

## 6th Asia-Pacific School Leadership Academy

### Fostering School Exchanges and Networks in the Asia-Pacific

Organized by APCEIU  
Sponsored by Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education  
26 – 30 October 2015, Republic of Korea

#### 1. Background

In today's complex, interconnected society, fostering global citizenship has become one of the key educational priorities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to create a more just, peaceful, and sustainable society. APCEIU, guided by its UNESCO mandate, firmly believes that **school leadership plays an indispensable role in making school contexts conducive to constructive dialogue across diversity, mutual respect, and a culture of peace and sustainability**. Acting upon this conviction, APCEIU has taken various initiatives especially designed for school leaders since 2010, in order to enhance the competencies of school leaders to implement **Education for International Understanding (EIU), also known as Global Citizenship Education (GCED)**, in their respective schools and organizations.

Now in its sixth year, the Asia-Pacific School Leadership Academy aims to strengthen the capacity of school leaders in the Asia-Pacific region to develop and implement creative and sustainable school exchange programmes, while deepening the understanding of EIU/GCED. The Academy will provide interactive workshops and a platform to exchange best examples and practical ideas on global school-to-school exchanges and networking. It is expected that after this programme school leaders will become highly motivated and competent about creating global school networks, intensifying the channels of mutual understanding across different cultures, and ultimately facilitating the growth of the Culture of Peace in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Education for International Understanding (EIU)**, interchangeably called **Global Citizenship Education (GCED)**, is a holistic and multi-dimensional education initiative to promote **learning to live together for a Culture of Peace**. EIU advocates participatory democracy, human rights and dignity, social and economic equity, ecological sustainability, and peaceful reconciliation of conflicts. EIU pedagogy emphasizes transformative and inclusive education, relevance of knowledge, empowerment of learners, as well as holistic approaches.

#### 2. Objectives

- To enable the school leaders to have a deeper understanding of EIU/GCED in fostering a Culture of Peace
- To promote the sharing of experiences, best practices and ideas on cross-cultural school exchanges to enhance mutual understanding across cultures in the region
- To support participants in identifying effective strategies to develop and implement school-to-school exchanges and EIU/GCED initiatives in their local contexts

### 3. Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced capacity of participants to play a crucial role in promoting EIU/GCED in their own school, organization, community, country, and region;
- New and expanded networks of schools and school leaders in the region to strengthen educational programmes related to EIU/GCED;
- Strengthened leadership for effective management of education in the 21st century that emphasizes the value of Learning to Live Together (LTLT);
- Formation of sister school affiliations between schools in Seoul and in other Asia-Pacific countries.

### 4. Dates and Venue

- **Date:** 26 – 30 October 2015 (5 days)
- **Venue:** Seoul, Republic of Korea

### 5. Organizer and Sponsor

- **Organizer:** Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU)
- **Sponsor:** Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education (SMOE)

*The Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) was established in 2000 as a UNESCO Category 2 centre, mandated to promote a Culture of Peace. Guided by the UNESCO Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom (1974) and the Declaration and Integrated Framework of Action on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy (1995), APCEIU has made various efforts to promote EIU ranging from training workshops to the development of education resources. APCEIU also works in line with the UN Global Education First Initiative (GEFI) launched in 2012 in fostering global citizenship.*

### 6. Number of Participants

21 school leaders\* from UNESCO Member States in the Asia-Pacific Region  
 (\* School leaders: principals/headmasters or vice principals)

### 7. Workshop Language

English

### 8. Application Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Currently working as a primary/secondary school principal/vice principal with a remaining career of at least 5 years before retirement;
- Strong interest and capacities to develop school-to-school exchanges and promote EIU/GCED;
- Teaching background in Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts are preferred;
- School leaders who have not yet attended any of APCEIU's training workshops;
- Good command of both spoken and written English

## 9. Application Deadline and Procedures

- Application Deadline: 13 August 2015
- Application Procedures: 1) Interested applicants should submit their applications to the National Commissions for UNESCO, UNESCO field offices, SEAMEO centers, designated partner institutions of APCEIU and SMOE; 2) The recommending institutions should send their recommended applications to APCEIU via email ([ent1@unescoapceiu.org](mailto:ent1@unescoapceiu.org)) by 13 August 2015; 3) A review committee will be set up to screen the applications; 4) The selection results will be notified in late August around 24 August 2015.

## 10. Costs

- **Programme/Staying Costs:** For the duration of the Academy, including arrival and departure day, all expenses for hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis\*, meals, workshop materials, local accommodations and study visits will be covered by APCEIU. Participants will be solely responsible for all further expenses. For any extended stay beyond the workshop period, participants are responsible for the relevant expenses. There will be no daily allowance (per diem) provided by APCEIU.

\*Twin sharing basis accommodation refers to two (2) persons per (1) room: Check-in on 25 October, check-out on 31 October. This room arrangement is made in order to further enrich the interactions among the participants. Please bear in mind that any requests for single rooms may or may not be accommodated depending on room availability. Participants will be responsible for any extra cost caused by single room use.

- **International Travel Expenses:** International travel expenses should be covered by the participants. Some financial support may be provided to a limited number of participants based on their country status according to the World Economic Situations and Prospects.
- **Insurance:** Participants should bring their own medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Korea. APCEIU only covers basic domestic travel insurance during the Academy.

## 11. Main Components

- LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS:** Lectures, workshops, and hands-on activities on school leadership for EIU/GCED, intercultural understanding, and school exchange programme development
- BEST PRACTICES FORUM ON SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES:** Exploring diverse ideas and possibilities of school-to-school exchanges through sharing innovative examples and experiences on programmes to promote creativity and diversity in schools; and discussions to identify barriers and possibilities in implementing exchange programmes
- SCHOOL VISITS:** Information gathering on Korean school system; delivering a lesson on cultural diversity and interacting with Korean students; exchange of ideas and networking for school exchange programme development
- ACTION PLANS:** Identifying and developing individual and group plans for implementing school-to-school exchange programmes
- CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** Opportunity to build a sense of community among participants while sharing cultural elements and insights with one another

## 12. Tentative Programme Schedule

Date	Programme	Remark
25 Oct	• Arrival	
<b>Day 1: Setting the Stage</b>		
26 Oct	• Opening ceremony	
	• Introduction to APCEIU and workshop orientation	
	• Workshop I: Ice-breaking session for community-building	
	• Special lecture on Global Citizenship Education	
<b>Day 2: Preparation for School Exchange Programme Development</b>		
27 Oct	• School visit I	
	• Workshop II: Dialogue Across Differences	
	• Workshop III: Preparation for school exchange programme development	
<b>Day 3: School Exchange Programme Development (1) and Best Practices Forum</b>		
28 Oct	• School Exchange Programme Development I: Drafting action plans	
	• Best Practices Forum on School-to-School Exchange Programmes	
<b>Day 4: School Exchange Programme Development (2)</b>		
29 Oct	• School visit II - Consulting for school exchange programme - Teaching classes - Signing of agreements	
	• School Exchange Programme Development II: Drafting action plans (continued)	Individual & Group
	• Farewell dinner and Cultural Night	
<b>Day 5: Presentation of the Action Plans and Closing</b>		
30 Oct	• School Exchange Programme Development III: Action plan presentation and discussion	Individual & Group
	• Final synthesis & reflections	
	• Closing ceremony	
31 Oct	• Departure	

\* Details are subject to change.

## 13. Contact Information

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