

## Guideline for SWYAA Annual Country Reports January to December 2022

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

BASIC FACTS	
Basic facts about your country's Alumni Association:	
Country	<b>Sweden</b>
Name of the organization	SWYAA Sweden
Organisational structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella organization of the government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officially registered <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( )
Board members (Name/batch)	<b>President:</b> Martina Freiholtz (SWY31) <b>Vice President:</b> Navaratnam Navarajacumaran (SWY26) <b>Treasurer:</b> Alexander Annerberg (SWY31) <b>Board Member:</b> Mattis Bygdén (SWY31) <b>Board Member:</b> Anna Rydborg (GLDP26)
Number of members	<b>Total number of ex-PYs:</b> 69 (12+11+11+11+8+11+5)  <b>Active members:</b> 24  <b>Affiliate members:</b> 64 ex-PYs (and current PYs) are members in our closed alumni association Facebook group where we share official documents, information from Japan, invitations from the Japanese Embassy, and more. The majority of them follow updates and discussions regularly.
Annual membership fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → How much? 200 SEK (~2500 JPY) <input type="checkbox"/> No
Basic facts about your country's participation in SWY:	
Which batches has your country participated in?	SWY4, SWY10, SWY18, SWY23, SWY26, SWY31, SWY Online 2022 (and soon SWY 2023)
Which institution has conducted selection process?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Youth organization <input type="checkbox"/> SWYAA <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( )
Which institution has conducted pre-departure training?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Youth organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWYAA <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 <a href="https://swysweden.org/">https://swysweden.org/</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing list <input type="checkbox"/> Blog <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/swyaasweden">https://www.facebook.com/swyaasweden</a> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Instagram: @swyaasweden
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### NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Important associates and collaborators?	<input type="checkbox"/> Government sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese community <input type="checkbox"/> Other organizations
Do you organize events with the Japanese Embassy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → How often? A couple of times per year → What kind of events? Organisational meetings and training for participant youth <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you organize events with the Japanese community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → How often? → What kind of events? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### Activities from January to December 2022

#### International reunions

Name of the event	<b>SWY meetup in Gothenburg Sweden</b>
Date of the event	1 <sup>st</sup> of December 2022
Hosting city	Gothenburg
How many participants? From which countries?	Number of domestic participants: 1 Number of international participants: 1 Names of the countries participated: Sweden, Japan
Please write a summary of the event	Rhyhei Shikatani from SWY32 visited in Gothenburg, Sweden for 3 days in November 2022. During his visit he and Mattis Bygdén (SWY31) shared memories of SWY and had discussions SWY Online, hybrid programmes, and the future of SWY in a Covid-impacted international landscape. They also explored the city of Gothenburg, ate Swedish meatballs and went indoors climbing. The brief visit was a great reminder of how SWY continues to connect people and encourage international relations for many years after the program.



**National reunions**

Name of the event	<b>SWYAA Annual Meeting</b>
Date of the event	7 <sup>th</sup> of March 2022
Hosting city	Stockholm, Embassy of Japan
How many participants?	5 (6 at post-meeting reunion)
Please write a summary of the event	<p>SWYAA was invited to have the annual meeting at the Embassy of Japan, during which the participants had the honour of being greeted by Noke Masaki (Ambassador of Japan). Roger Klein joined the meeting as a guest and embassy representative.</p>  <p>Picture: Happy faces at dinner after the annual meeting</p>
Name of the event	<b>Prominent Activity: SWYAA Member Meetup</b>
Date of the event	24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> of September 2022
Hosting city	Motala
How many participants?	13

Please write a summary of the event	Please see description for prominent activity.
Name of the event	<b>Lunch meeting between SWYAA Sweden board and Japanese Embassy</b>
Date of the event	17 <sup>th</sup> of October 2022
Hosting city	Stockholm
How many participants?	4
Please write a summary of the event	<p>Martina Freiholtz (president) and Anna Rydborg (secretary) met up with Roger Klein and Tomoya Tanaka (First Secretary of Culture and Information) from the Embassy of Japan.</p> <p>During the lunch, continued collaboration between the Embassy and SWYAA were discussed, as well as the upcoming SWY 2023 program and SWYAA's ambition to host a GA. There was also a conversation about how to reach more people nationally when marketing SWY, and ways to engage ex-PYs in post program activities.</p>
<b>Receiving ex-SWY participants</b>	
Did you organize a "Homestay + 1" project for the visitors? If yes, please write in detail.	
<b>Voluntary (Social Contribution) projects – Post-Program Activities</b>	
Name of the event	Professional collaboration - language editing
Date of the event	12 <sup>th</sup> of May 2022
Hosting city	Online
How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries?	3
Please write a summary of the event	<p>As Carolina Hawranek (SWY23, 31) were completing her doctoral thesis in oncology, she chose to include a Japanese summary as a tribute to the fantastic international community of SWY-friends she has gained over the years. She contacted one of her fellow ex-PY's from her first batch back in 2011 (SWY23) Akiyo Yanagimoto (previously Shima) who helped her with the translation and gave valuable feedback on the text. In parallel, Regan Ashley, NL for the Australian delegation on SWY31 contributed with a language review of the entire book - contributing with language corrections and edits. This made for a lovely SWY-themed international collaboration and is acknowledged in the final thesis available online as part of the Public Swedish Academic Database DiVA: <a href="http://umu.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1723198&amp;dswid=8579">http://umu.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1723198&amp;dswid=8579</a></p>
<b>Prominent Ex-PY</b>	
<p><b>Linnea Johansson (SWY31)</b>  <i>Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation          Though Climate Adaptation and Green Infrastructure          in the Face of Climate Change</i></p> <p>Linnea has during the year had a strong focus on climate in the European Union. In the beginning of the year, she spent a week in Paris during La Nuit Des Idées – a forum week where youth groups from all countries in the EU develop and present ideas for a better Europe. The proposal – which was developed over the span of a few months and contained a climate budget for European cities – was presented on TV, for politicians and in panels.</p> <p>Later in the year, she participated in an environment focused contest held by Institut Français de Suède (French Institute in Sweden) called Grön Utopi (Green Utopia), which</p>	

she won with an idea about increased focus on disaster risk reduction through green infrastructure and climate adaptation in European cities – to save lives, save resources, and protect infrastructure through mitigating actions in the face of climate change. She was awarded a prize from the Ambassador of France and got to go to Brussels to present her idea for EU politicians.



Picture: Linnea Johansson and Etienne Le Harivel de Gonneville (Ambassador of France in Sweden)