



## Asia Pacific Youth Conference-Information

<b>Title</b>	<i>Asia Pacific Youth Conference</i>
<b>Acronym</b>	<i>APYC</i>
<b>Short Description</b>	<i>Youth Annual Conference of lofC in Asia Pacific, began in 1990 until now to enagage young people of age 18-35 to respond social issues and global challenge by finding personal responsibilities that link from personal to global.</i>
<b>Type</b>	<i>The APYC is designed for training, talk, dialogue,</i>
<b>Frequency and Timing</b>	<i>Once a year, July or August</i>
<b>Location(s)</b>	<i>Asia Pacific Countries</i>
<b>Active since</b>	<i>1990</i>
<b>Context</b>	<p>In the last decade, the Asia Pacific (AP) region has drastically emerged as one of the most dynamic regions in the world in terms of fast economic growth and integration, diversity in culture, politics, and social development. With that, AP's potential to influence global issues will also grow. Yet, this region is facing different challenging issues where lofC movement that is deeply driven by Divine guidance and inner calling, would play a significant role in bringing positive changes in the region.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Trust-building:</b> the clashes, rooted from the long history of war, among AP countries and communities, have been the big obstacle to sustainable growth. There is a significant need for healing and bridging across nations such as in the North Asia (China-Korea-Japan), in the Southeast Asia (Thailand-Cambodia-Vietnam and Malaysia-Indonesia) and across communities, particularly between Muslim and non-Muslim communities (Indonesia- the world's largest Muslim country and its neighboring countries such as Australia, India, and Malaysia).</li> <li>2. <b>Ethical Leadership:</b> the culture of corruption and leadership capabilities has affected the sustainable social development in the region. The emergence of young lofC teams in the region is the potential opportunity to develop the new leadership generations equipped with inner calling, integrity, values, and ethical leadership.</li> <li>3. <b>Strategic Thinking &amp; Planning:</b> the young lofC teams, who are occupied with personal life's struggles and commitments, and are tied-up running different lofC program, need more spiritual inputs and global thinking to act collectively to address the regional issues and needs. They need training and mentoring on strategic actions for the region.</li> </ol>
<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<p>the opportunity to dialogue with those from neighbouring countries, build friendships and create networks for peace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To build relationships of trust and mutual understanding through dialogue based on an appreciation of each other's faiths, heritage and cultural diversity;</li> <li>• To learn from the life experiences of those who are addressing issues including corruption, communal conflict and poverty;</li> </ul>

- To address the root causes of social issues through personal change that deals with conflict in the individuals own lives;
- To develop projects for peace-building within the region.

<b>Process and Approach</b>	<i>Participants learn about lofC idea and 4 absolute moral standard, Inner listening, Trust Building, conflict resolution, friendship</i>
<b>Impact</b>	<p><i>We have achieved to create a space to introduce what lofC and the values for young people, it is also a space for young people in the region to be conncted to each other. We also create a space for life changing experiences. Te dialogue between neighbouring countries to bring healing and hope, like Cambodia and Vietnam dialogue was started in APYC 2004, the dialogue between Indonesia and East Timor in APYC 2011 in Australia, and between Korea-Japan.</i></p> <p><i>Many young people came accross lofC through APYC, it helped to form a new team and strengthen the team that already exist.</i></p>
<b>Testimonials</b>	<i>(see <a href="http://www.iofc.org/sites/default/files/testimony_alumni_apyc.pdf">http://www.iofc.org/sites/default/files/testimony_alumni_apyc.pdf</a>)</i>
<b>Target Audience</b>	<i>Young people of 18-35.</i>
<b>Funding</b>	<i>Mostly its from participants' contribution. We also got support from Silvia Zuber Fund, IPT and other national lofC teams, and individual donations.</i>
<b>Online Presence</b>	<i><a href="http://www.apyc.iofc.org">www.apyc.iofc.org</a></i>