach multi-level, multi age and multi grade children in language, arithmetic and general science.
- Play-based curriculum, child-friendly, joyful activities for holistic development

Visit of Ex-PYs to volunteer in SWYAA open schools

Dental Hygiene workshop

Arish Naresh, GLDP 27 from New Zealand volunteered in the Open schools to bring awareness on dental hygiene and good oral hygiene practices with 80 girl children in government schools and in the Open school.



SWYAA-India distributed dental hygiene kits consisting of tooth paste, tooth brush and model of tooth to the 100 children after the workshop.



Christmas lunch

On Christmas, December 25th, a party was hosted by Arish Naresh for children of the Open School in slums of Delhi. He also distributed warm jackets to all the children.

Japanese dinner and Concert of drum and music event at New Delhi

1. An Evening with Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan: The Land of Mt. Fuji-Musical Concert:

Performance of contemporary instrumental music, drums, Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony & Enka singing was held at India International Centre, New Delhi

2. Shizuoka Food: The Pinnacle of Mount Fuji Cuisine - Japanese Dinner at IIC Delhi

In recent years, India Japan relationship has undergone a qualitative shift as the economic relations between India and Japan are rapidly developing in the new era. Under these circumstances, cultural relations have become better and stronger as we also have common historical and cultural ties, which form the foundation of our friendship over 1500 years.

It is expected that a friendly relationship will be further strengthened through such cultural events so that mutual exchanges in various multi-faceted levels and fields will be deepened and greater understanding will be promoted. With the aim to encourage cultural inflow between India and Japan, promote people to people contact and better understanding of Japan in India SWYAA-India co-organized a special event of Japanese drums, music and cuisine of Shizuoka prefecture in collaboration with the India International Centre (IIC) to celebrate the cultural bond and friendship between our two countries on Thursday 25th October, 2018.



This event was conceptualized with the guidance of by Former Foreign Secretary to Government of India Ambassador Shyam Saran and Former Indian Ambassador to

Japan Ambassador Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa The event was launched by Air Marshal (Retd.) Mr. Naresh Verma Director India and International Centre, New Delhi. A total of 231 members of IIC and their guests registered and participated in this event which was also graced by Former Indian Ambassadors to Japan, Ambassador Arjun Asrani, Ambassador Aftab Seth and Ambassador Madhava Chandra.

The team of restaurateurs and chefs from Shizuoka prefecture who took part in the performance and preparation of the Japanese cuisine were: Mr. Shigeo Sugiyami, Chef Gelato Specialist/ Percussionist, Owner of Giardino restaurant; Mr. Toshikatsu Hatada, owner of Hatada Farms; Mr. Shinji Isoda, Tuna fish specialist and owner of Minami Fish restaurant; Ms. Miho Iida, owner of live bar 'Gajah' / Percussionist and Takashi Kamiya, Sushi Chef and owner of Sushi bar 'Yasouya'.



The Japanese traditional Tea ceremony was conducted by Yuka-san and Mala-san and the contemporary and famous musical band 'Chizai' lead by Mr. Sultan Khan.

Enka and Minyo songs were presented by Sarbjit Singh Chadha is a famous singer of Japanese Enka and Minyo songs, who is said to be the first non-Japanese enka singer. He gained popularity via the Japanese television program Kinyō 10 Ji: Uwasa no Channel. He debuted as an Enka singer with the single "Omokage no Hito" under JVC in 1975. The single reportedly sold over 100,000 copies.

The event was a great success and everyone expressed their admiration for the Japanese culture and cuisine. The guests relished the Japanese cuisine of Shizuoka prefecture and appreciated the efforts of the Chefs from Japan for showcasing the wonderful skills.

“Japanese chorus singing program in collaboration with private schools in Delhi”

SWYAA-India collaborated with ‘Chikano No Utaro’ (NPO) from Japan to teach Japanese chorus singing to the students of Ramjas Public School in New Delhi. Ms Atsuko Arai a famous singer and musician from Nara prefecture in Japan visited twice during the year to prepare the 25 students in Japanese chorus singing.



Ms. Arai has developed various music activities by making full use of work experience in broadcasting, education, refugee camp and disabled facilities. She is travelling all over the world with the power to believe in Singing. She has also spread music therapy of Nara city throughout the country.

