

APEC YOUTH PLAZA

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Hon. Choi Young-Hee
Chairperson
National Youth Commission, Korea

Beloved youth of the Asia-Pacific region and the World !

I cordially invite all of you to the APEC "Youth Plaza 2005" which will take place in Korea where the 5,000-year history co-exists with the newly emerging high-tech society.

To achieve world peace and prosperity regardless of region, race, culture and history, the active involvement and dialogue among the members of the global world are essential. In particular, the participation of youths, the leaders of the next generation, will generate infinite power to change the world.

APEC Youth Plaza is a pan-global event aiming for the active participation and dialogue among youths not only from APEC member countries but from all over the world.

The Busan APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting 2005 will listen to your voice with full consideration. We are willing to witness the future and hope in each one of you as you integrate with each other and strengthen the friendship among yourselves.

I hope that your participation in the "APEC Youth Plaza 2005" is a great opportunity to share the opinions about the future of the world and to experience Korean culture.

Thank you

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President

National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea

To the Youths of APEC member countries and the World!

The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea(NCYOK), in commemorating the Busan APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting 2005 and in the hope of contributing to global peace regardless of region, culture and religion, will be hosting the APEC Youth Plaza 2005 in the Republic of Korea.

The purpose of this Plaza is to contribute toward the progress for a peaceful future world by providing youths, catalysts for the next generation, with the opportunity to recognize their diversity in the meetings and dialogues that they will have with each other. This Plaza is organized under the sponsorship of National Youth Commission, Korea and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Preparatory Committee for APEC 2005.

In this regard, not only youths from the APEC member countries but also youths from other countries of the world are welcomed to this open Plaza.

Since the dawn of human history we have found hope for the future amidst serious dialogues and friendship. I invite the youths of the world to this APEC Youth Plaza 2005, a plaza filled with youthful aspiration, dialogue and friendship.

Thank you.



A. Introduction

What is the APEC Youth Plaza?

The APEC Youth Plaza is organized to establish a future-oriented network among youths from APEC members and other countries, and to promote mutual cooperation and understanding for the peace and development of the world.

The APEC Youth Plaza provides an opportunity for the youths of the Asia-Pacific to get a broad span of knowledge on their neighbor countries, sharing their ideas on how they can use the cyber world created by modern technology for the future.

The APEC Youth Plaza in conjunction with the APEC 2005 Korea provides a chance to envisage the significance of regional cooperation in creating mutual prosperity and also how to harmonize with other countries which have many different aspects.

What is APEC?

What is Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation?

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, is the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region.

APEC is the only inter governmental grouping in the world operating on the basis of non-binding commitments, open dialogue and equal respect for the views of all participants. Unlike the WTO or other multilateral trade bodies, APEC has no treaty obligations required of its participants. Decisions made within APEC are reached by consensus and commitments are undertaken on a voluntary basis.

APEC has 21 members – referred to as "Member Economies" – which account for more than a third of the world's population (2.6 billion people), approximately 60% of world GDP (US\$19, 254 billion) and about 47% of world trade. It also proudly represents the most economically dynamic region



in the world having generated nearly 70% of global economic growth in its first 10 years.

APEC's 21 Member Economies are Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The Republic of the Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; The United States of America; Viet Nam.

Purpose and Goals

APEC was established in 1989 to further enhance economic growth and prosperity for the region and to strengthen the Asia–Pacific community.

Since its inception, APEC has worked to reduce tariffs and other trade barriers across the Asia–Pacific region, creating efficient domestic economies and dramatically increasing exports. key to achieving APEC's vision are what are referred to as the 'Bogor Goals' of free and open trade and investment in the Asia–Pacific by 2010 for industrialized economies and 2020 for developing economies. These goals were adopted by Leaders at their 1994 meeting in Bogor, Indonesia.

Free and open trade and investment helps economies to grow, creates jobs and provides greater opportunities for international trade and investment. In contrast, protectionism keeps prices high and fosters inefficiencies in certain industries. Free and open trade helps to lower the costs of production and thus reduces the prices of goods and services – a direct benefit to all.

APEC also works to create an environment for the safe and efficient movement of goods, services and people across borders in the region through policy alignment and economic and technical cooperation.



