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Outline of the Ship for World Youth Program ~MEIJI 150th~

1. Purpose

The “Iwakura Mission” was dispatched for the Japanese people to learn from other countries in the process of modernization and development during the Meiji period. This year marks the 150th commemorative year of the Meiji Era. On this occasion, it is important for us to apprehend the footsteps and spirit of the people who lived through the Meiji Era, recognize what are strengths of Japan and disseminate them to the world in order for our country to enhance its development.

From the global perspective, it is said that cooperation, coordination, and negotiation skills beyond national borders are essential in various fields, and leaders of the next generation who are capable of leading and guiding such initiatives are required.

From this aspect, the Ship for World Youth Program ~MEIJI 150th~ (hereinafter, “Ship for World Youth program”) will focus on implementing programs where participating youths from various backgrounds will learn about “Strengths of Japan,” such as advanced technologies and cultures and disseminate them to the world.

Youth will also gain abilities to deal with different cultures, communication skills, leadership skills and management skills through having discussions, cultural exchanges and workshops that are organized by the participating youths themselves.

This program aims at nurturing youth who can show their leadership to execute social contribution activities in the area where Japan can show its strength. Furthermore, it aims to establish strong human networks beyond national borders.

2. Outline

The Japanese participating youth (JPY) and overseas participating youth (OPY) from 10 countries around the world shall partake in the following activities.

- A. Onshore and Onboard Training Sessions (6 days and 34 days respectively): Course Discussion, seminars, national presentation, cultural introduction activities, sports and recreation, group activities, voluntary activities and others.
- B. Activities in the visited countries for the ports of call: courtesy call, visit to various facilities, exchange with local youths etc.

3. Participating countries

Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Chile, Republic of Ecuador, Hellenic Republic, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Sweden, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Republic of Vanuatu, and Japan

4. Organization

- A. Administrative staff members
(including 1 Administrator, 1 Deputy Administrator)
- B. implementing agency (including a psychological counselor)
- C. 122 JPYs and 120 OPYs (12 participants from each country)
(The number of participants includes the National Leaders)

5. Schedule

- A. Arrival of the OPY and activities in Japan
Jan. 15 (Tue) to Jan. 20 (Sun), 2019
- B. Preparatory Training Session (Japanese participants only)
Jan. 19 (Sat) to Jan. 20 (Sun)
- C. Onshore Training Session
Jan. 21 (Mon) to Jan. 26 (Sat)
- D. Onboard Training Session
Jan. 27 (Sun) to Mar. 1 (Fri)

*Ports of call will be in Okinawa (Naha), Republic of Palau (Refuel), Australia (Darwin, Brisbane), Solomon Islands (Refuel)

- E. Post-program Training Session (JPY only)

Mar. 1 (Fri) to Mar. 2 (Sat)

