

# Japanese cultural exchange event organised for Bahraini youth

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Under the patronage of Seef Residence, the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association of Bahrain, which was founded in 2000 under the umbrella of the General Organisation for Youth and Sports, recently organised a cultural exchange

event. Conducted by Japanese youth Kazoto Matsuda, the event helped inspire young Bahrainis through a sampling of the cultural heritage of Japan, namely the arts of Japanese calligraphy and Origami.

Matsuda took part in the 22nd Ship for World Youth programme which concluded in early

March. The Ship for World Youth programme which is organised and sponsored by the Japanese government on an annual basis, is a unique global youth exchange programme held aboard a ship that sails for 40 days with the participation of nearly 300 young people from 12 different countries. The programme is designed to strengthen ties between the world's youth and create a spirit of cooperation amongst them, encouraging the exchange of culture and heritage and facilitating knowledge transfer through courses, lectures and activities dealing with many topics.

Participating in the programme this year with Matsuda was a Bahraini delegation composed of 12 young men and women in addition to delegations from 10 other countries including the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Greece, Australia, India and Kenya.

The Ship for World Youth Alumni Association of Bahrain is planning to organise more such events and activities in the near future.

