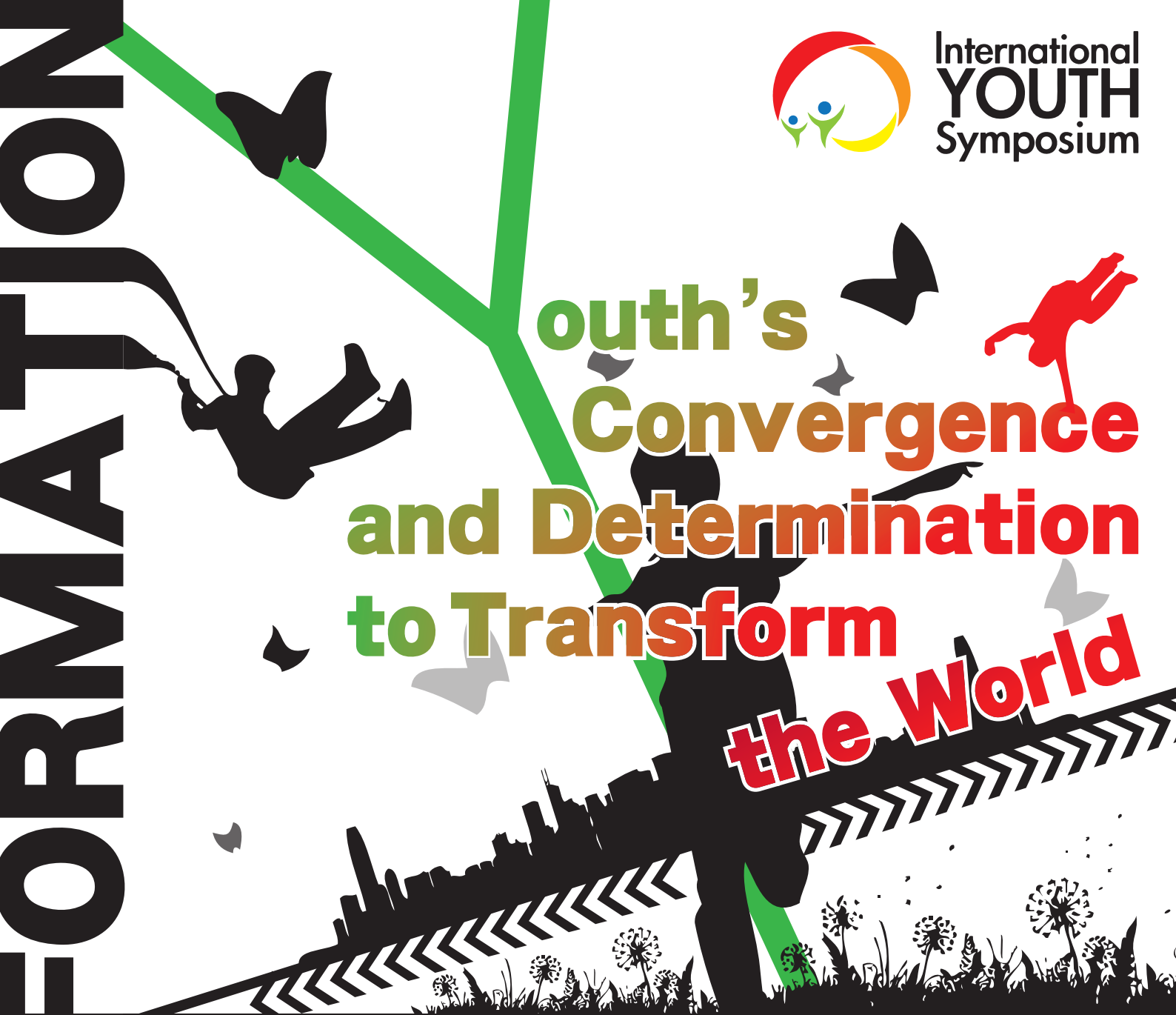




International  
**YOUTH**  
Symposium



# Youth's Convergence and Determination to Transform the World

## International Youth Symposium 2013 -2014

### SYMPOSIUM DETAILS

Date: 28 December 2013 — 2 January 2014

Target Participants:

Youth aged between 18-25\* (Overseas and local delegates)

Venue: Y-Square, Chai Wan, Hong Kong

Accommodation: Y-Loft, Chai Wan, Hong Kong

\* For youths that are out of this age group, expressing enthusiasm and commitment to join the Symposium, would be considered by individual cases.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
31 October 2013

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## INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of advanced information technology has contributed to economic growth and brought us many aspects of convenience. It has however paved a way to a series of critical global issues, uneven resources distribution, dramatically widened wealth gap, poverty, discrimination, fragile human relationships, poor social cohesion and power struggle, to name just a few. To tackle these thorny problems, we want to nurture young people to be change agents by firstly raising their awareness, secondly encouraging active social participation, and thirdly motivating them to initiate actions.

The theme of the symposium is Transformation - "Youth's Convergence and Determination to Transform the World". We assert that formulating innovative and localized actions and transformation can take place in different levels and scales, ranging from local communities, larger regions, to our global village. Around 200 youth participants aged between 18 and 25 from across the world will take part in the symposium. After joining this meaningful international event with a developed Youth's Pledge, they will bring positive impacts back to their own society, as well as making changes to our world beyond step by step.

