“Global Citizenship for the 21st Century
Building A Future for All”

WHEN: 8 - 15 August 2020
WHERE: Taipei, Kaohsiung and Tainan, Taiwan
WHO: Youth aged 18-35 from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond

Please register by May 31 2020 on iofc.org/25th-apyc!

With the advances of technologies, the diverse and convenient means of transportation and the ubiquitous presence of the Internet have made it easier for people to meet and stay connected across various physical barriers, effectively turning the world into a global village. In a world that is becoming increasingly interconnected, what happens in a corner is bound to have significant implications for or even impacts on the rest of the planet. As a result, issues like human rights abuse and discrimination, social and economic injustice, poverty and global warming, to name a few, are threatening the global peace and sustainable development that we all long for. These issues affect the well-being of the entire humanity in such complicated manners and on such scales that deny any piecemeal or fragmented solutions. Indeed, what is required is nothing short of the best of attitudes and actions, individually as well as collectively, taken in line with the notion and practice of global citizenship, which is being promoted by UNESCO with its global citizenship education program (GCED).

As global citizens, we have the rights and responsibilities to understand and respond to pressing issues of the world, as social, political, economic and environmental crises take place across the global community, leading to divides, poverty, corruption, chaos, and so on. When more people become aware of and exercise their invaluable capacity as a global citizen, we will be able to see the transformation needed for the world with the best human endeavor in the areas of trust-building, ethical leadership, and sustainable living.

The 25th Asia-Pacific Youth Conference, under the theme of global citizenship, warmly invites concerned youths in the Asia-Pacific region for a gathering that connects, inspires, and equips current and future change-makers to open up their hearts and minds; to have honest and sincere dialogues with themselves and each other; to build a bridge of mutual trust; to understand issues of shared concerns; to identify their roles and responsibilities in the society; and eventually, to stop being part of the problem and start living the answer.
CONFERENCE FEATURES:

Plenary Sessions

- Dynamics of being a change-maker within the global context
- Personal roles and responsibilities as a global citizen in the 21st century
- Trust-building: breaking down the wall of hatred and indifference
- Ethical leadership: a global challenge and opportunity in times of change
- Sustainable living: the moral factor in economic and social life

Programs and activities

- Interactive plenary sessions with panelists addressing relevant issues
- Training sessions exploring the idea and practice of Change at all levels
- Workshops on a range of topics relevant to the youth
- In-depth sharing of personal stories in small groups
- Inner Reflection/Quiet Time for personal spiritual growth
- Cultural and creative presentations from respective countries
- Field trips to sites and organizations of interests
- (Optional) Homestay in Tainan (on 15th Aug, 2020)

FEE: The conference fee is US$500. Fees can be paid upon arrival to the conference in US dollars. Scholarships are available upon request.

FINANCE: The said registration fee covers only part of the actual costs, e.g. accommodation, transportation, food, conference materials and programs, for organizing this conference. To make APYC financially viable and available to all, we count on the generous donations by individuals and groups who are convinced of the benefits that APYC brings to its participants. We appreciate any contribution towards APYC and for those who are not able to pay for their own participation.

VISA: Nationals of certain countries do not need a visa to visit Taiwan but others do. Please check with the Taiwan Embassy/Representative Office in your respective country for visa arrangements beforehand. An invitation letter may be issued by the conference organizer to registered participants for visa application purpose.

ARRIVAL: International participants are advised to land at Taoyuan (Taipei) International Airport by 2:00 pm, 8 August the latest, as the official Taipei explore starts at 5:00 pm, 8 August, 2020 in Taipei.

DEPARTURE: The conference ends in Tainan at around 3:30 pm, 15 August, and international participants are advised to book their outbound flights on 16 August, 2020.

ORGANIZER: Initiatives of Change Taiwan

Initiatives of Change (IofC) is a global network of people committed to changing themselves and engaging other people to create answers for the world. IofC operates on the principles of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love, and encourages people to find corrections and directions in life through the daily practice of listening to the inner voice.

IofC Taiwan, a registered national NGO in Taiwan and a full member of IofC International, organized the first APYC in 1990 and has hosted 6 APYCs in the past.
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