

# 2016 MODEL APEC CONFERENCE

## --- Promoting APEC Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Side Event of the 6<sup>th</sup> APEC Education Ministerial Meeting

Wednesday, August 25 – Monday, August 28    Beijing, China

### I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

MODEL APEC Conference, established in 2010, is a program that aims at engaging young leaders in the APEC process, to unite, develop and enrich the skills of the next generations, and encourage them to respond to closer regional cooperation of the Asia-Pacific Region. In 2016, the program became an APEC self-funded program under the Human Resources Development Working Group-Education Network.

2016 MODEL APEC Conference will be held in August, 2016 in Beijing, China. It will invite students from APEC member economies to step into the shoes of APEC education ministers and discuss the further cooperation over key themes and subthemes that are in consistency with the 6<sup>th</sup> APEC Education Ministerial Meeting. A youth initiative paper representing the view of young people will be produced by participants and handed to EDNET/ HRDWG and even to APEC ministerial meetings. Besides, this activity will provide young people the opportunity to hear from internationally recognized speakers, and interact with senior representatives from business, academic and government over the key elements that shape the future development of the Asia-Pacific.

### II. OBJECTIVES

- To gather youth from Asia-Pacific region in order to pass on the spirit of regional cooperation.
- To experience the cultural differences and promote cross culture communication in Asia-Pacific region.
- To start an exchange of values and ideas among students for further dialogue and conversation on a higher level.
- To pass on insights from the young generation to policy-making level and give students an opportunity to influence the policy makers.
- To enhance leadership of the young people.

### III. SCHEDULE

<i>Day 1</i> (8.25)	14:00- 20:00	<b><i>Registration and icebreaking</i></b>
<i>Day 2</i> (8.26)	09:00- 11:30	<b><i>Opening ceremony and keynote speech</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Opening Ceremony will be held in Beijing Foreign Studies University. Students will be welcomed by organizer and will listen to speeches given by invited speakers over what's shaping the future of the Asia-Pacific Region.</li></ul>

	14:00-17:00	<p><b>City Tour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will visit the Beijing city and experience the distinctive culture of China.</li> </ul>
Day 3 (8.27)	09:00-18:00	<p><b>MODEL APEC Education Ministerial Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students from member economies will post as APEC Education Ministers of 21 economies, and discuss further cooperation themes and subthemes of the 6<sup>th</sup> AEMM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Competencies:</b> Individual Pathways for Education, Basic, Higher, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), and Lifelong Learning.</li> <li><b>2. Innovation:</b> Promotion of Science, Technology and Innovation Capabilities in Education.</li> <li><b>3. Employability:</b> Transition from Education to Work for Economic and Social Growth.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>By the end of the conference, a recommendation paper based on the outcomes from these discussions will be submitted to represent voices from the young generation.</p>
Day 4 (8.28)	09:00-12:00	<p><b>Workshops on leadership enhancement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will listen to lectures and attend group tasks to learn how to enhance leadership, and their role in the future development of Asia-Pacific region.</li> </ul>
	14:00-17:00	<p><b>Workshops on topics of women and innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be divided into groups to interact and finish group tasks on topics assigned by guest speakers over topics of women and innovation.</li> </ul>
	19:00-21:00	<p><b>Closing Ceremony and cocktail banquet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will attend closing ceremony and cocktail banquet.</li> </ul>

## V. PARTICIPANTS

We welcome participants who are:

- Currently enrolled in universities from APEC member economies;
- Motivated and expecting to expand their scope of knowledge beyond their immediate field of study;
- Intellectually engaged and curious about transpacific discussions and the process of regional economic cooperation;
- Fluent in English.

All member economies are invited to recommend no more than three students to participate in the program. The cost of the program in Beijing is fully covered. Besides, China will afford the international airfare of one delegate of each economy.

## **VI. APPLICATION**

Students who are willing to attend the program should complete the enclosed application form and email it to [guobeisi@modelapec.com](mailto:guobeisi@modelapec.com) by 10August, 2016 (Beijing Time)

## **VII. MORE INFORMATION AND QUERIES**

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