Call for Applications Young Ambassador Program

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Event Date: 8 Feb – 22 Feb 2023

Clarifying Perception, Increasing Compassion

Reconnect, Reimmerse, Rediscover:



Event Venue: Seoul, Incheon and Jeonju, Korea (Offline)



Application Deadline: 23 December 2022



Participants: 10 each from China, Japan, Korea (Republic of)

Introduction to YAP

The Young Ambassador Program (YAP) aims to foster a sense of friendship and to educate and train highly talented young students from China, Japan and Korea. The YAP traditionally comprises lectures related to Trilateral Cooperation and East Asian affairs, in-depth dialogues among the participants, site visits to relevant organizations and a cultural tour. Since 2013, the YAP has fostered a group of CJK Young Leaders active in diplomacy, business and academia sectors.

At the 6th Trilateral Summit, the three leaders recognized the YAP and endorsed its continuation.

We will continue exchange programs for government officials and journalists, the "Young Ambassador Program", the "Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-tanks", and the trilateral cooperation among the diplomatic training institutions to enhance understanding and trust with regard to trilateral cooperation.

> - Paragraph 48 of the Joint Declaration for Peace and Cooperation in Northeast Asia



This year's YAP resuming its first offline format since the outbreak of COVID-19, is part of TCS' Trilateral Youth Month themed **"Reconnect, Reimmerse, Rediscover,"** and will focus on the mutual public perception issues among Chinese, Japanese and Korean especially youth. The program will walk the participants into the issues, and encourage participants to tap their own potentials for creative and innovation solutions for TCS.

Eligibility

- Aged below 30
- Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students of Chinese,
 Japanese and Korean nationalities
- Fluent in English. Additional CJK language proficiency is preferred
- Strong interests in and understanding on East Asian studies and Trilateral Cooperation among China, Japan and Korea



Application Method

Please merge all your application documents into ONE PDF file titled **"YAP_Your Nationality_Your Name"**, and send to **yap@tcs-asia.org** by **23 December 2022.** The email title should be the same with PDF title.



Application Documents

Only those candidates deemed suitable, will be notified for online interview in **early January 2023.**

For any inquires, please contact **yap@tcs-asia.org** via email.

Application Form (Click & Download)

- Personal Statement (Max.2 pages) in English only, answering the following questions:
 - Who are you?
 - What makes you an ideal candidate for the Program?
 - What are your understandings or relevant experiences on Trilateral Cooperation among China, Japan and Korea, and East Asian affairs?
 - How do you think the public perception among Chinese, Japanese and Korean (especially youth) can be improved?
- Enrollment Certificate
- English Language Proficiency Certificate (IELTS 6.5 / TOFEL 95 or Equivalent)



Program

The program comprises a variety of events:

- Dialogue and Lectures
 - Dialogue with TCS Secretary-General
 - Dialogue with Chinese, Japanese and Korean Eminent Professors
 - Ambassador Dialogue
 - Thematic Lectures on Mutual Perceptions among Chinese, Japanese and Korean
- Youth Talks
 - CJK Youth Talks
 - CJK Career Talks
 - TCS Lounge
- Site Visits and Cultural Experience
 - Site Visits to Chinese, Japanese and Korean diplomatic organizations and international organizations
 - Cultural Experience Visits to Chinese, Japanese and Korean Heritages (Online & Offline)
- External Mentorship
 - Five CJK Young Professional would serve as mentors for participants on both career advice and group projects
- Group Project
 - Participants will be divided into 5 groups for group projects addressing a real-world challenge: the mutual public perception issue among Chinese, Japanese and Korean (Program contents are subject to changes)



Participation Benefits

- Obtaining first-hand insights on history, culture, politics and economy of China, Japan and Korea and East Asia from eminent professors, senior diplomats, knowledgeable lecturers, experienced practitioners, young professionals and your peers in China, Japan and Korea
- Enhancing understanding of the Trilateral Cooperation among China, Japan and Korea
- Experiencing the multilateral and multicultural working environment
- Networking with future leaders of China, Japan and Korea
- Opportunity to work with TCS, the only inter-governmental organization among China, Japan and Korea
- Certificates issued by TCS

TCS covers expenses incurred only from

- International return travel (ceiling might be applied to Chinese mainland participants, depending on the market price of airflights)
- Accommodation in Korea
- All TCS-organized events

TCS doesn't support and cover expenses incurred from

- Visa Application and Fees
- Personal activities in Korea
- Quarantine Fees

Introduction to TCS

The Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) is an international organization established with a vision to promote peace and common prosperity among the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea. Upon the agreement signed and ratified by each of the three governments, the TCS was officially inaugurated in Seoul in September, 2011. On the basis of equal participation, each government shares 1/3 of total operational budget.

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