

Ship for World Youth Program:
After SWY Stories for the Future

SWY WAVE

PROGRAM #4

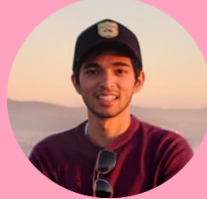
MIDDLE EAST

SAT., FEB. 6. 4:00-7:00 PM

*JAPAN STANDARD TIME (JST:UTC+9)

Storytelling Session

Obaid Tahnon (SWY28, UAE)
Student at Michigan State University



Ex-participants will share stories of the Ship for World Youth Program and cross-border friendships they built onboard. In this session, we will hear from Obaid, known as “SWY Baby” as both of his parents are ex-participants of SWY. He will talk about how his experience in the program has made a tremendous and everlasting impact on his personal life.

Keynote Session



Afra Binhendi (SWY31, UAE)
Member of the Federal National Council

Female Global Leader Making Waves in the Middle East and the World

Ex-participants who are active in leadership positions in society will talk about their experiences on SWY and how these contributed to their efforts to solve social issues after participating. In this session, we will hear from Afra Binhendi. She participated in SWY31 as the first female National Leader of the UAE delegation in SWY history. She is currently working as a member of the Federal National Council. She also has many years of experience in the empowerment of women and is working on several initiatives for gender balance strategy in UAE. She will share her experience as a global leader and how she is utilizing skills she gained on SWY.

Agenda

-Time is indicated in Japan Standard Time -

4:00* - 4:20 PM

Opening

*11:00 AM in Oman and UAE

Opening message by the State Minister
for the Cabinet Office

4:20 - 4:25 PM

Orientation

4:25* - 4:55 PM

Storytelling Session

*11:25 AM in Oman and UAE

(Break Time)

5:10* - 6:00 PM

Keynote Session

*12:10 PM in Oman and UAE

(Break Time)

6:15* - 7:00 PM

Breakout Session

*1:15 PM in Oman and UAE

Breakout Session

Ex-participants will hold a session according to their special skills and interests.



1 Yoriko Yamamura (SWY28, Japan)
Head of Mission, Jerusalem Office,
Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC)

Embracing Diversity: The Most Powerful Solution

Yoriko will share her learnings on Palestinian culture and society, as well as her work to support refugees in the field of international cooperation.



2 Said AlThuhli (SWY20, Oman)
International Relations Specialist
in the Ministry of Education

Oman: The Jewel of the Arabian Peninsula

Said will talk about the diversity of Oman as well as the mindset and skills needed to live in harmony with people from various backgrounds.