

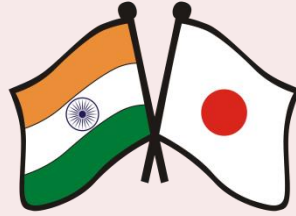
## Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India



### Country Report 2017



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Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India) completed eleven years in 2017. As decided by Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Abe, our two countries celebrated the year 2017 as the Year of India-Japan Friendly Exchanges to further enhance people-to-people exchanges between Japan and India. The year 2017 also marked the 60th anniversary since the Cultural Agreement came into force in 1957. On this occasion, various commemorating events were held in both countries. 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.

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 and Konnichiwa Japan Cultural Festival which were endorsed by the Embassy of Japan and Government of India. 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.

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 disadvantaged 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 7 Ex- PYs, 18 Japanese university students and 13 students from university in Norway 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 2017

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1. Education of children in SWYAA-India Open Schools
2. Organizing Konnichiwa Japan Cultural Festival 2017
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, Singapore and Indonesia
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, Japanese companies like Mitsui Chemicals, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, DISHA and the Discover Japan Club, New Delhi.

| <b>BASIC FACTS</b>  |  |
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| <b>Basic facts about your country's Alumni Association:</b>                         |  |
| 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<br>Vice President: Ms. Samrita Gill, Ex-PY SWY6<br>Treasurer: Mr. Rupesh Gupta, Ex-PY SWY6  |
| Number of members   | Total number of ex-PYs: 169<br>Active members: 91  |
| Annual membership fee   | Yes → Indian Rs.500 or US \$ 8   |
| <b>Basic facts about your country's participation in SWY:</b>                       |  |
| Which batches has your country participated in?                                     | 15 Batches<br>(SWY2, SWY4, SWY6, SWY8, SWY12, SWY14, SWY16, SWY18, SWY20, SWY22, SWY24, GLDP, SWY27, SWY28 & SWY29)  |
| 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?                                       | 3 days   |
| <b>Communication:</b>   |  |
| How does your AA communicate internally with members & externally with non-members? | Website → <a href="https://www.swyaa-india.in">https://www.swyaa-india.in</a><br><a href="https://www.swygaindia.org">https://www.swygaindia.org</a><br>Newsletter → Wave of Freindship (Attached)<br>Facebook page → <a href="https://www.facebook.com/swyaa.india">https://www.facebook.com/swyaa.india</a><br>Face book group: SWYAA GA India<br>→ <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/916385851772576/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/916385851772576/</a><br>Twitter: SWYAA10 GA<br>E-mail: swyaaindia@gmail.com |
| <b>NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY</b>            |  |
| Important associates and collaborators?   | Embassy of Japan in India<br>JICA-Head Quaters (Tokyo) and India office<br>Japan Foundation, India   |

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|  | <p>Japan Chamber of Commerce in India<br/>         Consulate of India, Kobe Osaka, Japan<br/>         Japanese Universities: Keio, Toyo Eiwa, Sophia, Soka,<br/>         Tokyo university and Tokyo university for foreign studies<br/>         Universal Peace Federation, Japan<br/>         SWYAA Norway, SWYNZAA, SWY Oman and SWYAA<br/>         Bahrain<br/>         DISHA, New Delhi<br/>         Discover India Club, Japan<br/>         Discover Japan Club, India</p>  |
| Do you organize events with the Japanese Embassy?  | <p><b>Yes</b><br/>         → How often: Quarterly<br/>         → What kind of events: Seminar, meeting, and events</p>   |
| Do you organize events with the Japanese community?                                      | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br/>         → How often: Monthly<br/>         → What kind of events: Educational classes, cultural exchange programs and voluntary work</p>   |
| <b>ACTIVITIES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR</b>   |  |
| <b>International reunions (Please write your AA has hosted an international reunion)</b> |  |
| Name of the event  | Yes, with JPYs in Japan and 11 <sup>th</sup> GA UAE  |
| Date of the event  | April and November 2017  |
| Hosting city   | Osaka, Nara and Dubai  |
| How many participants? From which countries?   | <p>Number of domestic participants: 6<br/>         Number of international participants: 9<br/>         Names of the countries participated: India and Japan</p>   |
| Please write a summary of the event  | <p>An international reunion was organised by the Indian and JPYs in Osaka and Nara during the seminar lecture tour to Japan.</p> <p>JPYs from Hokkaido, Tannoji, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Osaka, and Tokyo gathered together in Osaka and Nara for this international reunion. The participants spend time exploring the city and exchanged information about the post programme activities of the AAs.</p> <p>In addition the homestay was organized by JPYs in Osaka for two days and interesting cultural exchange took place.</p> <p>Four Ex-PYs participated in the GA in UAE from India</p> |
| <b>National reunions (Please write your AA has hosted a national reunion)</b>            |  |
| Name of the event  | Get together during POC coordination meeting and four meetings organized by SWYAA-India  |
| Date of the event  | March, May, October, November and December 2017  |
| Hosting city   | Delhi  |

