

2016 AIT Youth Camp

Description: In collaboration with the U.S. Embassies in Singapore, Vietnam, and Indonesia and in partnership with National ChengChi University, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) is launching its fourth annual Youth Camp. This year's camp will bring together approximately 50 young Asian leaders from Taiwan, Singapore, Vietnam, and Indonesia to discuss such issues as regional development and cooperation, cultural exchange, and social innovation. Camp activities include interactive panels led by experts from U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs, cultural exploration, and leadership development sessions.

Program Dates: July 29-31, 2016

Venue: National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

Fee: AIT will cover all expenses incurred during the camp, including meals, lodging, insurance, educational materials, and other miscellaneous fees. Students have to cover their own transportation to NCCU.

Language: The camp will be conducted in English.

Criteria for Selection:

- 1. Taiwan undergraduate university students from all disciplines are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- 2. English language ability; able to discuss complex issues in English.
- 3. Students should be enthusiastic about cultural exchange, regional cooperation, social innovation, and community engagement, and be able to demonstrate leadership potential.
- 4. Completed application materials must be submitted before May 31, 2016 to include essays and resumes.
- U.S. exchange programs alumni can recommend and nominate students. Students may also seek nominations and recommendations from college professors, research supervisors, or volunteer organizations.

Application deadline: May 31, 2016 (early submission is highly encouraged)

Selection:

The American Institute in Taiwan will select approximately 30 students from all regions of Taiwan. Applicants should complete the application form and essay questions below and attach a resume in English and send to youthcamp2016@mail.ait.org.tw before May 31, 2016.

Applications will be reviewed by AIT officers and staff and alumni of U.S. government exchange programs. Students who are selected for a face-to-face (or Skype) English interview will be notified in early June. Selected campers will be notified by AIT the last week of June and provided with detailed camp information.



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Personal Information

Last Name:	First Name:	中文姓名:
Address:		
Telephone: (Cell)		(Home)
Email:		
School:		
Department:		
Grade Level in Fall 2016:	□Sophomore / □Junior /	□Senior / □Recent Graduate / □Other:
Gender:		
T-shirt Size: S/M/L/XL/2X	L (Circle One; or specify ye	our height/weight)
Dietary Restrictions		
aware of? (This will not in	nfluence camper selection,	injuries, or recurring illnesses that we should be only for use in planning camp activities).
Emergency Contact Infor	<u>mation</u>	
Name:		Relation to Student:
Phone Number:		E-mail Address:
Student Recommended b	oy (optional):	
Referee's name/title/orga	anization:	
Referee's email:		
Is the referee a State Dep	artment Alumnus/Alumna	?
If so, what exchange prog	ram did the referee partici	pate in?
Referee 's Signature		Date:



Personal Statement:

1.	Describe your experience(s) in volunteer work, internship, international exchanges, community
	or school service, or other activities and why you selected this experience. What's the most
	important and valuable thing you learned from the experience(s). (400 words or less)

2. Which camp theme (<u>regional development, international cooperation, social innovation, or leadership</u>) are you most interested in? Related to the theme of your choice, please elaborate what issue you care the most (e.g. could be anything from environmental protection, to socio-economic development, to a specific international cooperation topic). Related to this issue or theme, what have you done in the past or what do you plan to do in the future? (400 words or less)

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____