

Guideline for SWYAA Annual Country Reports January to December 2013

This is a general guideline for each SWYAA when writing the annual report. Each Alumni Association has the freedom to add/delete specific information. The annual report will be uploaded on the SWYAA official website. Photos (maximum 10 pictures in high resolution, please add explanation) related to major post-program activities of each Alumni Association should be attached to the annual report.

Deadline of submission of the annual reports: January 31, 2014

Please submit your report to: swyaa@iyeo.or.jp

Tick (✓ or ☒) relevant answer/s or write necessary information.

| BASIC FACTS | |
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| Basic facts about your country's Alumni Association: | |
| Country | Ecuador |
| Name of the organization | SWYAA Ecuador |
| Organisational structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella organization of the government <input type="checkbox"/> Officially registered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group <input type="checkbox"/> Other () |
| Board members (Name/batch) | President: Dr. Blanca Kacouris SWY 1 Vice President: Arturo Delgado SWY 7 Secretary: Margarita Chattin SWY 22 |
| Number of members | Total number of ex-PYs: no data Active members: approximately 35 ~40 local and overseas Affiliate members: non applicable |
| Annual membership fee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → How much? (\$12) <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Basic facts about your country's participation in SWY: | |
| Which batches has your country participated in? | SWY 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 22 |
| Which institution has conducted the selection process? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Youth organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWYAA (was invited to help with the interview for SWY22) <input type="checkbox"/> Other () |
| Which institution has conducted the pre-departure training? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Youth organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWYAA (only for SWY22 delegation) <input type="checkbox"/> Other () |
| How many days was the pre-departure training? | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 – 3 days <input type="checkbox"/> 4 – 6 days <input type="checkbox"/> Other () |
| Communication: | |
| How does your AA communicate internally with members and externally with non-members? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website → URL (www.swyaaeq.freehostia.com/wordpress/) <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter → Please attach a copy of the newsletter to this report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing list <input type="checkbox"/> Blog → URL () <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook page (group page) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (letters, press release, teleconference) |

| NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY | |
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| Important associates and collaborators? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government sector (name: Presley Norton Museum and the Anthropological and Contemporary Arts Museum (MAAC), both are managed by the Ministry of Culture and Heritage of Ecuador) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other organizations (name: Consulate General of Japan in Guayaquil, JICA Ecuador , SWYAA USA, SWYAA Chile, Kendo Guayas, Bushindo Guayaquil, Kisara Group of Guayaquil (Anime and Manga fans/Cosplayers organization) |
| Do you organize events with the Japanese Embassy? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → How often? (once or twice a year) → What kind of events? (cultural, promotion of Japanese culture) <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you organize events with the Japanese community? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → How often? (once a year) → What kind of events? (promotion of Japanese culture) <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ACTIVITIES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR | |
| International reunions (Please write your AA has hosted an international reunion) | |
| Name of the event | SWY 25 th anniversary Lunch in Panama |
| Date of the event | January 10 th , 2014 |
| Hosting city | Panama |
| How many participants? From which countries? | Number of domestic participants: 4 Number of international participants:2 Names of the countries participated: Ecuador, Venezuela, Panama |
| Please write a summary of the event | Lunch organized in coordination with ex PYs from SWY1 in Panama. |
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| Name of the event | Junbi Inkai with SWYAA Chile |
| Date of the event | December 18 th , 2013 |
| Hosting city | Santiago, Chile |
| How many participants? From which countries? | 4, Blanca Kacouris and Jorge Chatten from Ecuador, and Karla Cortés and Karina Morales from Chile |
| Please write a summary of the event | Meeting to establish collaboration with SWYAA Chile in various activities as organizing together the Global Photo Contest Exhibitions in Guayaquil and Santiago, as a cultural event to celebrate the 25 th Anniversary of the SWY program. Also, Karla Cortés, SWYAA Chile's President, confirmed her participation through Skype in the Silver Party, SWYAA Ecuador's reunion to be held in January 7 th , 2014. |
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| National reunions (Please write your AA has hosted a national reunion) | |
| Name of the event | SILVER PARTY |
| Date of the event | January 7 th , 2014 |
| Hosting city | Quito |
| How many participants? | 25 aprox. |
| Please write a summary of the event | Dinner party hosted by SWYAA Ecuador to celebrate the 25 th anniversary of the program, this was an opportunity to share memories and compare the life on board of different generations. The most numerous batch was SWY 1, and also ex participants of SWY 5, 7 and 22 were present. Also, the attendees had the opportunity to talk through Skype with Karla Cortés, President of SWYAA Chile, and with Jorge Chatten, Ecuadorian ExPY from SWY 9, who lives in Chile. |
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| National reunions (Please write your AA has hosted a national reunion) | |