Collaborative programs with other AAs

- **SWYAA-Norway –Digital education and computer skills**

In collaboration with SWYAA-Norway the digital education and computer skills program continued for children of the Open School. In this year 25 students learned the digital skills.

The computer class was highly valued by the parents of the children who expressed their satisfaction at the progress of their wards.

In addition certificate of completion were given to these bright students who have expressed their desire to continue to learn more next year.

▪ **SWYAA New Zealand -Opportunities without Discrimination**

SWYAA-India and SWYAA New Zealand implemented the campaign against discrimination by doing two workshops conducted by Arish Naresh, GLDP 27, in two government primary schools in New Delhi in which SWYAA-India works with 1000 primary school children through the SWYAA Open School program. Everyone face some form of discrimination and the lack of quality education is also a form of discrimination, it does not allow the child to flourish. After the workshop SWYAA-India distributed socks to the students.



The future is only brighter when society educates its women and children. This joint project was completed in the year by giving the information to children about discriminate-nation at various levels. Once it became clear these children opened out and came up with many incidences where they have faced discrimination in school, society & home.



They took the lead in making stories and enacting them to demonstrate their points and all these skis and role plays were presented during an event organized by SWYAA-India to stress the point and distribute education material and socks of different colors. The principal of the schools where this event was held participated in the program along with the teachers and appreciated our efforts to discuss about the issues of discrimination.

- **SWYAA Australia: Distribution of educational material for children of Open school**

During the SWY30 program the PYs of Australia raised funds for the education program in SWYAA Open School children. With this support, SWYAA-India provided notebooks and stationery to 40 children.

Homestay+1

This year we arranged for Homestay+1 program for Arish Naresh, SWY26 who visited India for the OWD program in December 2018 and conducted workshops on Dental Hygiene and discrimination with the children at the SWYAA Open School and government school in Delhi..



During this time we held a workshop on discrimination with 25 primary school teachers and the representatives of the Teacher's union and National Coalition for Education, India and launched the 100 days campaign against discrimination in twelve schools of Delhi.



'Port of Call' Activities in India of the SWY 30

The Port of Call (POC) activity of SWY30 was held in India from 11 to 13 February 2018 at Kochi Port in Kerala. Upon their arrival in India, the 243 participating youth were given a traditional Kerala welcome through the drum performance and garlands. The POC activities were organized by the Government of India, State Government, and SWYAA-India. The 30 members of SWYAA-India gave an orientation about Kochi and culture and customs of Kerala to PYs. The National Leaders extended a Courtesy Call on the Secretary (Youth Affairs), Government of India and other dignitaries from the Ministries and State Government. Later, the participating youth visited the Marine Drive area for shopping in the local marketplaces ably assisted by the members of SWYAA-India.



The Ship Administration and the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai hosted the welcome dinner in the ship which was attended by all the PYs, special invitees, dignitaries from the government and Indian Ex-PYs. Later, members of SWYAA-India presented a Bollywood night for the PYs who sang and danced together on Indian rhythms and sound.



Next day the PYs visited Cochin University for course discussion and to interact with the Indian students. This was followed by the mini national presentations by the delegations of the respective participating countries to showcase the customs, traditions, lifestyle, and culture of their countries.



Later the welcome reception hosted by the Government of India. The Secretary (Youth Affairs) applauded this unique and important youth leadership program and the support of the government of Japan.

The Ship Administrator thanked Government of India for their cooperation. Following this, the students of the Cochin University organized a jazz program and Pradip Somasundaran, Ex-PY presented melodious Bollywood songs which the participating youth enjoyed.



On the third day, the participating youth visited eight local institutions to understand the work being carried out in social, educational and cultural fields to gain an understanding of various initiatives. The ship departed after the farewell ceremony from Kochi Port for Sri Lanka after successful completion of POC in India.

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 Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India (JCCII), Tokyo University for Foreign Studies (TUFS), International NGO Volunteer Platform in Japan, Japan Foundation, Nippon Vedanta Kyokai- Tokyo, Hojin Ongaku No Mori-Nara, Keio University, Global India International School-Tokyo, University of Tsukuba, Kansai University and Elementary School, Osaka, OISCA International, Sophia University, Soka University, Osaka University, Hiroshima 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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