



16th LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

ESSAY COMPETITION

THEME:

"ONE BELT ONE ROAD" DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE: Challenges to Environment or Opportunities for Sustainable Development

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)

Lions Club of Kowloon,

Hong Kong Lions Club of Happy Valley,

Hong Kong Lions Club of Queensway

Lions Club of Braemar Hill, Hong Kong

Lions Club of Hong Kong (Pacific)

Lions Club of Central

Lions Club of Mid-Levels, Hong Kong

Lions Club of Center Point, HKSAR

Lions College (www.lionscollege.edu.hk/camp)

Leo District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China (www.leod303.org)

The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools (www.emi.edu.hk)

The Hong Kong Award for Young People (www.ayp.org.hk)

2. Co-Organizers

Ming Pao Newspaper Limited (www.mingpao.com)

Centre for Environmental Education & Communications of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China

Hong Kong Subsidised Secondary Schools Council (www.hksssc.edu.hk)

3. Supported by

1. Education Bureau, the Government of HKSAR (www.edb.gov.hk)

2. Heep Yunn School (www.hys.edu.hk)

3. Satay King (Holding) Co. Ltd. (<http://satayking.hk>)

4. Wah Gar Knitwear Factory Company Limited

5. da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant

6. East Point City, Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited (www.eastpointcity.com.hk)

4. Objectives

The Project 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.



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5. Target Students

Secondary 4-6 students of age 17 and above by 31 May 2016.

6. Competition

- (a) Each applicant shall submit an essay on the theme: **“ONE BELT ONE ROAD”**

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE: Challenges to Environment or Opportunities for Sustainable Development. The One Belt One Road development initiative of Mainland China has brought focus on the connectivity and cooperation among countries primarily in Euro Asia. It will also create many cross border economic zones. Mainland China, playing a vital role in this, will open up many opportunities and prosperities in cooperation with other countries in areas such as trading, building infrastructures, industries, energy, transport logistics, technology and tourism etc.

To take on board the blueprint of sustainable development throughout the 21st Century and further, how would Mainland China embrace this initiative by supporting it with green trading, clean technology, low carbon action, upfront environmental protection policies, standards and regulations, green service, green banking and environmental consultancy service riding on the past development experience and lessons learned? How would Hong Kong, with the past experience in environmental protection and sustainable development share the benefit or contribute to the initiative?

- (b) The essay shall be of not more than 1,000 English words (without using any photos or graphics) submitted in WORD format to youthexchange2016@gmail.com or by post in a CD to Lions College, 90 Hing Shing Road, Kwai Fong, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong before 5:00 pm on Monday, 4th January 2016.
- (c) Please extract key sentences 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 Saturday, 30th January, 2016 at Heep Yunn School.
- (e) Finalists will be required to make a power-point presentation in the Award Presentation Ceremony on Saturday, 27th February 2016 at East Point City, Tsueng Kwan O.
- (f) Results will be published in Ming Pao in March, 2016.
- (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 and total amount not exceeding HK\$15,000.

4th: Full Exchange Scholarship to Japan Exchange with return air ticket included and total amount not exceeding HK\$6,000.

5th - 10th: Full Exchange Scholarship to Taipei or Mainland China Exchange with travel fares included and total amount not exceeding HK\$5,000.



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An exchange scholarship will be forfeited if an exchange scholar cannot participate in an exchange programme in 2016. In exceptional cases, the Organizers may allow an extension for ONE year.

Additional Gifts to Top 10 Finalists:

- (a) Top 10 Award Certificate; and
- (b) One HK\$500 cash coupon each from Satayking Restaurants and da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant.

Additional Gifts to 11th to 50th Finalists:

- (a) Certificates of Merit.

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 HK\$100 cash coupon each from Satayking Restaurants and da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant.

8. Costs

Each exchange will include family hosting before and/or after the camp. Exchange students will be provided 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, 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 school a report on his 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 prize-winning essay and another opportunity to present his post-exchange report.
- (d) An exchange scholar shall help the Organizers give briefings to future exchange scholars.

10. 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 Chairman. 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.