B. What is the theme of APEC Youth Plaza?

Main Theme : "APEC Youths in the Cyber World"

Sub –Theme : 1. The Roles & Ethics of Youths In the Cyber World

2. The Challenges & Visions of e–World for the youth

The rapidly expanding cyber world has changed the whole structure of human society and social values dramatically. These changes warn of the appearance of a new world which we have never imagined before.

In the 5th APEC Telecommunication Information Industry Ministerial Conference, the importance of the utility and effect of information communication was declared along with a worldwide shift of youth culture from analogue to the cyber world.

- To promote a healthy cyber youth culture for a new society where the cyber world will dominate dialogue and become the counselor for the youth.
- And thus, the youths, the future of this world, should have a proper understanding of the cyber world. All participants will have an opportunity to learn more about the cyber world and to comprehend the importance of fostering their potential facing cyber world.

C. What are the main aims of APEC Youth Plaza?

1. To take the opportunity to publicize the APEC 2005 Leaders' Meeting taking place in Korea,
2. To create a future–oriented network among APEC youths promoting mutual cooperation and understanding
 - As future leaders, to develop their capacity to the fullest
 - To experience Korean culture and society directly and get the correct understanding
 - To create future global citizens through the comprehensive discussion over the international cooperation.



D. Period : 17th (Wed) ~ 25th (Thu) August, 2005

E. Venues

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Seoul, Korea 138-749
Tel : +82-2-410-2114
Fax : +82-2-410-2100
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Hyundai Sung-Woo Resort
204, Duwon-ri, Dunnae-myeon,
Hwoingseong-gun Ganwondo
Tel : +82-33-340-3000
Fax : +82-33-340-3179
<http://www.hdsungwoo.co.kr>

F. Organizers

Hosted by : National Youth Commission of Korea

Organized by : National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK)

Sponsored by : Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Republic of Korea
Preparatory Committee of APEC 2005 Korea

In cooperation with : The World Assembly of Youth (WAY)

The Asian Youth Council (AYC)

The International Workcamp Organization (IWO)

G. Participation Criteria

To take the opportunity to publicize the APEC 2005 Leaders' Meeting taking place in Korea on November 2005.

The APEC Youth Plaza is open to within 10 participants from each of the 21 member countries of APEC and the other countries as observer status.

All participants, however, must satisfy the following criteria:

- Be proficient in English and able to do presentations in English.
- Be persons between the ages of 18 and 30, and who are interested in international relations.

H. Official Language

English shall be used as the official language.



I. Participation Fee and other Expenses

There is no participation fee for foreign participants. The organizers shall bear the costs for all activities related to the meeting, including the official cultural program, accommodations, meals and local transportation.

(Korean participants : 100,000 won)

J. Airfare Sponsorship

In principle, the participant and/or organization should cover round trip airfare to and from Incheon airport.

For those participants from developing countries of APEC and other countries who have participated in international related organizations, the Organizing Committee may cover the round trip or one way airfare within a budget allocation.

Those who are interested in getting the sponsorship should fill out the separate grant request form and submit it with the other documents.

Airfare sponsored by the Organizing Committee will be reimbursed upon the participant's arriving.

K. Application

All interested applicants should submit the application and the essay no later than Friday, June 3 to the following :

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National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK)

International Youth Center

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Seoul 157-856, Korea

Tel :+ 82-2-2667-0897 Fax :+ 82-2-2667-0295

E-mail: apecyouth@gmail.com Website: <http://www.youtizen.org>

L. Documents to be submitted

1. Typed application form (3×4 Cm size photo have to be adhered) 1 copy

** The application form can be downloaded from the official website.*



2. Essay (Mandatory)

During the APEC Youth Plaza, each delegate will form a part of 'Voice of APEC Youth'.

Among the main issues which will be discussed during the APEC 2005 Leader Meeting, the following four issues will be used as the main discussion topics during the Voice of APEC Youth Session.

All applicants are asked to submit an essay (700 - 1000 words) on one of the above four issues. Select one of the four issues and state your opinion freely.

