

International Youth Exchange Programme 2016-17

(I) Objectives

The Programme aims to provide opportunities for youths to broaden their horizon and international perspective, and to exchange ideas and experiences with their counterparts in other countries.

(II) Nomination Criteria

Nominees for the Programme should -

- (a) be aged between 18-24 as at 1 April 2016, i.e. candidates born between 31.3.1992 and 1.4.1998 who are holders of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card;
- (b) be proficient in English ;
- (c) be knowledgeable about Hong Kong ;
- (d) have good knowledge on China ;
- (e) have sound common sense and good academic background ;
- (f) have impressive record of volunteer/community service in the past three years; and
- (g) have a valid travel document.

(III) The Programme

The Programme offers homestay, visits, exchange with youths of the visiting country and offers a variety of cultural and educational experiences.

(IV) Place and Tentative Date of Outgoing Visit

Successful candidates would visit Ireland, Japan, Singapore and other countries, which are deemed appropriate. The place to be visited by each successful candidate is subject to the recommendations of the selection board. The length of stay is usually around 7 – 14 days and the tentative date is some time between July 2016 and March 2017.

(V) Programme Expenses

Programme expenses such as air fares, board and lodging are provided by the Home Affairs Bureau. Successful candidates are required to purchase their own travel insurance which should include illness and accident hospitalization insurance cover and worldwide emergency assistance service.

(VI) Obligations of the Youth Delegates

Candidates selected will be required to attend ALL pre-trip complimentary sessions and deliver ALL post-trip requirements. These obligations include but not limited to -

- (a) attend all pre-trip briefings, workshops, meetings, discussions, rehearsals, training camp, etc;
- (b) prepare presentations (e.g. cultural performance, video, research on a topic) of Hong Kong with other members of the delegation;
- (c) compile a report on the visit within one month after the overseas visit;
- (d) organise a group presentation on the exchange programme at a selected school / tertiary institution / organisation within two months after the overseas visit;
- (e) report at the meeting of the concerned working group of the CoY;
- (f) submit an article about the Programme and the outbound visit to printed media within one month after the overseas visit;
- (g) draft a service proposal in relation to the reflection of the tour (subject to fine-tuning requests from members of the working group) and execute the endorsed proposal accordingly;
- (h) perform at least 50 hours of voluntary services, with part of the voluntary services is for the service proposal, within the year on returning from the overseas visit;
- (i) receive the overseas delegates when they visit Hong Kong; and
- (j) attend the functions organised by the Home Affairs Bureau and/or the Commission on Youth as and when invited or requested.

(VII) Nominations

The following documents, in quadruplicate, in respect of each nominee, should be submitted -

- (a) Duly-completed nomination form;

- (b) Copies of Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card;
- (c) Copies of travel documents;
- (d) Copies of certificate of public examinations;
- (c) Academic transcripts; and
- (e) A detailed account of the nominee's community involvement, including voluntary and social services. *(Please specify the positions held and duration of services; and attach DOCUMENTARY PROOF WHICH IS DULY SIGNED BY THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE ORGANIZATION.)*

(VIII) Interview

Nominees selected for interview should be prepared to attend a group interview in 2nd quarter of 2016.