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| How many participants?   | 15   |
| Please write a summary of the event  | 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 education and preventive health care.<br><br>Planning meeting was held to discuss about the plan of POC 2018 in Kochi and delegation of responsibilities. |
| <b>Receiving ex-SWY participants</b>   |  |
| How many SWY visitors did you receive in your country?   | 8 Overseas Ex-PYs, 32 Japanese university students and 13 students from university in Norway and one advisor of SWY program  |
| Did you organize a “Homestay + 1” project for the visitors? If yes, please write in detail.  | Yes.<br>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.  |
| <b>OTHERS</b>  |  |
| <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 Deputy commissioner of Custom, Government of India</p> <p>Mrs. Upma Chaudhary, IAS, Members SWYAA-India promoted to Secretary in Government of India and posted as Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration which trains civil servants. (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> |  |

## POST-PROGRAM SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES :

### Volunteer Program with Japanese University students

#### A. Study tour by students of Keio University

SWYAA-India organized the study tour of 18 Japanese students from Keio University, Tokyo who were accompanied by two professors from the department of Business and Commerce from 11th to 15th September 2017 in New Delhi and Bihar in collaboration with DISHA and 'Jeevika' rural livelihood program of the Government of Bihar



This study tour to India was aimed at studying the current economic situation and rural public health in India in the context of education of children, women's empowerment and livelihood opportunities. The students also had interest to understand the differences between the economies of various countries around the globe in relation to Japan. With this special interest they requested SWYAA-India organized an interaction with the children of SWYAA Open schools, students of the Municipal Corporation Primary Schools. The Japanese students were divided in eight groups and each group was given one section each with forty girl students studying in standard V. The Japanese students introduced various aspects of Japanese culture to these children through songs, familiar phrases, cartoon characters and Origami.



Later during their visit to the Open Schools the students mentored the children and taught those Japanese songs, counting, painting, Origami before going for a slum walk and meeting the community.



From 12-15 September they visited the rural villages in Bodhgaya block in Bihar in coordination with the Project called 'Jeevika' (Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project) of state government and World Bank for enhancing social and economic empowerment of the rural poor. After they were given an orientation about the Jeevika project, the student participated in the meetings of women's self-help group. The representative from that the Jeevika accompanied them during the interaction and gave a presentation about their activities to promote self-reliance and livelihood opportunities being provided due to such a large scale program.





They had an opportunity to observe the implementation of the project in the areas of health and nutrition, social protection, rural employment and agriculture and other components of the ongoing Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project.



The Japanese students had a firsthand experience and understanding of the day to day struggle of underprivileged communities to cope up with the existing economic conditions in India. They appreciated the efforts of SWYAA-India in serving the deprived children and youth and got inspired to take voluntary actions for helping others. 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.

## B. Field visit by students of University of Tokyo

In September 12 students studying liberal arts at the University of Tokyo visited SWYAA Open Schools in Delhi. They belong to a 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 our 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.

They interacted with the children and the community members and discussed about the possibility of volunteer project in collaboration with SWYAA-India next year for improving the educational environment in Open Schools with the support they could generate in Japan.

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.



We would be starting a joint volunteering project between SWYAA-India and MIS in 2018. The components of the project would involve teaching by professional volunteers, conducting workshop on Japanese culture and improving educational environment for students of SWYAA open school.

