



CENTERYE
Center for International Youth Exchange



Celebrating Diversity

"Everyone is different, everyone is the same"

The main purpose of Center for International Youth Exchange, abbreviated to CENTERYE is to foster young leaders who are actively involved in the global society through international exchange and to build up a human network among these youths.



CENTERYE in NUMBERS

Countries
100

100 countries were involved in the programs which CENTERYE hosted or supported.

Participants
24,074

More than 20,000 youths around the world participated in programs which CENTERYE hosted or supported.

Founded
1994

Established in 1994 with the aim of nurturing youths and fostering international exchange, supported by International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO), and became a general incorporated foundation in 2013.

as of April 2024

Our Vision

To create a better world together with youth through international exchange program



Our Mission

We provide :

1. Opportunities for cross-cultural interaction and youth development
2. Life-changing experience
3. Networking opportunities beyond borders, cultures and generations



Our Value

We value :

1. Believing in youth
2. Celebrating diversity

Our values :

1. We have extensive experiences of organizing international exchange programs; the total accumulated number of participants has risen to 24,000 + from 100 countries.
2. We have local and global networks.
3. We have diverse human resources with a wide range of expertise and professional experience.



What We Do

We provide opportunities for international exchange and community contribution to foster young leaders.

Support / Consulting

- Consulting on International Exchange
- Dissemination of Information

Education / Training

- International Exchange Leader Training
- Multicultural Understanding
- International Exchange Study Tour
- SeminarSeminarInternational Understanding Educational Support

Collaborative Projects

- Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
- International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan (IYEO)
- Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis (Sinfonica)

Research / Study

- Accumulation of Knowledge and Experience
- Research and Networking

International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan

International Youth Exchange Organization of Japan, abbreviated to IYEO, is a voluntary organization formed by people who mainly participated in the International Youth Exchange Program hosted by Cabinet Office, Government of Japan started in 1959. IYEO was established with the aim of developing and strengthening international exchange activities in the local areas. There are its voluntary groups in all 47 prefectures, and they implement various activities. The number of IYEO members is approximately 10,000.

as of April, 2024

Message from our President

When we think about Japan's role in global society and the future filled with hope respect diversity and hold an international network that extends across the world, which we believe will enhance Japan's soft power and contribute to the sustainable development of the planet and world peace.

CENTERYE is committed to nurturing young people who can demonstrate leadership in variety of fields and create social value, leveraging the experience that has accumulated over years conducting international youth exchange programs and the personal networks that has built both internally and externally. In this way, we aim to move forward step by step with like-minded people to shift the world for the better place.



President
KOMAGATA Kenichi

■ Support / Consulting

Implementing international exchange programs involving over 20,000 participants from 100 countries, and have built a unique network both in domestically and globally. Our team consists of highly specialized staff with extensive international experience will support your business.

Consulting on International Exchange

Provide consultation for companies and organizations wishing to implement international exchange programs.



Arranged a cooperative project by the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils of Sri Lanka and the Asian Development Bank, and eight local government officials and two representatives of the bank visited Japan.

Dissemination of Information

Introduce related organizations and programs to youths who are interested in international cooperation and contribution.



Our website
(<https://www.centerye.org>)

Published the information magazine
"MACROCOSM" that mainly introduces
international youth exchange programs.

■ Education / Training

Support youths through our platform with the aim of improving their intercultural understanding, international perspective, and leadership skills.



International Exchange Leader Training Seminar

Seminars to develop knowledge, planning and executing skills and the ability to empathize



Ms.LILY Noriko, a simultaneous interpreter for IT executives, gave a lecture on global communication strategies.



Workshop by Ms.TATSUNO Madoka, CEO of Global Incubation x Fostering Talents Project(GiFT) gave a workshop style lecture on Global Citizenship Education.

Multicultural Understanding Seminar

Provide opportunities to experience various cultures, such as lectures, cooking classes and inspections to accept diversity. One of our programs focuses on Islamic culture.



Cooking class with a chef of the Turkish restaurant.



Mr.Haroon Qureshi, Secretary General of the Japan Islamic Trust, explained their activities at Otsuka Masjid.

International Exchange Study Tour

With the aim of promoting international exchange, we conduct various study tours. Participants visit foreign countries and interact with locals.

<Past Destinations> Thailand, South Korea, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, The Philippines



Participants of Study Tour to Thailand and local children

International Understanding Educational Support

We send people both from Japan and overseas who are passionate about education for international understanding to schools in Japan, and they give classes to promote international understanding. Our experienced staff coordinate the program based on the client's request, such as selection of lecturers, consultation of program planning and preparation of materials.



