

Now Accepting
Participants for
August 2017!



Peace Boat Global University

Special Programme

Thursday 10 August–
Monday 28 August, 2017 [19 days]

*Programme starts in Tokyo (Japan) and ends in Yangon (Myanmar/Burma)

Embrace Diversity!

Learn in English!

Learn from Local Realities!



Building Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in the Asia-Pacific

How do we achieve peace and justice in society? This question is more pressing today, when the tendency to secure safety by division and exclusion—rather than cooperation and inclusion—seems to be spreading globally. In 2015, the United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The goals set out targets for the next 15 years, for countries to mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. Among the 17 goals that make up the SDGs, Goal 16 underlines that peace, justice and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions are at the core of sustainable development. Many countries in the Asia-Pacific region still face protracted armed conflict and violence, and far too many people struggle as a result of weak institutions and a lack of access to justice, information and other fundamental freedoms. Drawing on actual case studies from the Asia-Pacific region, this programme will expose participants to issues related to poverty and discrimination, environmental issues, migration and conflict. Recognising that young people are critical agents of change, this programme aims to nurture future leaders, who can promote social cohesion and human security as forces to build peaceful and inclusive societies.

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Change the World from Asia

Peace Boat's Global University is a short-term intensive education programme conducted in English. It offers a unique curriculum combining "exposure" programmes (field visits) in ports and workshops and seminars onboard that address a range of global issues, including but not limited to peace, human rights and the environment. Peace Boat's Global University aims to empower students to use knowledge as a tool, to take into account the voices of those directly affected by various problems, and to become leaders who can build solutions to global problems with empathy and passion.

*Peace Boat's Global University is an educational programme coordinated by Japan-based international NGO Peace Boat. It is not a university.



'The ship at large itself which included travellers and staff from all over the world created a unique international community floating on international waters, which was able to reflect on world history from various perspectives.'
—Prema Gupta (2015 participant from India)



Characteristics of the Programme

Embrace Diversity

Global University participants come from countries across the Asia-Pacific and other regions. By being exposed to different perspectives and opinions coming from people of different backgrounds, participants will learn to consider issues from various viewpoints, before proposing solutions.

Learn in English

The entire programme will be conducted in English, enabling an effective means to communicate ideas and to learn from others. Participants will experience authentic global communication by engaging in discussion with people from a wide range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

Learn from Local Realities

The exposure programmes will offer participants opportunities to learn directly from communities and find people-centred, context-driven solutions to local issues. Getting out of the classrooms, participants will explore the practical applications of the theoretical knowledge they have gained.

Navigators



Khin OHMAR

- Democracy and Human Rights Activist
- Chair of Advisory Board, Progressive Voice

A devoted Burmese democracy activist. Played a leading role during the 1988 student demonstrations, and for the Women's League of Burma and Burma Partnership. Has spoken for the Burmese democracy movement from exile on international and regional platforms such as the UN General Assembly and Human Rights Council. Currently Chair of the Advisory Board at Progressive Voice.



OSHDARI Kenro

- Former United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Regional Director for Asia

Worked with the UN for over 30 years, and was involved in various humanitarian assistance and development efforts. With WFP, he led many large-scale emergency relief works in Bosnia, Kosovo, Cambodia and Sudan. From 2009 to 2014, he was the WFP Regional Director for Asia and was responsible for aid projects in fourteen Asian countries.

Coordinator



KAWASAKI Akira

- Executive Committee Member, Peace Boat
- International Steering Group Member, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

Born in Japan. Lectures at Keisen University and Rikkyo University, while being an activist advocating for peace and disarmament. In 2009, he served as an NGO Advisor to the Co-Chairs of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ICNND). He writes and speaks widely on nuclear issues both in Japan and abroad.

Special Advisors



Jenny AULIN

- Managing Advisor - Human Security, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)



Jayantha DHANAPALA

- Senior Special Advisor on Foreign Relations to President Maithripala Sirisena of Sri Lanka
- Former Under Secretary General of the United Nations

Peace Boat's Global University collaborates with various universities:

- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) accredits their students' participation to Peace Boat's Global University (2014-2017).
- The GLP-GEFIL (Global Education for Innovation and Leadership) Program at the University of Tokyo designates Peace Boat's Global University as one of their abroad programs for students enrolled in GEFIL (2015-2017).
- Students have also participated from other universities including the China Foreign Affairs University (China), Hanshin University and Kyung Hee University (South Korea).

Programme Overview

Theme 1

Understanding the Social Costs of Development

Onboard Seminars + Exposure Programme in Tokyo (11-12 August)



Too often, inequality and discrimination become part of the system that sustains economic growth and development. Moreover, systematic efforts are made to make these downsides of development invisible. Tokyo is no exception. While having developed as one of the most prosperous cities in the world, it has left certain peoples vulnerable. Former day labourers, women and youth, and ethnic minorities suffer from both persisting and new forms of poverty and discrimination. How can Tokyo make progress towards an inclusive society? How do we understand the social costs of economic development more generally?