## Education Program - SWYAA Open schools

In SWYAA Open School we educated 350 underprivileged children in the age group of 4 to 14 years living in slum clusters in New Delhi.



The children were taught up to primary level as per the school syllabus and 225 children were mainstreamed in the government primary schools for further education.



Multi group and multi-level children were enrolled in the Open School and separate lesson plans were prepared for children of 4 to 6 years and for children in the age group 7 years and above. In two municipal corporation government primary schools the students of III to V standard are learning language, Math and social science through activity based teaching and class room based support by SWYAA-India. With our efforts their learning abilities have increased significantly.



Younger children were taught to count, recite, identify and write numbers using simple activities with beads, games, chart, and the older children were taught according to the lessons from the school text books.

### Visit of Ex-PYs to SWYAA open schools

During the year eight Ex-PYs drawn from different batches visited India and spent time in volunteering with the children of the Open School. They were provided home stay and an opportunity to interact and mentor the children in the Open School education program. This was a joyous occasion for children as they got to learn some useful information, stories and songs from different cultures.



Garreth Stevens,  
SWY 27, SWYNZAA



**Kristine Edith Morgan**  
SWY 17, SWYAA Norway



**Mahmood Alfarsi**  
SWY 22, SWYAA Oman



**Havva Yoldas**  
SWY 25, SWYAA Turkey



**Masayo Tanaka**  
SWY 29, SWYAA Japan



Monga Musaka  
SWY 28, SWYNZAA



Tireni Ratema  
SWY 25, SWYNZAA

### Visit of overseas volunteers to SWYAA open schools



University students from Norway

Kristine Edith Morgan, SWY17 from Norway visited SWYAA Open School with 12 college students to volunteer with children. They spent the day taking workshops with children on Norwegian culture and participating in the painting competition.



Andrea Fani Wleugel from Norway

Simon Solli from Norway



Silje Bergitte Solli, SWY 12 sent two volunteers from Norway to teach computer skills to the children of SWYAA-Open School. Andrea Fani Wleugel spend one month with the children and made a significant documentary film on SWYAA-Open School. Simen Solli taught them about his experience of Scuba diving.

Satoru Someya from Japan





Yuki Miyasaki from Japan



Two alumni from Tsukuba University in Japan volunteered in the open school students introducing Japanese culture and songs.

### Support by Tsukuba Future Funding for SWYAA open school



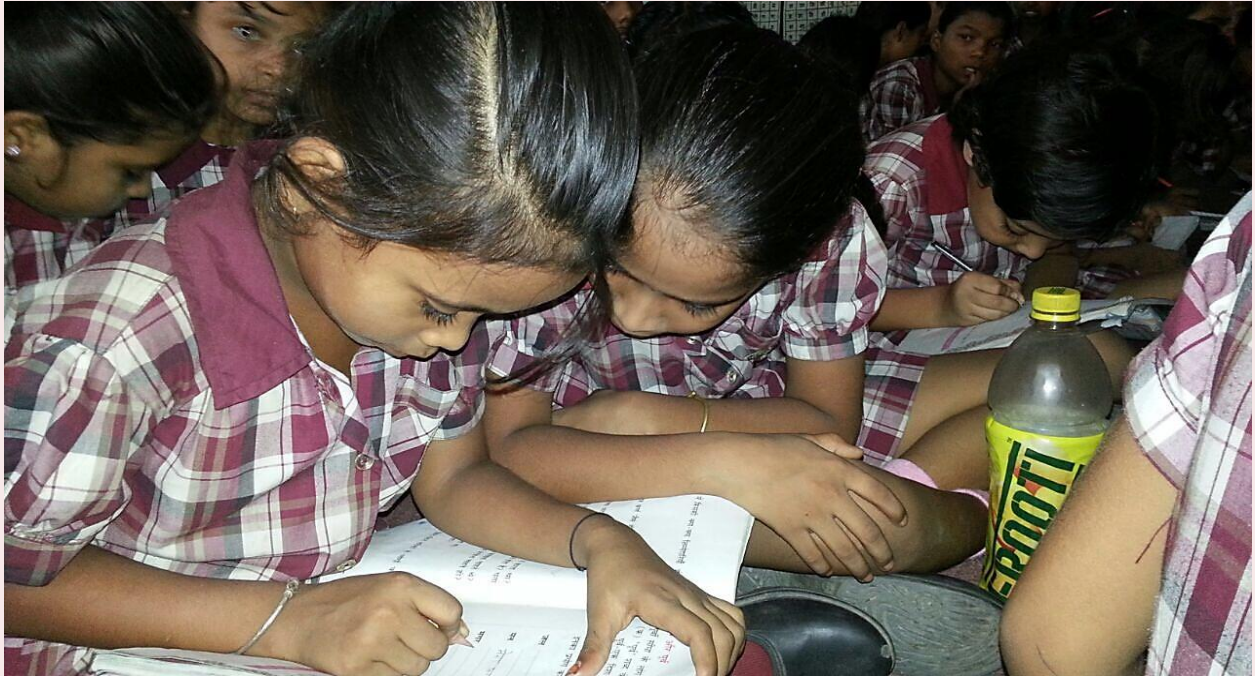
#### Project: Imparting Quality Education to girl students studying in two Government Primary Schools in Delhi with support by Tsukuba Future Funding opportunity

