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### Subject: The 42<sup>nd</sup> International Youth Camp - Call for Applications

Dear Madam/Sir,

In response to the recommendation to emphasize youth programmes put forth by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the 13<sup>th</sup> session of its General Conference, the Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU) established the International Youth Camp (IYC), which has become an annual tradition of the KNCU since its launch in 1966. Since its inception, IYC has enriched the lives of approximately 4,000 youths from over 80 countries through programmes designed to foster international understanding and promote peace, human rights, cultural diversity, and sustainable development.

Young people, with their energy, passion, creativity and idealism, have the enormous potential to turn their common vision of positive social change into a reality. Recognizing their invaluable partnership role, IYC calls on youth to participate and take action today. This year, under the theme "Unite Youth, Create Change," the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Youth Camp will focus on the 'change' that youth can bring about in society. Through various programmes, such as thematic workshops, intercultural exchanges, field studies, and discussions on global and local issues, the 11-day camp will be a multicultural encounter and meeting point for young people from different national, ethnic, cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. In keeping with annual tradition, this year's camp will continue to serve as an opportunity for participants to realize their own vision for the future by working with others toward the common goal of creating a more just and sustainable world.

We welcome applications from young people between 18 and 27 years old who care about and have been actively involved in local community projects aimed at stimulating positive social change. We sincerely hope that you will nominate suitable applicants from your organization, and would appreciate if you could distribute the enclosed materials and application forms to other organizations and individuals who might be interested. Completed application forms should be sent to this Commission no later than 13 July 2007. The application form and updated information are also available on our website: <http://youth.unesco.or.kr/iyc>.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Samuel LEE  
Secretary-General

Encl.: As stated.

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**9-19 August 2007 / Republic of Korea**

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- **Venue:** Korea UNESCO Peace Center in Icheon, Gyeonggi Province  
& 11 Field Study Sites
- **Participants:** 120 youth (30 Korean, 90 International)
- **Organized by:** Korean National Commission for UNESCO
- **Supported by:** Kia Motors

### **What is the International Youth Camp (IYC)?**

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## Information for Applicants

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- **Requirements for Participation**
  - Age: Young people between 18-27 years old.
  - Language: The official language of the camp will be English. Campers need not be fluent but must be able to communicate reasonably well in English.
  - Participation fee: US\$250 must be paid upon registration at the camp. The fee covers the cost of accommodations and meals. Please note that the fee does not include transportation costs to the meeting point in Seoul.
- **Application / Notification of Selection**
  - Applicants must send their completed application form and letter of motivation to the Korean National Commission for UNESCO by mail, fax, or email **no later than 13 July**. The application form is available for download at: <http://youth.unesco.or.kr/iyc>
  - All applications will undergo a thorough review process. Upon notification of their selection, campers and their sponsoring organizations will be sent further information about IYC. Please note that individuals without sponsorship are also welcome to apply.
- **Certificate**

Each participant will be awarded a certificate of completion upon conclusion of the camp.

## Main Programmes

### 1) Workshops & Reporting Sessions

Participants will attend workshops on global and local issues, and study and discuss assigned subjects in groups in preparation for their respective field study. Upon return from the field, participants will report and evaluate their findings.

### 2) Cultural Exchange Programmes

Each participant(s) will have the opportunity to present and exhibit their unique cultures.

### 3) Field Studies

All participants will be divided into 11 groups; each group will spend five days conducting field study with an associated organization. The 11 fields of study are described below:

(Camp Code / Location / Cooperating Organization)

**IYC-4201 / Cheorwon / Korean Association for Bird Protection**

**Theme:** Peace and Environment

**Cooperating Organization:**

The Korean Association for Bird Protection operates a bird sanctuary as part of the Cheorwon Ecology Center, which serves as a laboratory to study nature's resilience and a catalyst for building peace on the Korean Peninsula.

**Description of Activities:**

Participants will study and join the activities of the Cheorwon Ecology Center. This year participants will have the chance to discuss the division of the Korean Peninsula, as the Center is located near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Subjects that may be discussed during the field study include the Military Demarcation Line, land mines, environmental sanctuaries, war and the environment.

**IYC-4202 / Gwangju / Gwangju Youth Service Center**

**Theme:** Human Rights

**Cooperating Organization:**

The Gwangju Youth Service Center is a community organization dedicated to the activation of youth participation in the community. The center promotes volunteering and provides social activities for local youth. The Center is located in the city of Gwangju, which is the history site of the May 1980 civilian uprising against political repression and martial law in defense of justice, democracy, human rights and freedom.

**Description of Activities:**

Participants will study local history as well as the human rights issues that continue to confront the community. Among the wide-range of activities planned, participants will take field trips to historic sites related to the civilian uprising and engage in direct exchanges with the local community.

