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## PeaceBoat Visited Aden, Yemen

Japanese cruise ship ‘PeaceBoat' arrived to Aden, Yemen on July 3rd, carrying over one thousand Japanese and international students in order to promote a culture of peace around the world. Mr. Abpl Sato, coordinator of the voyage in Yemen, stated that the objective of the voyage is to learn about the culture and history of Yemen . He also indicated that several events have been scheduled for the students such as visiting Aden University, Yemeni Women's Union offices, and a number of schools as well as kindergartens.

The students will also visit historical sites in Aden and Taiz governorates, and will hold a football match between the cruise ship's league and one of Aden 's prominent teams.

The Voyages of PeaceBoat take part for three months around the world; the 58th Voyage for Peace departed Yokohama, Japan on June 9, 2007 and will return on September 20, 2007. It will visit 22 ports of call, including first ever calls to Mikonos, Greece, and Copenhagen, Denmark, and the first call in many years to the port of Aden, Yemen .

The Peace Boat will take an equatorial course around the world, passing through the Suez and Panama canals along the way. Additionally, it organizes its voyages on chartered passenger ships, adapting the onboard spaces to provide a unique and dynamic environment for its participants. Since June 2003, PeaceBoat has been chartering TSS The Topaz for its global voyages.