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 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.







### **“School cleanliness program in private & government schools in Delhi**

SWYAA-India continued with the school cleanliness program in 2017 in government schools in Delhi and implemented various activities to maintain clean habits. Children & teachers together participated in songs, stories, painting & demonstration.



They also took part in understanding how the Japanese school children take part in keeping their schools clean and neat every day by dusting, sweeping and mopping and maintaining high degree of school cleanliness. The program went off well and children really enjoyed all the presentations. For the personal hygiene, student also learned Japanese way of greeting and have some understanding of their culture. This program had developed interest in learning about Japan, its people and how they keep their country and homes clean and green.

## Collaborative programs with other AAs

### ▪ SWYAA-Norway –Digital education and computer skills

In collaboration with SWYAA-Norway we initiated the digital education and computer skills program for children of the Open School. In the six month course a batch of 12 children attended in the first half of the year completing their basic computer training course & this was followed by a another batch of 12 students who benefitted from training.



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 launched the campaign in government primary schools in New Delhi where SWYAA- India works with more than 2000 primary school children in New Delhi through our SWYAA Open School program. We all 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.



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 discrimination 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 skits 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 & appreciated our efforts to discuss about the issues of discrimination.

## Konnichiwa Japan Cultural Festival “\*”

SWYAA-India took part in the celebrations for commemorating 2017 as the Year of Japan India Friendly Exchange by organizing ‘Konnichiwa Japan cultural festival’ on 18 & 19 November at New Delhi.



This festival transformed the venue into a little Japan island of all things local to Japan and was held to strengthen the cultural bonds between India and Japan. It indeed became a platform for the confluence of cultures where language was not a barrier. This two day festival was endorsed by the Embassy of Japan in India as the official event during the Year of Japan India Friendly Exchanges and was supported by the Japan Foundation and the World Heritage Academy.



The guests of honor for the first day of inauguration for cutting the ribbon were Mr. Ravi Chopra, President, SWYAA-India and Discover Japan Club, Mr. Sakamoto

Takema, Chief Representative of JICA, Mr. Kaoru Miyamoto, DG, Japan Foundation India, Ms. Mizuho Hayakawa, Director, Japan Information Centre, Embassy of Japan in India, Ms. Ikuyo Shimakura, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in India, Mr. Kazuharu Kono, Secretary General, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industries in India, Mr. Markus, Vice President Discover India Club and Dr. Unita Sachidanad, Ex-PY, Vice President of Discover Japan Club, India.



The second day's inauguration was held in the traditional way by banging on the Sake drum and saying 'Kampai' for the long and enriching friendship and cultural ties between India and Japan. The guests of honor were Former Ambassador to Japan Mrs. Deepa Gopalan Wadhawa, Mr. Rabinder Malik, President of Discover India Club, Tokyo and Advisor, IYEO, Mr. Ravi Chopra, Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Executive of SWYAA-India, Mr. Kanakogi and Mr. Markus of Discover India Club, Tokyo.