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| Name of the event | SWYAA 25 th Anniversary Luncheon, hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Guayaquil and SWYAA Ecuador |
| Date of the event | January 9 th , 2014 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil |
| How many participants? | 9 participants |
| Please write a summary of the event | Luncheon hosted by Jaime Simon Isaías, Consul General Ad Honorem of Japan in Guayaquil and the SWYAA Ecuador board, where ex PYs of Guayaquil and Quito from different batches (1, 7, 9, 11 and 22) had the opportunity to recall the most memorable activities on the ship and on the ports of call. The SWYAA board presented recognition to Mr. Simon, for his outstanding cooperation to the Association activities. |
| Receiving ex-SWY participants | |
| How many SWY visitors did you receive in your country? | 3, Ayaka Misawa SWY 22 visited Quito, Cuenca and Guayaquil in March 2013, she stayed in Quito with Carla Sánchez SWY 22 and with Margarita Chatten SWY 22 in Guayaquil. Ayako Sekimoto SWY 21 and Namie Ikejiri SWY 12 visited Quito in August 2013, they stayed with Fabio Concha SWY 22 |
| Did you organize a “Homestay + 1” project for the visitors? If yes, please write in detail. | Ayaka, Margarita and Carla Sánchez SWY 22, did a volunteer activity that consisted in cleaning and helping in the maintenance of a park located in the northern area of Guayaquil after a heavy rainstorm. |
| Voluntary (Social Contribution) projects – Post-Program Activities | |
| Name of the event | Promotion of activities of the Japanese cultural week in Guayaquil |
| Date of the event | February 25 th -28 th 2013 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 3 ex PYs – 250 attendees approximately |
| Please write a summary of the event | Through social media and contacts, SWYAA board and active members helped to promote the activities the Embassy of Japan in Ecuador organized in Guayaquil, such as Japanese culture seminars, Japanese food demonstrations and movie exhibitions, which had a great reception. Also, we gave Japanese flags to the public that assisted to the movie exhibitions. |
| Japanese Movie exhibition “311 Tomorrow” | |
| Name of the event | Japanese Movie exhibition “311 Tomorrow” |
| Date of the event | May 3 rd -4 th 2013 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 4 ex PYs – approximately 100 attendees, 1ex PY from Japan |
| Please write a summary of the event | Mizuho Kobayashi, SWY 18, who is currently working in Ecuador as JICA volunteer, has the rights to exhibit “311 Tomorrow”, which are a series of short movies of various Japanese directors and gave us the opportunity to show this movie in Guayaquil at the MAAC (Anthropological and Contemporary arts Museum) Theater. This was an event free to the public and we held 4 shows. We also collected the opinions of the audience, who received Japanese flags. |

