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"DYNAMIC YOUTH, LIVE BETTER THROUGH SPORTS"

National Leader ~ Fiji Youth Delegation to the The Ship for World Youth Leaders [SWYL] Program

[Information Pack]

ABOUT THE SHIP FOR WORLD YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

The Ship for World Youth Leaders [SWYL] Program is a unique international cultural exchange program organized by the Government of Japan. The International exchange by ship originally started as the "Japanese Youth Goodwill Cruise" Program in 1967, which allowed Japanese youths to visit foreign countries port by port.

In 1989 the program was reorganized to include more foreign participants, and became the "Ship for World Youth" Program and is now known as the Ship for World Youth Leaders Program. The Program is organized on an annual basis.

A Fiji delegation, consisting of twelve [12] young Fijians including a National Leader have been invited by the Government of Japan to participate in the Ship for World Youth Leaders program. Over a six-week period [from 17th January to 3rd March 2017], 242 Youths from 11 participating nations will be involved in a wide range of activities aimed at developing the ability to deal with different cultures and communication skills; improving leadership and management skills through discussion and cultural exchange with participants from various countries and various backgrounds; and by listening to the seminars by experts and planning activities and holding workshops by themselves, deepen mutual understanding, and furthermore, broaden global views as well as to strengthen their spirit of international cooperation, and as a result, cultivate youth who are capable of contributing to society by exercising their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing and diversifying society, and moreover to establish a strong human network beyond national borders. Part of the program is conducted onshore in Japan with most of the activities scheduled to take place onboard a Japanese Government sponsored ship and Ports of Call activities to be organised by countries to be visited.

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Ministry of Youth and Sports invites applications from suitable candidates to participate in the Ship for World Youth Leaders [SWYL] Program as the National Leader of the Fiji Delegation. Candidates **MUST** meet the following criteria:

- + Preferably be in the thirties age group;
- + Be a Fiji citizen, capable of performing the expected duties and responsibilities, such as taking the leadership of his/her delegation and showing normative behavior, participating in various activities as leaders of mixed nationality groups, which are basic units for activities onshore and onboard, facilitating researches and discussions of the participating youth, and taking a role as a member of the National Leaders meeting in discussing and deciding the fundamental matters concerning life and activities onshore and onboard;
- + Must be able to participate in the entire duration of program;
- + Must be in good mental and physical condition and able to endure a long voyage. Due to limited medical treatments available at the ship clinic, those who have anamnesis are requested to submit their medical history after consulting with his/her physician. Also, the rules and regulations of the shipping company do not allow pregnant passenger[s] to board the ship: therefore, those who are pregnant may not participate in this program;
- + Must fully understand the meaning and the purpose of this program and is capable of acting in harmony with the group in the course of this program;
- + Preferably belonging to youth organizations as officers or in the governmental organization related to youth affairs;
- + Preferably with experience of the Ship for World Youth program, the Global Leaders Development Program, the Global Youth Leaders Development Program, “The Ship for World Youth Leaders” or The Next Generation Global Leaders Program “The Ship for World Youth Leaders” as a participating youth;
- + Have completed secondary education level and have good command of English to be able to participate in University level discussions/ meetings/ seminars/ presentations etc;
- + Have an interest in and certain understanding of the Japanese culture and traditions, food, language and its history;
- + Possess good knowledge of Fiji’s history, economy and culture and traditions;
- + Have sound character, sociable, self-confident, friendly, gender sensitization, communication skills, leadership qualities and special abilities;
- + Have a current valid Fiji passport or be able to obtain one within the next two months;
- + Have keen interest in any of the following - music, songs, dances, drama, public speaking, cross-cultural understanding, global issues, youth development, environment, education, international relations, governance and project management in a global society;
- + Attend regular practice sessions towards Fiji Delegation’s National Presentation from selection date until the departure date.
- + Able to fundraise money to contribute his/her share to meet team preparations as part of team bonding and to meet his/her pocket expenses in Fiji and abroad;

- ✦ To undertake inspiring activities/ projects upon return and contribute towards Fiji's development as well as to work towards building bridges of friendship and goodwill between Japan and Fiji.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply candidates should fill in the application form and attach an up to date curriculum vitae, a recent passport photo and a written statement of not more than 800 words on their involvement with youth development work and the leadership role played within the last one year.

Application forms can be either downloaded from the Ministry's website or collected from any of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Divisional Offices.

Applications must reach the Ministry **no later than 4 pm on 1st July 2016** and can be submitted by post or hand delivered to the Ministry's Head Quarters or any of the Divisional Offices as stated below:

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- **Suva [Central and Eastern Division]**
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