

# 18th Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship Essay Competition

## Theme: Smart City and the Environment

### Fact Sheet

#### 1. Organizers

Lions Clubs International, District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China (<http://www.lionsclubs.org.hk>)  
Lions Youth Exchange Foundation ([www.yecamp.com](http://www.yecamp.com))  
Lions Club of Kowloon  
Hong Kong Lions Club of Happy Valley,  
Lions Club of Braemar Hill, Hong Kong  
Lions Club of Central  
Lions Club of Mid-Levels, Hong Kong  
Lions Club of Center Point, Hong Kong SAR  
Lions College ([www.lionscollege.edu.hk/camp](http://www.lionscollege.edu.hk/camp))  
Leo District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China ([www.leod303.org](http://www.leod303.org))  
The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools ([www.emi.edu.hk](http://www.emi.edu.hk))  
The Hong Kong Award for Young People ([www.ayp.org.hk](http://www.ayp.org.hk))

#### 2. Co-Organizers

Ming Pao Newspaper Limited ([www.mingpao.com](http://www.mingpao.com))  
Centre for Environmental Education & Communications of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China  
Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council

#### 3. Supported by

- (i) Education Bureau, the Government of HKSAR ([www.edb.gov.hk](http://www.edb.gov.hk))
- (ii) Heep Yunn School ([www.hys.edu.hk](http://www.hys.edu.hk))
- (iii) St. Stephen's College ([www.ssc.edu.hk](http://www.ssc.edu.hk))
- (iv) Windshield Charitable Foundation (<http://windshieldcharitable.org>)
- (v) Satay King (Holding) Co. Ltd. (<http://satayking.hk>)
- (vi) Soap Studio Company Limited
- (vii) da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant
- (viii) East Point City, Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited ([www.eastpointcity.com.hk](http://www.eastpointcity.com.hk))

#### 4. Objectives

The Youth Exchange Programme is:

- (a) to provide youths with international exposure and an opportunity to improve their communication skills in English;
- (b) to promote awareness on topical issues;
- (c) to build up self-confidence and global vision for world class citizens of the future; and
- (d) to encourage young people to think analytically and write creatively.

## 5. Target

Secondary 4-6 students

## 6. Competition

- (a) Each applicant shall submit an essay on the theme: **Smart City and the Environment**
- (b) The essay shall be of not more than 1,200 English words (without using any photos or graphics) submitted as a file in WORD format attached to this google form to [yec.essay2018@gmail.com](mailto:yec.essay2018@gmail.com) **before 11:59 pm on Friday, 5th January 2018.**
- (c) Please extract key sentences of not more than 50 words from the essay highlighting the main theme/idea and insert them at the bottom of the last page of the essay.
- (d) Short-listed applicants shall attend an interview to make oral presentation of their essays on or around Saturday, 27th January, 2018.
- (e) Finalists, about 10 in number, will be required to make a power-point presentation in the Award Presentation Ceremony on Saturday, 10th March, 2018. (Tentative) together with finalist from Mainland China (up to a maximum of 6)
- (f) Results will be published in Ming Pao in March, 2018.
- (g) The decisions of the Organizers are final.

## 7. Prizes

**1st – 3rd:** Full Exchange Scholarship to a city in North America, Europe or Australia decided by the Organizers in consultation with the selected scholars with return air ticket included. The total monetary amount of the scholarship is not exceeding HK\$15,000.

**4th:** Full Exchange Scholarship to Japan Exchange with return air ticket included. The total monetary amount of the scholarship is not exceeding HK\$6,000.

**5th – 10th:** Full Exchange Scholarship to Taipei or Mainland China Exchange with travel fares included. The total monetary amount of the scholarship is not exceeding HK\$5,000.

An exchange scholarship will be forfeited if an exchange scholar cannot participate in an exchange programme in 2018. In exceptional cases, the Organizers may allow an extension for 1 year.

### **Additional Gifts to Top 10 Finalists:**

- (a) Top 10 Award Certificate; and
- (b) One \$500 cash coupon each from Satayking Restaurants and da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant
- (c) Free Conservation Day Camp for Finalists on Sunday 11th March, 2018.

### **11th – 50th Finalists:**

- (a) Certificates of Merits  
Certificate holders will be endorsed to participate at their own cost in any Lions international youth exchange held in about 100 cities worldwide. Priority will be given to them if an international exchange camp is held in Hong Kong. Acceptance to an exchange overseas is subject to final approval of the organizer overseas.
- (b) One \$100 cash coupon each from Satayking Restaurants and da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant.
- (c) Free Conservation Day Camp for Finalists on Sunday 11th March, 2018 subject to availability of vacancies.

## **8. Costs**

Each exchange will include family hosting before and/or after the camp. Exchange students will be provided with free meals and boarding during the exchange. Full Exchange Scholarship will, in addition, cover camp registration fee, if any, and return air or land transportation fares. Students will bear their other personal expenses for travel insurance, snacks, souvenirs, personal entertainment, visas, etc.

## **9. Duties of Exchange Scholars and Schools**

- (a) An exchange scholar shall attend briefings on exchange.
- (b) An exchange scholar shall provide to the Organizers and his/her school a report on his/her exchange within one month after his/her return.
- (c) The school of an exchange scholar shall provide an opportunity to the scholar to make a public presentation of his/her prize-winning essay and another opportunity to present his/her post-exchange report.
- (d) An exchange scholar shall help the Organizers give briefings to future exchange scholars.

## **10. Registration Form**

The registration form is available at <http://goo.gl/oQ6Hws>.



## **11. Privacy Policy**

The information collected in the Registration Form is for the sole use by the Organizers in the organization of the youth exchange and ancillary programmes. Request for access to and correction of the information provided can be made to the Lions Clubs District Youth Exchange Chairperson. The Organizers have the unrestricted right to copy and reproduce in all media and format as they think fit all materials created by the Applicants for this Competition.

## **12. Contact us**

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