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| Name of the event | Japanese Language and Origami Workshops |
| Date of the event | May 4 th – 5 th 2013 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 2 ex PYs – 1 ex JPY, 2 volunteers of “Ñuca Shungu for Japan”, 20 attendees |
| Please write a summary of the event | SWYAA Ecuador and its spin voluntary group “Ñuca Shungu for Japan” organized 2 Japanese language and origami workshops for beginners, of 1 hour 30 minutes each, where the attendees could learn how to write their name in Japanese, introduce themselves, basic phrases and also, some hiragana and katakana writing. Also, they learned to make origami flowers for Mother’s day. Mizuho Kobayashi, SWY 18, was the teacher in charge of these workshops. |
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| Name of the event | Global Photo Contest Exhibition “International Food for Thought” |
| Date of the event | January 9 th – 31 st 2014 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 4 ex PYs – 200 attendees approximately |
| Please write a summary of the event | Held at the Presley Norton Museum of Guayaquil, as one of the activities organized this year to commemorate the 25 th anniversary of the SWY program. |

OTHERS

This is a space to freely write about other activity reports of 2012.

If there is anyone from your AA who had major achievements in their professional work or voluntary activities, please include that information as well.

Ex) Winning a major award, interviewed by major newspaper or TV, promoted to a significantly high position in companies or government, etc.

- Meeting with Ambassador Mr. Toru Kodaki with Margarita Chattin, Tokyo Conference Representative, May 5th 2013. Mr. Kodaki and Ms. Yumi Katsuta, Cultural Affairs Attaché received Ms. Chattin in his office in Quito to discuss the activities and results of the Tokyo Conference held in March 2013. Also, this was the opportunity to present the events organized by the SWYAA and he offered his support for the future activities of the association.
- Meeting with Cultural Affairs Attaché of the Embassy of Japan in Ecuador, Ms. Yumi Katsuta, January 7th, 2014. Ms. Katsuta received Dr. Blanca Kacouris, President and Margarita Chattin, Secretary of the SWYAA Ecuador to discuss the activities to be held by the association on 2014 and 2015 and to ask for their support on these events.
- SWYAA President Dr. Blanca Kacouris and Vice President Arturo Delgado were interviewed for the TV News program “24 Horas” (24 Hours) of the TV station Teleamazonas, to promote the Photo Global Contest Exhibition “International Food for Thought”, January 9th 2014.
- Press Release of the Inaugural Ceremony of the Global Photo Contest Exhibition “International Food for Thought” by national newspapers EXPRESO and EL UNIVERSO, January 9th 2014
- SWYAA Secretary invited to TV Program “Desde la U” of UCSG TV station, to promote the Global Photo Contest Exhibition “International Food for Thought”, January 16th 2014. Margarita Chattin was interviewed about the theme of the Photo Exhibition, the SWY program and future activities of the Association.

MAJOR EVENTS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AA IN YOUR COUNTRY

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| Name of the event | Región Tohoku: construyendo para un mañana mejor |
| Date of the event | June 6 to 23, 2012 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 6 exPYs organized, attendees approximately 800 people |
| Please write a summary of the event | Photo exhibition for the 1 st anniversary of East Great Earthquake and Tsunami in the Tohoku region performed in coordination with the Embassy and General Consulate of Japan in Guayaquil. The exhibition was hosted at the Municipal Museum of Guayaquil in coordination with the Office of the Mayor. Several authorities attended the opening ceremony and many Japanese citizens as well. It was free and opened to the public. (see photos attached) |

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| Name of the event | Japan Society for the Promotion of Science US Alumni Association Forum. |
| Date of the event | Feb. 1 st 2013 |
| Hosting city | Orange, California, USA |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 6 (USA, JAPAN, Egypt and Ecuador) |
| Please write a summary of the event | Scientific Forum for analysis and evaluation of several research projects in all field of science. Key note speaker Prof. Vernon Smith. Nobel Laureate in Economics 2002. Mr. Yoshihiko Kadoya (ex PY SWY nominated by IYEO), will be a lecturer on social science group. SWY US-Ecuador will coordinate fund raising activities for Japan relief. |

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| Name of the event | 90 th Anniversary of friendship between Ecuador and Japan Decoration ceremony |
| Date of the event | December 2008 |