People of Delhi were in for a big surprise as for the first time ever they saw two Sumo Wrestlers (Retd) making their presence felt. They drew large crowds every

time they introduced the intricacies of Sumo wrestling and performed in the specially erected wrestling ring. There were stalls all over the open air court yard and many took part in the FIFA18 Gaming Competition.



The food stalls selling Japanese food and bakery items introduced Japanese food to the Indian palate, while the Japanese tea ceremony introduced the ceremonial preparations and presentation of tea with its deep significance. The stage came alive with excitement as the Anime artists presented cosplay and transformed themselves in DJs and played Japanese pop songs. Solo singers and the Koto performer brought the sound and music of Japan alive in the festival.



On display were beautiful specimen of Bonsai, Ikebana and Origami to showcase the culture of Japan. Lectures were held for introducing Japanese life, festivals, crafts & places to be visited. In his inaugural address, Mr. Ravi Chopra said, "We seek to promote youth exchanges between India and Japan through such initiatives. The festival comprises of many cultural demonstrations from traditional to modern and Indian people will be able to experience a glimpse of traditional and modern Japanese culture."





The festival achieved its objective to showcase and introduce Japanese culture to Indian people as on these two days around ten thousand people Indians and Japanese both mingled with each other. After the cultural festival, the Embassy of Japan appreciated our efforts very much and called a meeting of the concerned Japanese agencies to understand in depth about the process and the future plans to consider the possibility of supporting Konnichiwa Japan in future.

### **Seminar Lecture tour of Japan**

SWYAA-India organized a seminar lecture tour to Japan for promoting International Peace, Leadership, Compassion and Non-violence based on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi in Japan from 16th to 26th April 2017 by Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna. The Embassy of Japan in India and Consulate General of India in Osaka-Kobe endorsed this event and gave full support as one of the events under 2017 The Year of Japan India Friendly Exchanges. Support was also received from the Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance, Discover India Club, Tokyo & Discover Japan Club, India.



The seminar lectures were held in collaboration at the Sophia University, Kansai University, Keio University, Ongaku No Mori (NPO), Nippon Vedanta Kyokai, Osaka University, Global India International School Tokyo, University of Tsukuba, Hiroshima University and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in their institutions and universities.



Hon'ble Minister of State, Youth Affairs and Sports, Hon'ble Minister for State of External Affairs, Government of India, Ambassador of India in Japan, President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, Consul General of India, Osaka-Kobe and the Director General, SCOPE, India sent their message of support for the success of the event. During the tour we had an opportunity to personally meet and appraise about the post program activities of SWYAA-India to the dignitaries including the Director General, Deputy Director General, Principal Deputy Director, Deputy Director, Chief Youth Exchange Unit from the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan and the senior Vice Presidents and the Director General from Japan International Cooperation Agency. They appreciated our work for promoting international leadership for peace and harmony. Special meetings were held with H.E. Ambassador of India in Japan and the First Secretary at Embassy of India, Tokyo, Consul General of India at Kobe during this visit to appraise them about SWYAA-India initiatives in Japan.





Japanese Ex-participating youth of the Ship for World Youth Program overwhelming extend their support and friendship including Ms. Tomoko Okawara, Ms. Tamae Saito, Mr. Masahide Morita, Ms. Yumiko Tanabe, Ms. Mari Kimura-Okamoto, Ms. Yoko Suzuki, Ms. Ayako Sekimoto, Ms. Yuki Shimuzu, Ms. Yukiko Chikamori, Ms. Mamiko Fukushima, Ms. Kahori Shoji, Ms. Sayoko and other Japanese people like Mr. Daichi Yamazaki, Mr. Tomohiro Ueno-san, Ms. Sachiyo Hiraiwa. Ms. Naomi Tada, Prof. Masahiko Tagawa and Ms. Setsu Togawa.



