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Peace Boat's Special Global University Programme—August 2017
Building Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in the Asia-Pacific

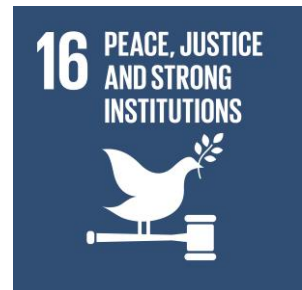
CONCEPT NOTE

OVERVIEW

From 10 to 28 August, 2017, Peace Boat¹ Global University will organise a 19-day intensive course on “Building Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in the Asia-Pacific” during [Peace Boat's 95th Global Voyage](#). The programme will bring together 30 students and young leaders from across the Asia-Pacific region. Participants will be immersed in Peace Boat's interactive and practice-oriented teaching throughout the programme: both in the four ports of call (Tokyo, Xiamen [China], Singapore, and Yangon [Myanmar/Burma]); and onboard the ship while sailing. Drawing on actual cases from the Asia-Pacific region, participants will discuss issues related to poverty and discrimination, environmental issues, migration and conflict.

SDG 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

In 2015, the United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Over the next 15 years, countries will 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 defined as the SDGs, Goal 16 underlines that peace, justice and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions are at the core of sustainable development. This is particularly relevant to the Asia-Pacific region today: many countries in the region still face protracted armed conflict and violence, and far too many people struggle as a result of weak institutions and the lack of access to justice, information and other fundamental freedoms. In thinking about potential breakthroughs to these impasses, Peace Boat recognises that young people are critical agents of change. They experience first-hand many of the issues SDGs seek to address and are its torchbearers. “Building Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in the Asia-Pacific” is thus an educational endeavour to nurture future leaders, who can promote social cohesion and human security as forces to build peaceful and inclusive societies.



ABOUT PEACE BOAT'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Global University is a peace education programme which takes place during Peace Boat's Global Voyages. In the two- to three-week long intensive programmes offered in English, Global University combines *exposure* programmes (field projects) in ports and seminars onboard to address a range of global issues. In exposure programmes, students witness first-hand the consequences of global issues for people, countries and communities. Onboard, students engage in various interactive class activities to deepen their learning. Students also develop their own action plans to affect change in the region and the world. Global University aims to nurture future leaders by equipping them with the knowledge, means and experience to actively engage in the third sector such as non-government organizations, international bodies, and local activism. For information regarding past programmes, please visit [our website](#).



¹ Peace Boat is a Tokyo-based international NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. It works to promote peace, disarmament, equal and sustainable development through educational programmes, responsible travel, cooperative projects and advocacy activities. Peace Boat carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that sails around the world. The ship creates a neutral, mobile space and enables people to engage across borders in dialogue and mutual cooperation at sea, and in the ports that we visit. Peace Boat also acts as the Northeast Asia Secretariat for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC).

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Dates and Itinerary

10 August (Thu) – 28 August (Mon), 2017 [19 days] on [Peace Boat's 95th Global Voyage](#)

Date	Schedule
Aug. 10	Students meet in Tokyo, Japan (tbc)
Aug. 11-12	<i>Exposure</i> in Tokyo, Japan
Aug. 13	Embarkation / Depart from Yokohama
Aug. 14-17	At Sea / Onboard Seminars
Aug. 18	<i>Exposure</i> in Xiamen, China
Aug. 19-22	At Sea / Onboard Seminars
Aug. 23	<i>Exposure</i> in Singapore
Aug. 24-26	At Sea / Onboard Seminars
Aug. 27	<i>Exposure</i> in Yangon (Myanmar/Burma)
Aug. 28	Disembarkation / <i>Exposure</i> in Yangon / End of the Programme

Participants (Target Group)

Thirty (30) participants from across the Asia-Pacific region (but not exclusively), between the age of 18 and 35. Ideal candidates will have strong interest in international relations, security issues and peace and development studies, or have experience of initiatives linked to these themes. Adequate command of English, sufficient to understand lectures and participate in discussions, is a minimum requirement.

Curriculum

Onboard seminars and exposure programmes are designed to deepen participants' engagement with the four themes as described below.

Understanding the Social Costs of Development | Onboard Seminars + Tokyo Programme

Too often, inequality and discrimination become parts of the system that sustains economic growth and development. Moreover, systematic efforts are made to make these downsides of development invisible. Participants will learn about and discuss some of the ways to make such structural violence visible.

Sustainability in Action, the Future We Want | Onboard Seminars + Xiamen Programme

Recent advancement in science and technology has been accompanied by grave environmental degradation. Governments and corporations must realise that their choices and policies deeply affect the future of the earth. Participants will discuss how different stakeholders can act in ways that are conducive to sustainability.

Diversity for A Better Society | Onboard Seminars + Singapore Programme

While many societies continue to perceive migration as bringing about threats and challenges, migration in fact can be a valuable opportunity to make societies more inclusive. Participants will imagine an alternative way of managing migration, where migrants' human dignity is respected, and diversity celebrated.

Pursuing Social Cohesion in Post-Conflict Societies | Onboard Seminars + Yangon Programme

Conflict resolution is a process without a defined end. While ending violence is an important milestone, rebuilding society and maintaining social cohesion involve much more. Participants will consider what it means to achieve reconciliation and justice, and how to promote dialogue and mutual understanding.

Assessment

Students' performance will be assessed by the following:

- Participation [60%]
- Individual or group presentation during the programme on a pre-assigned topic [20%]
- Post-programme essay (1,000 words) [20%]

Price

Approximately 300,000 JPY per person. This includes full programme and tuition costs, including: 1) four *exposure* programmes; 2) transport, accommodation and food costs throughout the programme onboard Peace Boat; and 3) other miscellaneous expenses. It does not include airfares to Yokohama and from Yangon, visa fees, and other personal expenses.

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