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| Hosting city | Quito, Ecuador |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | Invited 6 ex PYs to attend the reception offered by the Embassy |
| Please write a summary of the event | The SWYAA received a Decoration on this joyous occasion. The decoration came in recognition to the Alumni Association efforts on promoting Japanese culture in Ecuador, activities of social contribution and leadership among the National Youth. |

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| Name of the event | 90 th Anniversary of friendship between Ecuador and Japan Cultural Festival |
| Date of the event | September 2008 |
| Hosting city | Quito, Ecuador |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 10 ex PYs participated in the SWYAA stall at the Festival with local volunteers. |
| Please write a summary of the event | Several Japanese cultural institutions were invited by the Embassy to participate by setting up several stalls and present different aspects of the Japanese Culture(origami, calligraphy, Ikebana, go, kendo, technology etc) |

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| Name of the event | First JAPAN FEST in Guayaquil |
| Date of the event | July 2009 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil, Ecuador |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 6 ex PYs from Guayaquil and abroad, over 20 local volunteers and approx 800~1000 public |
| Please write a summary of the event | First Japan Cultural Festival in Guayaquil published in local newspapers and TV stations. Display of Origami, kimono and calligraphy by JICA volunteers, Cosplay by local groups and Kendo by the Guayas Kendo Association. Also Jiu Jitsu and Karate was presented. |

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| Name of the event | Talleres Japón (Japan Workshop) total of 4 workshops |
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| Date of the event | December 2011 |
| Hosting city | Guayaquil, Ecuador |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 5 ex PYs organized the workshops in several institutions Centro Ecuatoriano Norteamericano (educational institution in cooperation to the General consulate of USA in Guayaquil, Universidad Espiritu Santo, Centro de Disciplinas Orientales) |
| Please write a summary of the event | Kazuto Matsuda SWY22 was welcomed to Guayaquil and invited to perform several workshops to introduce Japanese culture to the general public in Guayaquil. The events were covered by local TV stations and newspapers. |

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| Name of the event | Earthquake and Tsunami Rebuild Japan Campaign |
| Date of the event | March 2011 |
| Hosting city | Ecuador (national and overseas) |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | Approx 25 ex PYs |
| Please write a summary of the event | A campaign to collect donations for the Earthquake and Tsunami relief in cooperation with The Consul General of Japan in Guayaquil who offered a match for the donation. The total of the campaign was handed to the Embassy of Japan in Quito. |

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| Name of the event | A Helping hand for Ronny |
| Date of the event | 2008 – present |
| Hosting city | Ecuador (national and overseas) |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 3 ex-PYs were in charge of raising funds and coordinating treatments and purchase of medicine and other needs. |
| Please write a summary of the event | Ronny Yantalema is a peasant child that got burnt in his home fire in 2008. Since that time, the SWYAA Ecuador had been helping Ronny and his family with the cost of the medical treatment as well as coordinating Ronny's physician appointments. Also, Ronny was provided with medicine, dressings and help with transportation from his countryside home to the city. Monica Luque SWY7, Blanca Kacouris SWY1 and Margarita Chattin SWY22 are in charge of this project and provided with the funds and assistance to obtain his medications. |

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| Name of the event | Creation of spin program “Ñuca Shungu for Japan” |
| Date of the event | 2012 – present |
| Hosting city | Ecuador |
| How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries? | 4 ex-PYs and 2 volunteers |
| Please write a summary of the event | <p>Ñuca Shungu for Japan is a Spin Program from the SWY AA Ecuador, a group of young professionals among them expys that are currently preparing to travel to Japan to work with the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Orphans in 2014. This spin program held its establishment meeting in November of 2012 in Guayaquil. A second working meeting was held in January 2013 with the presence of Mizuho Kobayashi, who will assist in raising funds and teach Japanese Language to both the public and the volunteers. The project was introduced to the embassy and soon a meeting with the Attaché of Cultural Affairs will take place. Among the expys volunteers we have Margarita Chattin and Saulo Aroca from SWY22 and Blanca Kacouris from SWY1.</p> |