



**APEC VOICES OF THE FUTURE 2015  
12 NOV TO 19 NOV 2015  
MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

**1. OBJECTIVES**

- a. Provide a platform for interaction and networking for youth from the APEC 21 Economies to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation;
- b. Encourage the active participation of young people on APEC-related issues and policies;
- c. Cultivate a deeper appreciation of APEC and its work in the 21 economies;
- d. Provide learning opportunities for youth to interact with APEC leaders and business leaders; and
- e. Prepare future leaders of APEC economies.

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- a. Theme: **“Building a Sustainable Future: Inclusive Growth, Resilience, Empowerment”**
- b. Participants: 120 delegates from 21 APEC Economies (100 foreign delegates, 20 delegates from the Host Economy, Republic of the Philippines)
- c. Participating Economies: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam.
- d. Dates: 12 November to 19 November 2015
- e. Venue: Manila, Philippines
- f. Official Language: English
- g. Organized by: Voices Leadership Council, National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council Singapore, and Philippines APEC Voices 2015 Working Committee.
- h. In collaboration with APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Republic of the Philippines and APEC 2015 CEO Summit Host Committee, Philippines.

**3. PROPOSED PROGRAMME**

Please see attached Enclosure B

**4. RECRUITMENT OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS**

- a. Number of participants: **5** per APEC Economy except for Host Economy, The Philippines (4 youth participants and 1 educator).
  - Submission of application form does not guarantee acceptance into the program. The APEC Voices Leadership Council reserves the rights to select the participants for the program.
  - Any Economy that wishes to send more than 4 youth participants could send in their request for consideration. Acceptance is subjected to the availability of space.

### **Eligibility of Youth Participants**

- (i) Between the ages of 18 and 25 years old
- (ii) Proficient in English
- (iii) Interested in trade, the economy and international relations
- (iv) Track record in youth, community or public services

### **Eligibility of Educators (Team Leader)**

- (i) Mature adult above 25 years old
- (ii) Experienced in coordinating and working with young people
- (iii) Must be prepared to lead and facilitate group activities as assigned by organizers
- (iv) Interested and have good knowledge of trade, the economy and international relations, especially related to APEC
- (v) Serve as point-person for the participants
- (vi) Must ensure welfare and safety of their participants for the duration of the program

### **Required Documents**

- (i) Completed application form
- (ii) A scanned copy of the passport
- (iii) A recent coloured photograph (soft copy in jpg format, size: 37 mm x 45 mm with white background)
- (iv) All application forms have to be endorsed by a nominating organization (e.g. youth organization/school/university).

### **Submission Guidelines**

- (l) Application forms of selected participants should be sent to the organizers **before 2 October 2015** via **email: nyaac@singnet.com.sg**. If the file is big, please send it via: **http://www.dropbox.com**.

## **5. EXPENSES**

- a. Registration Fee: **US\$995.00 per participant** (for youth participant and educator).
- b. A confirmation email will be sent to all selected participants. The selected participant has to make payment to the **National Youth Achievement Award Association** by **16 October 2015** to confirm his/her place in the APEC Voices Program. Payment must include the bank charges for the telegraphic transfers.

## **6. FLIGHT ARRANGEMENT**

- a. The participants will bear the costs of international airfare and travel insurance. Flight should be arranged from home to Manila, Philippines, arriving on **12 November 2015** and depart from Manila, Philippines on **19 November 2015** for home. Early arrival or late departure will be at participant's own expenses.
- b. The organizers will bear the hospitality costs of accommodation, local transportation and meals as stated in the program.

## **7. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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