**IYC-4203 / Seoul (Gwangjin) / International Mongolia School**

**Theme:** Multicultural Society

**Cooperating Organization:**

The International Mongolia School provides primary and secondary education to over 40 students, all of whom are the children of Mongolian nationals living and working throughout Korea.

**Description of Activities:**

Along with the students, participants will take part in cultural exchange programmes and field trips to historic sites in Seoul, as well as conduct research on multicultural Korea from the foreigner's viewpoint.

**IYC-4204 / Ansan / Ansan Immigrant Center**

**Theme:** Multicultural Society

**Cooperating Organization:**

The Ansan Immigrant Center promotes human rights along with legal and social reforms for migrant workers. The majority of migrant workers in Korea face poor working conditions, mistreatment at the workplace, and a precarious legal status.

**Description of Activities:**

Participants will study the current situation of migrant labor in Korea, and, through interviews and workshops, consider the tasks and solutions for promoting the rights of migrant workers.

**IYC-4205 / Daejeon / Daejeon Health Sciences College**

**Theme:** Youth Alienation

**Cooperating Organization:**

Daejeon Health Sciences College focuses on the welfare of the elderly and of alienated youth, both of which have emerged in the field of social welfare as two of the most important groups deserving attention.

**Descriptions of Activities:**

Participants will learn practical skills related to the promotion of elder health and welfare, and discuss issues facing marginal groups in society. There will also be interaction with alienated youths at the youth shelter *Shimter* so as to understand their situation and discuss ways to promote and resolve their issues.

**IYC-4206 / Seoul (Dobong) / Choroknara Children's Library**

**Theme:** Community Solidarity

**Cooperating Organization:**

Choroknara Children's Library began as a grassroots movement led by mothers in the community that provides children with supplementary education and care.

**Description of Activities:**

Participants will cooperate with the library by guiding children and carrying out administrative tasks. They will also participate in cultural activities, interact with the local community, and exchange ideas on the ways to increase public awareness of youth alienation.

**IYC-4207 / Gurye / Korea National Park Service**

**Theme:** Environment and Ecology

**Cooperating Organization:**

The Korea National Park Service is a management authority that aims to promote nature conservation and visitor satisfaction. The organization carries out various park management projects, in cooperation

with respective local communities, for the sustainable use and conservation of Korea's national parks.

**Description of Activities:**

Participants will take part in various hands-on activities at Jirisan National Park, Korea's largest mountain park, and engage in intensive ecology- and environment-related discussions and study.

**IYC-4208 / Yeongdong / Mulggo Free School**

**Theme:** Environment and Ecology

**Cooperating Organization:**

Mulggo Free School is an alternative school located in an agricultural community in central Korea. In addition to their studies, the 10 students enrolled at this school experience the wonders of the natural environment surrounding the school.

**Description of Activities:**

Each year students from different cities visit Mulggo Free School to take part in their summer school programme. Participants will join this regionally-diverse group of students in cultural exchange programmes and organic farming.

**IYC-4209 / TBA / Dulsori**

**Theme:** Cultural Heritage

**Cooperating Organization:**

*Dulsori* is a dynamic and unique Korean percussion group that infuses Korean traditional rhythms with a modern style. Inspired by a Korean traditional art form called *Madangnori*, they showcase their techniques at performing arts festivals and market squares in rural areas.

**Description of Activities:**

Markets in Korea have traditionally featured various folk performances. Participants will assist the percussion group's performances and even get the chance to show off their own talents!

**IYC-4210 / Namwon / Namwon Hyanggyo**

**Theme:** Cultural Heritage

**Cooperating Organization:**

Namwon Hyanggyo, a Korean cultural heritage site, is a local school annexed to a Confucian shrine that dates back to the Joseon Dynasty. The academy is run by village seniors and continues to offer classes that are open to the local community.

**Description of Activities:**

Participants will engage in cultural heritage site preservation activities, including making repairs to traditional wooden structures. They will also study the origins of and experience first-hand Confucian tradition and culture.

**IYC-4211 / Wonju / Modugol**

**Theme:** Cultural Heritage

**Cooperating Organization:**

*Modugol* was established in 1988 by a group of clown artists, and is aimed at reviving Korean intangible cultural arts in rural areas.

**Description of Activities:**

Intended to energize and refresh the local community, activities with this performing group will take place at nearby open-air places. Participants will stage art performances and experience first-hand local performing arts and dances. Visits to local heritage sites and interaction with members of the local community are also planned.

*<http://youth.unesco.or.kr/iyc>*

Information about the application process and the application form can be found at the website address above. Advance postings of any changes to the schedule and other details can also be found on the website and will be sent directly to all participants.

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