Call for Participants

(International Applicants)

**Youth Forum on Traditional Values and Peace**

- Revisiting Confucianism -

19-23 August 2019 / Andong City, Republic of Korea

**Background**

When UNESCO was established after the Second World War, its main objective was to build a lasting peace through the mutual understanding of all humankind. The Preamble to the Constitution of UNESCO states that “since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.” More than 70 years later, humankind is still confronted with numerous conflicts, the illegal use of force and unprecedented forms of violence. The UNESCO’s mission in its Constitution more than half a century ago is more valid than ever. The present culture of violence, based on distrust, suspicion, intolerance and hatred, on the inability to interact constructively with all those who are different, must be replaced by a new culture based on non-violence, tolerance, mutual understanding and solidarity, on the ability to solve disputes and conflicts peacefully.

In East Asia, Confucianism has long been regarded as an expression of the region’s traditional values and culture that promote peace in the community. To create a universal ideal for global citizens in today’s society, Confucianism needs be reinterpreted in order to address current tensions and conflicts among people, communities and countries over their own interests. As part of efforts to revisit Confucianism, the Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU) is arranging a Youth Forum on Traditional Values and Peace in cooperation with the Korean Studies Institute. The forum will provide a venue to youth in East Asia so that they can better understand each other and explore how they can use Confucianism to help design a peaceful and sustainable future.

In 2019, the East Asian Youth Forum will discuss the role of Confucianism as a bridge that connects countries in the region and ways in which we can overcome nationalistic or state-centric views of history, and the important roles that youth can play as global citizens in cooperation and positive interactions between countries. We encourage youth, students and young activists to participate in this opportunity to search for our common future and peace through traditional values.

**Objectives**

* To facilitate mutual understanding and collaboration among young people to promote peace at the global, regional, and national levels
* To promote dialogue among young people in relation to traditional values and peace in the region, focusing on Confucianism
* To encourage young people to share ideas on how to reinterpret Confucianism as a universal ideal

**Date & Venue**

19-23 August 2019 / The Korean Studies Institute, Andong City, Republic of Korea

**Participants**

* 40 individuals between the ages of 18 and 30 from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Vietnam (10 participants from each country)
* Gender balance will be considered
* Priority will be given to individuals directly involved in youth related activities in their respective countries. The forum welcomes youth majoring Confucianism.
* Participants should be proficient in English in order to give presentations and partake in discussions.

**Co-organizers**

* Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU)
* The Korean Studies Institute (KSI)

**Theme**

* Understanding Traditional Values and Peace
* Revisiting Confucianism in Our Daily Lives
* Designing the Common Future of East Asia as Global Citizens

**Lectures**

* Lectures will be provided by experts to give participants a basic outline of the themes to be considered during the forum

**Languages**

* English only

**Financial Arrangements**

* No participation fees are required. Food, accommodation, and local transportation during the forum will be provided. Please note that the participants will share dormitory accommodation during the forum.

**Certificates**

* A certificate of attendance will be awarded by Korean National Commission for UNESCO and the Korean Studies Institutue to participants who satisfactorily attend and participate for the duration of the forum.

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**Programme (Tentative)**

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| **Sunday 18 August** |
|  | **Arrival at Incheon Airport and travel to Andong** (by bus) |  |
| 18:00-19:00 | **Welcome Dinner** | In Andong City |

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| **Monday 19 August** |
| 09:00-09:30 | **Registration** |  |
| 09:30-09:50 | **Orientation**  |  |
| 09:50-11:20 | **Ice breaking**  |  |
| 11:20-11:30 | **Break** |  |
| 11:30-12:00 | **Country Meeting**  |  |
| 12:00-13:30 | **Lunch & Break** |  |
| 13:30-14:00 | **Opening Ceremony** |  |
| 14:00-15:45 | **Keynote Lecture and Q&A*** Topic: Traditional Values in East Asia and Confucianism
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| 15:45-16:00 | **Break** |  |
| 16:00-16:45 | **Group Discussion** * Topic: Confucianism in Our Daily Lives Today
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| 16:45-17:00 | **Break** |  |
| 17:00-18:00 | **Country Presentations & Discussion** |  |
| 18:00-19:30 | **Reception** |  |