## OBJECTIVES

- To develop Youth's Pledge for community transformation and world betterment;
- To formulate a model "Awareness, Participation and Action" from young people's perspectives, and discuss their relevance in the regional contexts;
- To strengthen youth participation in global issues, and work out agenda for improvement; and hence to ensure such agenda will be translated into innovative solutions that will be followed up by the youth groups over the next 2 - 4 years;
- To reinforce and further develop youth cooperation between different regions through the adoption of the Youth Pledge based on the common approaches and objectives;
- To provide Cultural Exchange platform to strengthen youth network.

## PROGRAMME FEATURES

- **Conference for Youth's Convergence** — Youths from different continents and with cross-cultural backgrounds will join awareness training, participation and action in response to global issues.
- **Highly interactive and participative** — Create an active involvement and engagement atmosphere, transmitting message in a two-way communication.
- **Innovative Plans** — We value practical and innovative ideas / solutions to solve some social issues, and look for sustainable action plan that can be continued and executed after the symposium.
- **Appreciate fellowship and life value** — there will be times to listen to and reflect on the Words of God, through singing, sharing, dancing, offering and other forms of creative media.

## VENUE

Youth Square (Y-Square) is a project commissioned by the HKSAR Government's Home Affairs Bureau, and aims to implement the Bureau's vision and purpose in promoting social harmony and civic education. Youth can find the perfect venue to fully develop their potential in Youth Square, Hong Kong's home to youth development activities.

Website: <http://www.youthsquare.hk/eng/home/>

## DATE

28 December 2013 to 2 January 2014

Delegates are expected to arrive at the Hong Kong International Airport on 28 December 2013. There will be shuttle bus pick-up service starting from 1300 to 2100 (every 2 hours, please indicate in the Symposium Application Form)

## ACCOMMODATION

Y-LOFT

238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong

Tel: (852)3721 8989

Website:

[http://www.youthsquare.hk/eng/yloft\\_hostel\\_rooms/](http://www.youthsquare.hk/eng/yloft_hostel_rooms/)

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Day	Day 1 28 DEC 2013 (SAT)	Day 2 29 DEC 2013 (SUN)	Day 3 30 DEC 2013 (MON)	Day 4 31 DEC 2013 (TUE)	Day 5 1 JAN 2014 (WED)	Day 6 2 JAN 2014 (THU)	
<b>MORNING</b>  <b>AFTERNOON</b>  <b>EVENING</b>	Breakfast and Morning Devotion						
	Worship						
	Arrival and Registration	Opening Ceremony	Plenary Session 1 From Youth Leader to Society Transformer	Plenary Session 2 Innovation for Society Building	Experiential Workshop (AM) Emerging in Society	Community Visit	Closing Ceremony
		LUNCH	Go! HK City Hunting		LUNCH	Besides the Hustle and Bustle	
		Parallel Workshops Round 1*	Dialogue on Innovation with Social Entrepreneurs/ Innovators in HK Tea Gathering**		Experiential Workshop (PM) Detecting Society's Potential	Society Innovator You are ABLE	
		Parallel Workshops Round 2*					
	Welcoming DINNER	DINNER International Fair	DINNER Creative Presentation and Sharing		Long Table Dinner and Cultural Night	Farewell DINNER	Departure/ Go! China (OPTIONAL)

\*Parallel Workshops  
 Culture | Heritage | Community Service | Performing Arts | Youth Movement in Hong Kong | Business & Third Sector

\*\*By Invitation

All programmes will be conducted in English.

## PARTICIPATION FEE\*

Local Delegates:

Overseas (including Mainland China, Macau, Taiwan) Delegates:

Early Bird (Application submitted by 30 September 2013)

- Individual
- Group (3 persons or above)

Non-Early Bird

- Individual
- Group (3 persons or above)

HKD 800 per person

USD 200 per person

USD 190 per person

USD 250 per person

USD 230 per person

\*The fee does not include the cost of flight ticket and the "Go! China" trip. It will cover 5 nights' accommodation, all meals and transport arrangement during the symposium, the symposium T-shirt, info pack and other programme materials.

## PAYMENT METHOD

### Overseas Delegates

#### MONEY TRANSFER

Bank name : THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED  
Bank address : SHOP 361-5, LEVEL 3, OCEAN CENTRE, HARBOUR CITY, 5 CANTON ROAD,  
TSIMSHATSUI, KOWLOON, HONG KONG  
Bank account No. : 004-018-070995-001  
Bank account name : YMCA OF HONG KONG  
Swift Code : HSBCHKHCHKH

PLEASE KEEP THE BANK SLIP and send it back with the registration form.

### Local Delegates

#### CHEQUE PAYMENT

Please make cheque payable to YMCA OF HONG KONG and send it back with the registration form.

## VISA FACILITATION

The YMCA of Hong Kong will facilitate visa application for International delegates. Those requiring a formal letter of invitation may send passport details to Mr. Gordon Wong, Programme Officer, YMCA of Hong Kong by email: [iys@ymcahk.org.hk](mailto:iys@ymcahk.org.hk).

## APPLICATION

Please send the duly completed registration form AND the bank slip (for overseas delegates) / cheque (for local delegates) to Ms. Peggy Siu, Programme Officer, YMCA of Hong Kong by email [iys@ymcahk.org.hk](mailto:iys@ymcahk.org.hk) or mail to YMCA of Hong Kong, 1/F, Hang Ning Court, 259-263 Shun Ning Road, Cheung Shaw Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong on or before the application deadline.

Application will only be considered successful upon payment of participation fee settled.

## CONTACTS

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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN HONG KONG!