- Free Trade : Regionalism & Globalization ; How can these two go side by side?
- Fighting Corruption : What is the youth's role to eliminate the corruption?
- Information Technology : What the APEC Youths can do to overcome the IT gap between APEC member countries?
- Intercultural Cooperation: The role of APEC to promote the cultural exchange among member countries.

M. Participant Confirmation

The selected participants will be informed on the official website by 13th of June, 2005.(www.youtizen.org)

N. Others

- The temperature of Korea in August is between 25 ~32 °C with occasional rain.
- Participants are advised to prepare for short-sleeved shirts, swimming suit, sports attire, umbrella etc.
- Traditional costumes and articles will be needed for some programs such as the Cultural Exhibition.
- Participants who require visa to enter Korea will need to inform the Organizing Committee the exact passport number and full name as soon as possible for arrangements.

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- *Home stay: If the foreign participants want to remain few days more in Korea after the APEC Youth Plaza, the organizing committee can arrange the home stay. All the expenses related to prolonged stay in Korea should be covered by the participants. The interested participants should inform the duration of stay in advance. (max. 3 days)*

- ※ *After the official event, the organizer is not responsible for any incidents during the time of home stay.*

O. Tentative Itinerary

17th of August, 2005 (Wed)

Participants Arrive
Orientation

18th of August, 2005 (Thu)

Keynote Lecture
Congratulatory Performance
Opening Ceremony
Welcoming Luncheon (Hosted by Minister of Culture & Tourism, Rep. of Korea)
Visiting Buddhism Temple (Woljung-Sa)

19th of August, 2005 (Fri)

Lecture I, II, III
Group Discussion
Q&A Session
Discussion for Organizing "Voice of APEC Youth"

20th of August, 2005 (Sat)

Discussion for "Voice of APEC Youth"
Team Work Training
International Culture Night

21st of August, 2005 (Sun)

Maritime Training Activity
Barbecue Garden Party

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The logo for APEC 2005 Korea, featuring the acronym 'APEC' in a stylized font with a blue and white circular graphic element behind it, and the text '2005 KOREA' below it.

22nd of August, 2005 (Mon)

Model APEC Plenary Session

23rd of August, 2005 (Tue)

Session for APEC Youth Declaration

Study Tour in Seoul

24th of August, 2005 (Wed)

Field Trip to Internet Tech Laboratory & IT Industry

Farewell Party

25th of August, 2005 (Thur)

Participants Departure



APPLICATION FORM

(For Foreign Applicant Only)

1. Personal Details

Please attach a passport photo here	<i>Family Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex (F / M)</i>
	<i>Date of Birth (yy.mm.dd)</i>	<i>University / Graduate School/ others</i>		<i>Major and Year(Position)</i>
	<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Passport Number</i>	<i>Religion</i>	

2. Address

<i>Current Address</i>	<i>Telephone Numbers (inc. area code)</i>	<i>email</i>
<i>Permanent Address (if different than current address)</i>	<i>Telephone Numbers (inc. area code)</i>	<i>email</i>

3. Languages

<i>Mother Tongue:</i>	<i>Below: Mark with X level of knowledge of English</i>			
<i>English Test Score (TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS): (if you have one)</i>				
<i>English Speaking Level</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Slight</i>

4. Do you have significant health problem(s) and/or particular dietary/medical requirements? (serious accident, illness, handicap, allergy, medication, etc.)



5. Please mention your special talents or skills, if you have any.

6. Briefly describe the purpose of your participation

7. ESSAY (Mandatory)

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- Free Trade : Regionalism & Globalization; how can these two go side by side?
- Eradicating Corruption : What is the youth's role to eliminate the corruption?
- Information Technology : What the APEC Youths can do to overcome the IT gap among APEC member countries?
- Intercultural Cooperation : The role of APEC to promote the cultural exchange among member countries.

All applicants are asked to submit an essay (700 - 1000 words) on one of the above four issues. Select one of the four issues and state your opinion freely. Please attach the additional sheet(s). Selected essays will be included in the official book of the APEC Youth Plaza.

Application Deadline : All interested applicants should submit the application no later than 3rd June 2005. The selected participants will be notified through the official website by 13 June 2005.

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How did you learn about the APEC Youth Plaza 2005?

I hereby certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate.

Name or signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to apecyouth@gmail.com

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