Prominent Japanese priests from Nara like Rev Ryobun Kono, DaiANJI Temple, Rev. Kodo Yoshida, Ikomasan Hohzanji temple, Rev. Baigan Ryoumyou, Houtokuji temple Rev. Kitakawara Kokei, Chief of Indosan Nipponji Temple and Ms. Atsuko Arai, Director, Ongakunomori attended the lectures at Nara and discussed about nonviolence and Indian philosophy.



Interaction was held with Swami Medhsananda, President of Nippon Vedanta Kyokai, Dr. Rabinder Malik President, Discover India Club, Mr. Kenkichi Kanakogi, vice President, Discover India Club, Prof. Toshiya Hoshino, Prof. Hinako Tasaka, Professor Takuya Matsumoto, Professor Kota Fukui, Associate Professor Megumi Akai-Kasaya and Assistant Professor Yasutaka Saeki of Osaka University, Prof. Akira Hayashi from Hirosaki University, Prof. Cyril Valiath from Sophia University and Mr. Tomoharu Katsuta from Japan India Association at Tokyo, Prof. Kazushige Shimpo from Keio University and Prof. Kenichi Kubota from Kansai University on youth leadership and international exchange opportunities.

## Message by Hon'ble Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of India



Shri Vijay Goel  
Hon'ble Minister of State  
(Sports & Youth Affairs)  
Government of India

The year 2017 is marked as the year of 'Japan-India Friendly Exchanges' to enhance people-to-people contact and cross cultural exchanges between Japan and India for building youth leadership. The year 2017 also marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the Cultural Agreement came into force in 1957. This event in the year of Japan India Friendly Exchanges is very important for the mutual understanding, inter-cultural friendship, promoting youth leadership and people-to-people contact between India and Japan. I am happy to know that as part of the celebration of 2017 as the year of Japan India Friendly Exchanges, Ship of World Youth Alumni Association - India' is organizing a series of lectures/interactive sessions in 8 Japanese Universities and other institutions between 16 and 26 April, 2017.

The Indian side is represented by Smt. Shobhana Radhakrishnan and Shri Ravi Chopra, who would mainly be speaking on spirituality and service to humanity - Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi.

These lectures will emphasize the messages of transformational leadership, spirituality, peace, compassion, non-violence and Indian wisdom. Their life and thought are a historical milestone in humanities quest for service to humanity, global peace, non-violence, and justice. Swami Vivekananda started in journey to the west in 1893 and visited several cities in Japan enroute to the United States before addressing at the parliament of the World's Religions. Mahatma Gandhi's life was one of dedication and simplicity, and dedicated his life in the service of humanity.

On this occasion, I extend my warm wishes to the speakers, organizers and the youth of Japan and wish the event all the success.

## Message by Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India



Hon'ble Gen. (Retd.) Dr. V.K. Singh  
Minister of State External Affairs  
Government of India

I am glad to hear that you are going to spread the messages of Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi to Japanese Youths on the occasion of the year 2017 being celebrated as the Year of India-Japan Friendly Exchanges'.

I appreciate your effort to enhance the existing cultural ties between the two countries.

I take this opportunity to convey my greetings and wish you and your team all success in your future endeavors.

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Message by Mr. Yutaka Kikuta, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Japan in India

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Mr. Yutaka Kikuta,  
Chargé d’Affaires ad interim  
Embassy of Japan, India

It gives me immense pleasure to note that Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna will be addressing the Japanese youths in a seminar-lecture tour on the Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi, from April 16 to 26, 2017. Japan and India are now enjoying an ever-closer friendly relationship under the banner of ‘Special Strategic Global Partnership’ and have been strengthening their ties in a wide range of fields, including politics, economy and cross cultural understanding.

In order to substantiate our Global Partnership, we need to further deepen our mutual understanding, and an event such as this seminar-lecture tour is certainly of great significance for this purpose.

As this year 2017 marks The Year of Japan-India Friendly Exchanges, we strongly hope that this event will further promote friendship and mutual understanding between the people of both countries, in particular, among younger generations.

I extend my warm greetings and best wishes for the success of the event.

## Seminar Lecture tour of Indonesia in association with SSEAYP Indonesia

The talk was held by SWYAA-India on 10th August, 2017 at the Department of Philosophy and Civilization from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in association with the Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program, Indonesia (SSEAYP Indonesia).