Theme 2

Sustainability in Action—the Future We Want

Onboard Seminars + Exposure Programme in Xiamen (18 August)



Economic policies and strategies that ignore environmental impact lead to air and water pollution, which in turn adversely affect human well-being. This problem is particularly prominent in countries like China, where there is a need to support a large population. Governments and corporations must realise that their choices and policies deeply affect the future of the earth. It is also important that people take seriously the question of what it means to secure quality of life. How can different stakeholders act in ways that are conducive to sustainability? Can conservation efforts in Xiamen illuminate some possible long-term solutions?

Theme 3

Diversity for a Better Society

Onboard Seminars + Exposure Programme in Singapore (23 August)



In many societies, migrant workers are integral to the workforce. Singapore provides an exemplary case. Its economy is supported by migrant workers, such as construction workers and domestic workers. Yet, very little is done to ensure they have access to the medical system or to improve their living conditions. Is diversity celebrated in an exclusive and selective way? While many societies continue to perceive migration as a threat and a challenge, migration in fact can be a valuable opportunity to make societies more inclusive. What is an alternative way of managing migration, where migrants' human dignity is respected, and diversity celebrated?

Theme 4

Social Cohesion and Reconciliation to Counter Conflicts

Onboard Seminars + Exposure Programme in Yangon (27-28 August)



Absence of armed conflict is a necessary condition for peace. Yet, rebuilding societies and maintaining social cohesion involves much more. Platforms for dialogue must be created so that people from different religious and ethnic backgrounds can understand and trust each other. But what constitutes reconciliation and justice and how can we foster dialogue? Addressing issues of discrimination and violence requires continued effort, and small but concrete initiatives often have the power to change society for the better. Inter-faith groups in Yangon will demonstrate one way of working towards social cohesion and reconciliation.

The Ship as a Unique Learning Environment

The ship creates a neutral space that facilitates free dialogue and creative thinking. Taking advantage of such a unique learning environment, Peace Boat's Global University employs forward-thinking and innovative educational methodologies that encourage reflection, critical thinking, and active participation. In *future scenario workshops*, students from different cultural backgrounds will come up with a collective vision of the future. Students will also engage in *problem-setting & problem-solving activities*, where they will be asked to identify relevant issues that need to be solved within the environment of the ship, and negotiate solutions with different stakeholders onboard. Through such exercises, students will learn to critically and creatively think of lasting solutions and specific measures to be taken at the local, regional, and international levels, in order to put an end to cycles of conflict and violence, and achieve a peaceful and inclusive society.



Travel Programme Cost

JPY 306,800

(Per Person)

*Additional fees will be charged as follows: 8,000 yen for onboard tips and 7,200 yen for port charges. *The cost above does not include transportation (e.g., flights) to Tokyo and from Yangon. *Participants are required to obtain visas needed to join the programme at their own cost and responsibility.

Programme Schedule

Date	Time	Schedule	Meals	Accommodation
Aug 10 [Thu]	PM	Meet in Tokyo	D	Hotel in Tokyo
Aug 11 [Fri]	All day	Exposure Programme	B/L/D	
Aug 12 [Sat]	All day	Exposure Programme	B/L/D	Ocean Dream
Aug 13 [Sun]	Morning	Transfer to Yokohama	B/L/D	
	AM	Board the Ocean Dream at the port of Yokohama		
Aug 14 [Mon]		At Sea	B/L/D	
		Onboard Seminars		
Aug 17 [Thu]	Morning	Arrive in Xiamen	B/L/D	
Aug 18 [Fri]	All day	Exposure Programme		
	Night	Depart from Xiamen		
Aug 19 [Sat]		At Sea	B/L/D	
Aug 22 [Tue]		Onboard Seminars		
Aug 23 [Wed]	AM	Arrive in Singapore	B/L/D	
	All Day	Exposure Programme		
Aug 24 [Thu]		At Sea	B/L/D	
		Onboard Seminars		
Aug 26 [Sat]	AM	Arrive in Yangon	B/L/D	
Aug 27 [Sun]	AM	Disembark from the Ocean Dream		
	All Day	Exposure Programme		
Aug 28 [Mon]	AM	Exposure Programme	B/L	
	PM	End of the Programme in Yangon		

● Minimum Number of Participants: 5 ● Name of Ship: Ocean Dream ● Hotels: [Tokyo] YMCA Asia Youth Center [Yangon] YMCA International House Yangon, City Star Hotel Yangon, Hotel Grand United-21st Downtown, Asahi Hotel ● Meals: 18 Breakfasts, 18 Lunches, 18 Dinners ● Tour Guides: Only onboard the ship. Local guides will accompany on land.

0:00~	4:00~	6:00~	8:00~	12:00~	18:00~	23:00~
Late Night	Early Morning	Morning	AM	PM	Night	Late Night

From Application to Participation

Submission of Application Documents

■ Eligibility

The selection committee will evaluate applications based on the following eligibility criteria.

