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Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2023 Programme

ABOUT THE DIALOGUE

Organised by NTU-University Scholars Programme (NTU-USP) and supported by Temasek Foundation, the fourth annual TF – NTU Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2023 is a platform for university students in Asia to enhance their leadership skills and broaden their understanding of regional issues.

Aspiring youth leaders will have an opportunity to develop an appreciation of economic, political, and social issues affecting Asia, and to better understand governance and policies across the continent as they build friendships through cross-cultural exchanges.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2023 will be held from **16 – 23 July 2023** at the Nanyang Technological University campus in Singapore.

40 students from various respected programmes in Asia's top universities and 40 local scholars from NTU's Premier Scholars Programme, NUS's University Scholars Programme, SMU, SUTD and SIT will be brought together in Singapore to participate in this 8-day programme.

With academic guidance offered by NTU faculty, site visits around Singapore and discussion panels with topic experts and social innovators, the scholars will examine the social issues experienced in different workplaces all over Asia. Particularly, they will delve into the sub-topics of *Culture and Identity*, *Environment* and *Intergenerational Divide* to further analyse and formulate viable solutions which could satisfy the needs of various stakeholders.

This Dialogue aims to nurture and expand the horizons of Asia's future leaders while they are still in the early stage of their education. Ultimately, the Dialogue's goal is to cultivate a global appreciation of Asia's intertwined political, social, and economic issues by forging meaningful friendships and professional networks, anticipating governance and policy strategies while ingraining a deep sense of respect for diversity during their formative years.

ABOUT US

About NTU-USP

One of NTU's leading Premier Scholars Programmes, NTU-USP is committed to providing an intellectually stimulating environment for students to explore realms beyond their major areas of study that complements and adds value to their academic experience. The programme aims to develop independent thinkers, nurture empathetic leaders, foster an engaged community and encourage global citizenship. NTU-USP does this through a highly multi-disciplinary curriculum that challenges their critical thinking skills, exciting co-curricular activities which develops their leadership abilities and promotes independent learning through immersive cultural experiences both in Singapore and overseas that supplement the core curriculum and general education programme. Find out more about NTU-USP [here](#).

About Temasek Foundation

Temasek Foundation supports a diverse range of programmes that uplift lives and communities in Singapore and beyond. Collectively, our programmes strengthen social resilience, foster international exchange and enhance regional capabilities, advance science and protect the planet for a sustainable world. Temasek Foundation's programmes, made possible through philanthropic endowments gifted by Temasek, strive towards achieving positive outcomes for individuals and communities now, and for generations to come.

Our youth programmes bring together likeminded youths from Singapore and across Asia to learn, bond and build friendships, providing youths with opportunities to come together as one community to connect and learn through common interests and foster better understanding and empathy across different countries. Find out more about Temasek Foundation [here](#).

JOINING THE DIALOGUE

Eligibility

To be eligible for this dialogue, you must be

1. At least 18 years of age.
2. A Citizen and resident of the country of your home university.
3. At least in your 2nd semester of study with the home university.
4. A student leader with strong academic and co-curricular involvement.
5. Recommended by your home university.
6. Able to operate in English, which is the working language of the programme. Please attach your highest English certification (eg. IELTS, TOEFL), if any.
7. Able to travel and commit to the entire period of the dialogue in Singapore.

Application Process

Application period: **Wednesday, 8 March 2023 - Sunday, 2 April 2023 (5pm SGT)**

1. Complete the **Application Form**
2. Email the following documents in **PDF format** to dialogue@ntu.edu.sg:
 - a. Declaration Form
 - b. Latest degree transcript
 - c. Any other supporting documents

Your application will only be processed after we receive your MsForm response and all the necessary documents. You are not required to mail your documents to us. You will receive an acknowledgement email when your application is being processed.

Selection Criteria

A committee from NTU-USP and Temasek Foundation will select the participants based on the quality of their personal statement, co-curriculum activities, the principles of equitable gender and geographical representation and the diversity of backgrounds (e.g., age, areas of studies, etc). Candidates may be asked to attend a Zoom interview during the selection process.

