**Invitation
To the 24th International Youth Forum**

***“21st Century Youth Volunteerism”***

7th ~ 14thAugust 2013, Seouland Goesan,Republic of Korea

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea!

The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK) is the coordinating body for youth organizationsacross Korea under the auspices of the Ministry ofGender Equality and Family, Korea (MOGEF). We have been organizing the International Youth Forum since 1990, inviting more than 100 youth delegates from over 30 countries across the world every year.

I am pleased to inform you that the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea along with the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family is organizing the 24th International Youth Forum this year again. The event will be held in Seoul and Goesan, Korea from August 7th to 14th, 2013 in cooperation with WAY(World Assembly of Youth), AYC(Asian Youth Council), and AUN(ASEAN University Network).

The theme of the forum shall be ***21st Century Youth Volunteerism***. This forum provides like-minded youths the platform to realign our values, reignite passion and redefine roles for volunteering in the 21st Century.

I therefore would like to invite you to join this forum. Appended hereto are the following documents for your information and application.

1. Program Briefing Paper
2. Application Form

I am looking forward to seeing you in Seoul.

Sincerely Yours,



HahmJong Han, Ph.D.

President

The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK)

**The 24thInternational Youth Forum**

**1. Date and Venue**

Date: 7th~14th August, 2013

Venue: Seoul and Goesan, Republic of Korea

**2. Theme**

**“*21st Century Youth Volunteerism”***

**Sub-themes:**

*- Youth Volunteerism : Present & Future*

*- Youth’s Role in the Invigoration of Youth Volunteerism*

**3. Background**

1. In this age of globalization and rapid development, technology has advanced rapidly. However, social welfare has not been able to improve as quickly. The difference in Social Welfare is especially significant between developed and developing economies. Therefore, Volunteerism in the 21st Century is suggested as the potential solution to improve social welfare for the society at large.
2. Volunteerism, as supported by United Nations, is said to benefit both the society at large and the individual volunteer. However, in this competitive 21st Century where individuals seek personal excellence and monetary gains, Youth Volunteerism needs to be promoted and encouraged for the betterment of man-kind.
3. Therefore, in order for volunteerism to be recognized as a universal value in this changing global climate, in-depth discussions about volunteer participation is required to shape responsible youths through a culture of lifelong volunteering.

**4. Objectives**

1. To makeyouthaware of global problems, offering an opportunity to tackle them and to find alternative ways or solutions
2. To improve cooperation and mutual understanding among youths across diverse cultures

C. To spread goodwill around the world and to build interactive global citizenship through networking among youths

**5. Organizers**

A. Host: TheMinistry of Gender Equality and Family, theRepublic of Korea (MOGEF)

B. Organizer: The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK)

1. Sponsors:World Assembly of Youth (WAY)

Asian Youth Council(AYC)

ASEAN University Network (AUN)

**6. Participants**

A. Overseas participants:55 delegates

B. Korean participants: 24 delegates

C. Organizing Committee: 11 people

D. Qualifications

 - Youths between the ages of 18 and 24 who are significantlyinterested in the topic

- Participants should have a good command of English

**7. Financial Aid**

1. Travel cost (airfare) will besubsidizedby the organizer (NCYOK)except ASIA(**Northeast Asia, Southwest Asia, Central Asia, Southeast Asia)**according to the criteria below:

­-**Participants travel from Africa, Oceania, Europe and American regions: US$ 550**

**Note**

- Applicants will be informed of a grant amount determined by the 10th of June

- Applicants who can afford own travel cost will be first considered to be admitted

1. NCYOK bears the expenses ofaccommodation, meals and local transportationduring the program

**8. Application and Required Documents**

A. Application closing date is **May31(Fri), 2013**

\* The admission will be determined and informed **within20days**fromthe day of submission.

B. Applicants need to submit:

1)A completed application

2) An English essay

: A4, 1~2pages, font 12, Times New Roman, single-spaced, Title: ‘21st Century Youth Volunteerism’

C. Please turn in the above documentsonly via E-mail (chojh@koreayouth.net)

 (The title of e-mail should be ‘Youth Forum Applicants – name of applicant’)

**9. Contact Information**

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**10. Program**

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| **August2013** | **Activities** |
| 7th(Wed) | Arrival/ Registration Opening Ceremony and Welcome DinnerLectures on the theme OrientationRecreation and Ice-breaking Meeting |
| 8th(Thu) | Samsung Everland(Amusement Park)Moving to Goesan Youth Center |
| 9th(Fri) | Group Discussion**Ⅰ**Group Discussion**Ⅱ**Case Study PresentationTeamwork Training |
| 10th(Sat) | Group Discussion**Ⅲ**Cultural Lesson on Korean TraditionⅠ(Korean Traditional Manners/Samulnori)Cultural Lesson on Korean TraditionⅡ(Making Korean Food)Group Discussion**Ⅳ** |
| 11th(Sun) | Group Discussion**Ⅴ**Group Discussion**Ⅵ** |
| 12th(Mon) | General Assembly(Drawing Up Seoul Declaration)Barbecue Party & Friendship Night |
| 13th(Tue) | Moving to SeoulSeoul City Study Trip (Outing)Closing Ceremony (Adoption of Seoul Declaration) |
| 14th (Wed) | Departure |

**11. Photographs**