- The applicant agrees with the project aims and is able to fully participate in the programme in its entirety.
- The applicant is between the age of 18 and 35 as of 10 August, 2017.
- The applicant has an adequate command of the English language, sufficient to understand lectures and participate in discussions in English.
- The applicant has a strong interest in the Asia-Pacific region and has experience of engaging in research or similar activities and/or lives, studies, works in the region.
- The applicant is confident in his/her ability to cooperate with other participants, regardless of their age and citizenship.
- The applicant is strongly motivated to further pursue related activities after participation in the programme.

■ How to Apply

Please send an email to the address below. Upon receipt of your email, the application form will be sent to you. Please fill in the required sections and return via email or fax by the deadline.

For Inquiries or Submission of Applications

Email: univ@peaceboat.gr.jp

Tel: +81-3-3363-8047 Fax: +81-3-3363-7562

■ Application Deadlines

Round 1 | 17:00 (Japan Standard Time) 30 April, 2017 (Sun)

Round 2 | 17:00 (Japan Standard Time) 31 May, 2017 (Wed)

*Selection will take place after each deadline. Applicants can expect to hear from the secretariat within two weeks after each deadline.

Selection Results

■ Selection

The selection committee will evaluate the applications based on the eligibility criteria above. Skype/phone interviews may be conducted. Applicants will be informed of the results individually by Peace Boat.

Official Application and Payment

Please submit the official application form made available from Japan Grace Co. Ltd. In principle payments should be made by bank transfer. Bank transfer fees should be borne by the participant.

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Summary of Terms and Conditions

NOTE: The following is a translation/summary of the original Japanese Terms and Conditions. If a conflict in meaning between this document and the original shall arise, the original shall prevail.

The following terms and conditions stipulate the business terms and the account of the transaction pursuant to Japanese travel agency law article 12, clause 4 and article 12, clause 5. The following represents part of the terms and conditions of the contractual writing of this engagement.

A) CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A TRAVEL PROGRAMME ON SALE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH PROMOTIONAL MEANS

The travel programme is coordinated by NGO Peace Boat, which is planned and conducted by Japan Grace Co, Ltd. (herein after referred to as the 'Company'). Those participating in this travel programme will be agreeing to a contractual engagement to participate in a travel programme on sale to the general public through promotional means (herein after referred to as the 'Travel Contract') with the Company.

B) APPLICATION FOR THE TRAVEL PROGRAMME

Official application forms made available from the Company must be filled in along with an initial application fee of 30,680yen. Once the official application form, along with this fee has been received and acknowledged by the Company, the application procedure will be considered legitimate.

C) ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE TRAVEL PROGRAMME COST

- Costs of transportation by ship, railway or bus as indicated in the final travel itinerary. Unless otherwise indicated, local trains will be used.
- Accommodation onboard as indicated in the final travel itinerary. *Cabin type: Friendly Budget (4-person ensuite room without window).
- Hotel costs as indicated in the final travel itinerary. Unless specified otherwise, hotel accommodation is for two to four people in a two- to four-person room.
- Meals as indicated in the final travel itinerary.
- Onboard seminars and "exposure" fees as stated in the final travel itinerary.
- Hand luggage transportation fees during the travel programme.
- Costs for tour guides, Company staff and Peace Boat staff who will accompany participants during the voyage.

D) ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRAVEL PROGRAMME COST

Any items which are not mentioned in Section C are not included in the travel programme cost. Please find below a list of examples of costs which are not covered by the travel programme cost.

- Any extra costs that may be incurred by a change in the class of cabin;
- Telephone bills, bar bills or any other personal expenses incurred;
- Transportation costs from your home to the port of embarkation and transportation costs from your port of disembarkation to your home, related accommodation and luggage transportation fees;
- Costs incurred by procedures deemed necessary for overseas travel (administrative fees for procedures deemed necessary for overseas travel, vaccination fees, visa application fees);
- Airport tax, departure and arrival taxes and port charges;
- Tips for the ship and any hotel facilities;
- Travel Insurance.

E) CANCELLATION FEES

Through payment of cancellation fees as indicated below, cancellation of the Travel Contract can be made at any time.

- Between 60-31 days prior to the departure date - 10% of the travel programme cost
- Between 30-10 days prior to the departure date - 20% of the travel programme cost
- From 9 days prior to the departure date up to the departure - 50% of the travel programme cost
- Cancellation after commencement of travel, or failing to participate with no notice - 100% of the travel programme cost

This travel is via a chartered vessel, and thus no refund of the travel programme cost can be made after the commencement of travel for any reason (including cancellation during the voyage as directed by the captain).

F) OTHERS

- Purchase of travel insurance is mandatory.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has issued overseas travel safety advisories for Yangon. However, the Company has confirmed the safety of the port through local travel agencies, tourism boards and shipping agencies, and the programme will take place as scheduled.
- Please check travel advisories issued by relevant agencies to ensure safety and security during the travel.
- Your passport must have at least 6 months of validity upon arrival at Yangon.
- The contents of this pamphlet are up to date as at 1 March, 2017.

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