



Youth Innovation Competition on Lancang-Mekong Region's Governance and Development

Competition Information

Youth Innovation Competition on Lancang-Mekong Region's Governance and Development (YICMG) is designed for the universities and students in this sub-region. In the past five competitions, it has attracted hundreds of guests, experts, and students from over ten universities in the region. Over 140 projects on policy, public benefit, and micro-enterprises have been submitted.

By now, YICMG has been included in the annual framework of the China-ASEAN Education Exchange. Integrating youth innovation and entrepreneurship, cultural and educational exchange, cultivation of elites in global governance, South-South Cooperation, local development, and "One Belt One Road" strategy. YICMG is welcomed and developed by governments, universities, and students in the region.

I. Competition Requirement

1. The project shall relate to the competition theme and be based on each country's status quo, including an introduction within 500 words, theme elaboration, problem analysis, program design, and prospects. At the same time, comments and suggestions from the university shall be attached.

2. The work requires teamwork and collective involvement. And there shall be one or two mentors' recommendations to guarantee that the work is done by the students independently. Any kind of work that has got awards in similar competitions in China shall not be applied for this competition.

3. The signed application form indicates that the author agrees the Organizing Committee retains the right of further publicity, dissemination, and publication.

II. Application Process

Any student teams interested in the competition is welcome to send their proposal to the official email address: yicmg2022@163.com.

Please use the official proposal as an attachment.

III. Competition Process

1. The theme and information shall be issued in December 26th, 2021.

2. Build the team building and prepare an application.

3. Hand in the project before April 10th, 2022.

4. Work will be assessed by the Expert Committee.

5. Final name list will be issued about April 30th, 2022.

6. Final competition will be held in early July 2022.

IV. FAQ

1. Does YICMG charge fees?

YICMG charges no application fee. The Organizing Committee will cover the fees for the final competition which includes accommodation and round-trip expenses.

The excellent teams and participants may get further funds from the committee.

2. Do participants have to apply for passports and visas by themselves?

Yes. According to the International Organizing Committee, YICMG2022 will be held in Thailand. The passport and visa application shall be done by the participants individually. If anything goes wrong, please feel free to contact us. The Organizing Committee will offer necessary documents as an assistance to the passport and visa application. If some changes happen unfortunately due to the Covid-19, we will inform you again.

3. Is interscholastic cooperation permitted?

Yes. The interscholastic cooperation can be carried out as long as every team member is eligible. And basically, the team is an interscholastic one, members represent their own countries.

V. Information for the third final competition

1. Schedule of the Final Competition

Day 1: Pick-up and Check-in

Day 2: Opening Ceremony and Speeches

The teams shall demonstrate their work to the committee through an exhibition stand and group presentation. Then, the teams will be randomized into new multinational teams with six students in each and get two original projects that may be from other teams.

DAY 3: Discussion and Improvement

Participants presenting the multinational team attend the Mekong Café and other cultural activities where they can fully communicate with experts and other participants, improve their projects, and give the incubated one. The final oral defense will be conducted by drawing lots.

Day 4: Final Presentation and Closing Ceremony

Each multinational team will present the improved project which is for further incubation according to the order by drawing lots. Experts will give the assessment and the awards.

Day 5: Departure

2. How to present the original project?

1). Each team will be offered an x-shaped stand with the size of 80*180cm. There is no fixed way for presentation and display. The experts will walk around the exhibition stands to listen to and talk with the teams. And a salon can be held between teams so that they can get more ideas.

2). Each team takes terms to show their project to the Expert Committee, which includes 10 mins' presentation and 5 mins Q&A.

3). The committee will award the "Most Valuable Issue" and the "Most Creative

Team". All the projects will be commented.

3. How to complete the incubation project

1. All the participants will be shuffled to build multinational teams and get two projects from other teams by drawing lots.
2. Every team should join in the "coffee house" where they can get more ideas for project incubation.
3. Guided by the direction from the experts, teams should give a final version of their project.

4. How to assess the incubation project

- 1). Presentation order is decided by drawing lots. Individual and team presentations are both welcomed.
- 2). The time limit for each presentation is 10 mins, 7 mins for statement, and 3 mins for Q&A.
3. The assessment is based on team performance and project quality. The "Best Multinational Team" and the "Best incubation project" will be awarded.

5. Awards

1). The Most Valuable Issue Award (2)

“The Most Valuable Issue Award” is given to the students who try to deal with the most urgent issue in the Mekong sub-region.

2). The Most Innovative Team Award (2)

“The Most Creative Team Award” is awarded for the most innovative project.

3). The Best Project Incubation Award (2)

“The Best Project Improvement Award” rewards the team that has made the project most feasible by thorough modification.

4). The Best Multinational Team Award (2)

And “The Best Multinational Team Award” commends the team that shows excellent teamwork.