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| **Tuesday 20 August** |
| 09:00-09:15 | **Review of the 1st Day** |  |
| 09:15-10:00 | **Team Building Workshop**  |  |
| 10:00-11:00 | **Group Discussion*** Topic: Confucianism towards Global Citizen
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| 11:00-11:15 | **Break** |  |
| 11:15-12:00 | **Group Presentations & Discussion** |  |
| 12:00-13:00 | **Lunch** |  |
| 13:30-15:00 | **Lecture & Discussion*** Topic: Confucianism and Cosmopolitanism in a Globalized World
* Student Presentations: Global Citizens and Confucianism
* Q&A
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| 15:00-15:15 | **Break** |  |
| 15:15-16:15 | **[WorkshopⅠ]** The Voice of East Asian Youth on 5 Questions①Peace, ②Community, ③Environment, ④Human Rights, ⑤Justice |  |
| 16:15-16:30 | **Break** |  |
| 16:30-18:00 | **[WorkshopⅡ]** The Voice of East Asian Youth: Answers①Peace, ②Community, ③Environment, ④Human Rights, ⑤Justice |  |
| 18:00-19:00 | **Dinner** |  |

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| **Wednesday 21 August** |
| 09:00-09:15 | **Review of the 2nd Day** |  |
| 09:30-12:00 | **Field Trip**: UNESCO Memory of the World: Confucian Printing Woodblocks in Korea  |  |
| 12:00-13:30 | **Lunch** |  |
| 13:30-14:30 | **Lecture**: Confucianism and the Spirit of the Seonbi (Korean traditional scholar) |  |
| 15:00-17:00 | **Field Trip:** Seowon, Confucian Academies of Korea (UNESCO World Heritage) |  |
| 17:00-21:00 | **Free Time** (In Andong City) |  |
| 21:00-21:30 | **Return to Training Centre** |  |

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| **Thursday 22 August** |
| 09:00-09:45 | **Review of the 3rd Day** |  |
| 09:45-10:00 | **Break**  |  |
| 10:00-12:00 | **[Draft]** **The Voice of East Asian Youth: Confucianism and Our Common Future**  |  |
| 12:00-13:30 | **Lunch** |  |
| 13:30-14:30 | **Wrap-up and Preparation of Final Presentations** |  |
| 14:30-14:45 | **Break** |  |
| 14:45-15:15 | **Presentations of The Voice of Youth on East Asian Confucian Culture** |  |
| 15:15-16:30 | **Review & Evaluation**  |  |
| 16:30-17:00 | **Closing Ceremony** |  |
| 17:00-18:00 | **Break & Free Time** |  |
| 18:00-21:00 | **Farewell Dinner** |  |

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| **Friday 23 August** |
| 10:00-12:00 | **From Andong To Incheon** | By Bus |

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**APPLICATION FORM**

Kindly return the completed form **NO LATER THAN 7 June 2019** to Korean National Commission for UNESCO.

Please kindly attach

1. CV (max. 2 pages)

2. Motivation letter (max. 1 pages)

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| **Personal Information** |
| Name | Title(Ms/Mr) |  |  |
|  | (Family Name) | (First Name) |
| Date of Birth |  | Nationality |  |
| University  |  |
| Major |  |
| Name of any youth-related organization you are involved in (if any) and your role in the organization |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Telephone  | (Home) | (Mobile)  |
| **Meal Restrictions** |
| \* Please check1) Vegetarian 2) Non-Vegetarian3. Other (please specify):**\* Notes:** Due to the facilities available at the accommodation and forum venue, it may not be possible for dietary restrictions to be fully accommodated. |
| **Medical issues** |
| Do you have any significant medical issues of which the organizer should be aware, or for which you require special assistance? (Illness, allergy, medication, handicap, etc.)  |

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| **Special Remarks**  |
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| **Contact Person for Emergency**  |
| Name |  | Relationship |  |
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**Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**