The Estonian lecturer taught Estonian dance.



The Chinese lecturer demonstrated traditional dance.



The Lithuanian lecturer introducing their culture.



The New Zealand lecturer taught Haka, a variety of ceremonial dances in Maori culture.

■ Collaborative projects

Engaged in international exchange programs hosted by various organizations since our establishment and have collaborated with them.



The Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Commissioned by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan we have carried out the International Youth Exchange Programs. The programs are composed of the International Youth Development Exchange Program, the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program, Japan-China Youth Friendship Exchange Program, Japan-Korea Youth Friendship Exchange Program, and the Ship for World Youth Program.



Welcome Reception of Japan - Korea Youth Friendship Exchange Program



Discussion by participating youths of the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program



Around 80 Japanese participating youths and 100 foreign participating youths engage in the various activities, such as discussions and seminars, in the Ship for World Youth Program.

Co-host the CENTERYE Forum for International Youth Exchange and the Block Events with IYEO.



《Kyushu Block Event 2023 hosted by Oita IYEO》
Participants exchanged their own views on their activities and concerns.



《International Exchange Tour by Yamagata IYEO》
Japanese and foreign people living in Yamagata took part in outside activities together and stayed one night.

Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis

The Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis, abbreviated to Sinfonica, hosts the programs with the aim of human resource development in the field of official statistics in the countries of Africa and Asia since 2022.



Statistical officials in Africa and Asia visit Japan and receive lectures in Tokyo and other areas for at least 10 days.



Since 2024, in collaboration with Sinfonica, CENTERYE launched the Next Leader for Statistics and DX Exchange Program 2024 (NextStatX2024), aiming to contribute to the mutual development of Statistics and Digital Transformation (DX) fields between Republic of Latvia and Japan by inviting the youths from Republic of Latvia, where many IT start-ups grow up and DX field is advanced, to Japan and discussing and sharing efforts in Statistics, Data Science, and DX by both countries.



■ Research

Collect information and knowledge gained through international exchange programs, and conduct research and studies to implement international exchange programs effectively.



Accumulation of Knowledge and Experience

Accumulated information, knowledge and networks through the preparation, planning, implementing and managing of various international exchange programs.



Our staff participated in the International Youth Policy Dialogue, abbreviated to IYPD, every year since its first time. The representatives of organizations who implement governmental measures for youth gather at IYPD from various countries mainly in Europe and discuss priority areas and trends in measures.

Research and Networking

Carry out surveys the previous participants of the International Youth Exchange Programs hosted by the Cabinet Office and build up a human network among them. In addition, we strengthen cooperation between various countries and people through exchange our views on international exchange.



Ms. Balcáser, Minister of Youth in the Dominican Republic, visited CENTERYE.

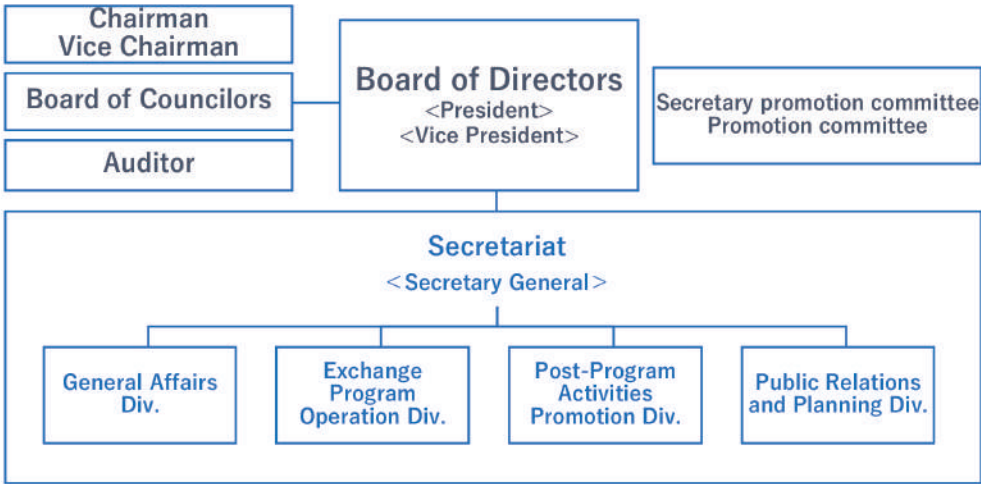


The delegation of Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union visited CENTERYE.

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