The title of the lecture was ‘A Soldier of Peace-Mahatma Gandhi’s Use of Nonviolence, Peace and Harmony and its Relevance Today’ and given by Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna. Thirty eight participants had registered for the lecture which covered Mahatma Gandhi’s experiment with nonviolent resistance for establishing justice and restoring the dignity of the Indian, both in South Africa and India. When as a youth Mahatma Gandhi came face to face with racial discrimination in South Africa he organized the Indians loving there to unite and raise their voices against the injustice.

When the constitutional methods of petitions, letters, signature campaigns and repeated pleading did not yield much result, Gandhi offered nonviolent mass resistance to bring about the change of heart of the adversaries through love force, truth force and soul force, self-sacrifice and suffering. This he called as Satyagraha and named himself as the ‘Soldier of Peace’ for which dedicated his life to bring about peace and harmony. He inspired and trained thousands of Peace Soldiers or Satyagrahis to take part in the struggle for restoring dignity in South Africa and in the freedom struggle in India.

The participants were curious to know how these similar methods could be used in today’s time of great intolerance and polarization in Indonesia. Everyone was keen to live in Peace and Harmony in their country which has its founding motto as Unity in Diversity (‘Bhinnaika ---Eka’) and believed in Pancashila. As Gandhi’s principles are eternal, universal and not bound by time, space or geographical boundaries the lecture focused on learning from Gandhi’s leadership and applying it to suit today’s context. Prof. Fatchiah Kertamuda, Faculty of Philosophy and Civilization received us and the Dean of the department Prof. Shiskha was present in the lecture.

SSEAYP Indonesia was represented by Mr. Arief Rizky Abe, Secretary General, Ms. Devianti Faridz and Mr. Wira. SWYAA-India was represented by Mr. Ravi Chopra, President and Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna. This lecture marked the beginning of collaboration between the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association-India (SWYAA-India) and Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program (SSEAYP) International, Indonesia.

## Homestay+1

This year we arranged for Homestay+1 programme for Masayo Tanaka, SWY29, Tiren Ratem, SWY25, Garreth Stevens, SWY28, Monga Mukasa, SWY28 who visited India for the first time & enjoyed volunteering at the SWYAA Open School with children.



## Child Sponsorship for Education of underprivileged children

Ex-PYS from Norway raised funds to implement a joint project with SWYAA-India sponsored fourteen children education while Ex-PYs from Bahrain raised funds for sponsoring two children. In this direction a volunteer from Japan raised funds through crowd funding for the education of 100 girl children in the Municipal Corporation Primary Schools by way of providing quality education inputs and education materials.

## Coordination for POC of SWY30

POC planning meeting in Japan: The official from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India along with the representative of SWYAA-India Mr. Ravi Chopra were invited for the planning meeting for POC of SWY30 organized by the Cabinet Office of Japan in July. Based on the discussion during this meeting an agreement was reached leading to the effective implementation and preparation of the Port of Call activities in Kochi in India during February 2018.



Participation in pre planning meeting in Delhi & Kochi: The representatives of the Cabinet Office and IYEO visited India to finalize the plans for POC at Delhi and Kochi in October. Mr. Ravi Chopra, President of SWYAA-India was invited to be present in the meeting and took part in the deliberations. In Kochi, Mr. Pradip Somasundaran, member of SWYAA-India was present during the visit of the Japanese officials to Cochin University and facilitated the conversation.



A meeting was held with Secretary (Youth Affairs) Government of India to appraise him about the Port of Call activities and the support of Ex-PYs for these activities in Kochi. The Secretary (YA) appreciated the efforts of SWYAA-India for the SWY program.

### **Pre departure training of PYs of SWY30**

In December, 2017 representatives of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India & the members of SWYAA-India conducted the pre departure training in Delhi for the PYs of Ship for World youth Leaders (SWY30) program.



Detailed information was given about the SWY program by showing them the official film and power point presentation. They were briefed about the preparation for the PY seminar and Club activities and the National Presentation. In addition, their queries were addressed and information was given about the post program activities of SWYAA-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.

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***-Mahatma Gandhi***