

Dr. Irene Tang AYP Hong Kong – Sri Lanka Exchange Project 2019 (18 – 24 April 2019)

It is always the intention of the Award Scheme to offer various exposures for our candidates to interact with their counterparts from around the world. Following this direction and with the great support from Dr. Irene Tang, an outbound exchange project “*Dr. Irene Tang AYP Hong Kong – Sri Lanka Exchange Project 2019*” is planned to be held from 18 to 24 April 2019 in Sri Lanka.

Objective

1. To broaden the horizons of participants by exposing to other cultures.
2. To arouse the awareness of environmental protection by exploring in tropical rainforests
3. To provide opportunity for participants to complete their Gold Level Residential Project Section.

Duration and Destination

The exchange project will last for 7 days. It will take place between 18 to 24 April 2019 at Colombo and Sinharaja Forest at Sri Lanka.

Programme

This will be a 7-day Residential Project which provides participants opportunity to work with Sri Lanka participants by exploring in Sri Lanka tropical rainforests. Participants will visit the Sinharaja Forest Reserve (a Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage Site by UNESCO). Activities include birds watching, visit to waterfalls, and study of herbal plants, insect species and life of villagers who live in rural village. Participants will also join in cross cultural activities between Sri Lanka & Hong Kong young people.

Accommodation

Dormitory type of accommodation at Colombo and Sinharaja Forest.

Number of Participants

15 participants will be selected for the exchange project.

Financial Arrangement

Dr. Irene Tang AYP International Exchange Programme Fund will subsidize large part of the cost of this exchange project including flight tickets and local expenditures. Delegates from Hong Kong are only required to pay **HK\$3000** (non-refundable) as participation fee of the trip. However, delegates are required to bear their own visa application fee, personal expenses, personal souvenir items and get themselves well equipped for the exchange.

Delegates will also need to pay an extra **HK\$1500** as deposit. This will be refunded after the delegate completed the exchange project.

Since Dr. Irene Tang has provided considerable subsidies to the exchange project, delegates are not eligible to apply for the Dr. Irene Tang AYP International Exchange Programme Fund, except for those who are financially underprivileged (eg. recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme).

Training for Participants

Participants must attend **ALL** trainings and meetings as stated below:-

Date : 6/3 (Wed), 19/3 (Tue), 2/4 (Tue), 9/4 (Tue) & 29/5(Wed)

Time : 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Venue : Award Headquarters

Obligations of the Participants

They are obliged to:

1. attend **ALL** trainings and meetings before and after the exchange project
2. do his/her best to complete the programmes/assignments as scheduled;
3. write a detailed report after the visit (to be submitted within 1 month after the trip);
4. offer continued volunteer service to the Award Scheme for at least 2 years upon his/her return to Hong Kong after the trip.

Qualifications of the Applicants

The applicants should:

1. be an AYP candidate now working at the Gold Level (priority will be given to those candidates working for the Residential Project Section);
2. between 16-24 years of age;
3. have a basic understanding on the spirit and operation of the Hong Kong Award;
4. have good command of English;
5. have pleasant personality;
6. be a Hong Kong resident;
7. have financial resources to cover the necessary expenses connected with the visit.

Application Procedures

Interested persons with the above qualifications are invited to send in their applications.

They are required to:

1. complete one application form;
2. provide copies of passport and HK Identity Card;
3. submit a reference letter recommending them to the exchange project. The letter can be written by their OA/UU leader, teacher or anyone they think suitable.

The above-mentioned items should be sent to the Award Office on or before the deadline.

Selection Procedure

After the application deadline, shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a selection interview to be held from **6:30pm to 9:30pm** on **25 February 2019 (Monday)**. 15 participants will be selected for the exchange project after the interview.

Application Deadline

Deadline for application is **18 February 2019 (Monday)**. Late application will not be considered.

If you require further information, please feel free to contact Miss Amy POON, our Senior Operations and Training Officer at 2157 8620.