Results of Application

Successful applicants will be given one week to accept the offer. If the applicant is unable to respond within the deadline, the offer may be revoked and given to other applicants on the waiting list.

If you do not hear from us by **16 May 2023**, you may consider your application unsuccessful and you are welcome to reapply next year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About the Dialogue

1. When will the event be held?

TF – NTU YRAD 2023 will be held from Sunday, 16 July – Sunday, 23 July 2023.

2. What is the theme and the sub-topics this year?

Our overarching theme is Social Issues in the World of Trade and Jobs, with 3 sub-topics.

- a. Culture & Identity
- b. Environment & Sustainability
- c. Intergenerational Divide

3. Where will the TF-NTU YRAD 2023 be conducted?

It will be held on the Nanyang Technological University campus in Singapore.

Programme

1. If I am not available on certain days, can I participate in part of the programme only?

Full-time attendance and participation in the dialogue is mandatory. Participants should be committed to invest time and actively participate in the Dialogue.

2. What will I be doing throughout the 8-days programme?

You will have a chance to examine the social issues present in workplaces around Asia, hold in-depth discussions facilitated by NTU faculty with students from Asia's top Universities and learn from topic experts and social innovators in their area of expertise. There will be site visits around Singapore and a Cultural night where you can share your country's culture with the rest of the programme.

Cost & Accommodation

1. Will I need to pay to participate?

YRAD is an almost fully funded programme with no participation costs.

Successful applicants will be funded with programme fee, accommodation, and a stipend for living allowances during the programme in Singapore. For international participants, airfare, travel insurance, visa, and transport to and from Changi Airport will be covered. However, any travel exit taxes and bank remittance charges incurred in home country will not be borne by the Organiser.

Note: Travel insurance and visa will be capped at an approximate sum of S\$80 per pax and processed in accordance with the relevant country's policies.

2. How will I receive the stipend?

Successful applicants will receive their stipend in cash upon arrival on the first day of the programme.

3. How are the provided accommodation like and where will it be at?

Participants will receive twin-sharing accommodation throughout the duration of the programme. We will inform of the location at a later date.

4. Can I choose to stay elsewhere instead of the accommodation provided?

No, staying in the accommodation provided is mandatory for participants.

5. How do I travel to the location of the programme from the accommodation?

Travel within the programme, to and from activities, will be provided.

Applications

1. When is the application period?

Applications will begin on Wednesday, 8 March 2023 and close on Sunday, 2 April 2023 (5pm SGT). Selected students will be informed of their successful application by May 2023.

2. Who can apply?

YRAD welcomes outstanding student leaders in Asia with a strong academic and co-curricular involvement. If you think you can act as an adequate youth representative to your university and country, and possess a passion for current geopolitical issues, we invite you to apply.

Priority will be given to undergraduate students. However, graduate students are welcome to apply as well.

3. How many students will be able to participate?

A total of 40 international students and 40 local students will be selected for this dialogue.

4. How can I apply for the programme?

Step 1: Complete the **Application Form**

Step 2: Email the following documents in **PDF format** to dialogue@ntu.edu.sg:

- a. Declaration Form
- b. Latest degree transcript
- c. Any other supporting documents

5. How do I know if my application is being processed?

You will receive an acknowledgement email and your application will be processed once your application form and all your documents are received.

6. How do I know if I have been selected for the programme?

Successful applicants will be notified via email by May 2023.

7. Can I apply again next year if I am not selected this year?

Unsuccessful applicants are welcomed to apply again for next year's dialogue.

Others

1. What are the Covid-19 precautions taken for the event?

The Organiser is constantly monitoring the situation and will adjust the programme logistics accordingly. While mask wearing is no longer required to in Singapore, we still encourage participants to wear their masks in crowded areas.

Participants are requested to purchase travel insurance with Covid coverage to assist with any possible Covid-related expenses. Participants would be required to make payment for treatment upfront in Singapore and claim from their insurance back in their home country. The Organiser will not be liable nor responsible for any payment required for treatment and the entire medical claim process.

2. What if I have more queries?

Feel free to contact us at dialogue@ntu.edu.sg.