



Final Report

**THE 2016 ELEVENTH NORTHEAST ASIA ECONOMIC FORUM
YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM**

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The 2016 Eleventh Northeast Asia Economic Forum Young Leaders Program

Overview

The Northeast Asia Economic Foundation (NEAEF) has successfully concluded its 11th Young Leaders Program (YLP). The 2016 YLP was implemented over 15 days from July 31 to August 14 in Changchun, China.

In all, twenty-four YLP Fellowships were granted, of which 23 were awarded to graduate students or young professionals from China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Russia and the United States, and one to an Italian as a representative from the European Union. Jilin University, hosting YLP for the first time, provided considerable logistical support. Ten student volunteers were recruited by Jilin University to assist in the program and participate in YLP activities, thus expanding the program's impact in China.

Program Goals and Outline

The main goals of YLP are to:

1. Enhance knowledge of the social, economic and political institutions of the individual countries in northeast Asia and north America;
2. Encourage young leaders to consider a wide range of perspectives on regional and multilateral economic cooperation;
3. Prepare YLP fellows to work collaboratively and internationally;
4. Provide them with practical education in policymaking through opportunities of direct dialogue with policymakers and other experts;
5. Foster a sense of community among young leaders; and
6. Promote a better understanding among individuals, countries and cultures in northeast Asia and the United States.

According to the above goals, the 2016 YLP included the following major components:

1. Six introductory presentations on the individual countries within the region, each prepared by YLP Fellows not from the country with input from other YLP Fellows;
2. Five collaborative thematic presentations by YLP Fellows on issues concerning trade,

infrastructure development, energy and environment, tourism and the vision of a northeast Asia economic community;

3. Ten optional presentations by individual YLP Fellows on topics relevant to the YLP goals;
4. Ten sessions of fourteen invited presentations (4 sessions focusing on China, 4 on the 2016 YLP themes, and another 2 on regional financial cooperation and population ageing respectively);
5. Participation in the 2016 annual conference of NEAEF.

The 15-day program had an approximate total of 85 hours of scheduled program activities, excluding the weekend city tour and free time. All program activities were designed to promote interaction among the participants across nationalities and across academic or professional backgrounds. YLP Fellows shared opportunities to assume leadership roles in collaborative studies or organizational duties. For many of them, it was their first collaborative experience in a truly international environment. Apart from scheduled program activities, YLP Fellows appreciated ample informal opportunities for networking and interactions with the invited speakers and local volunteers.

Young Leaders Program Fellows

An online announcement of the 11th YLP was posted on the NEAEF website (www.neaef.org) in March 2016. Subsequent announcements were sent to academic institutions, governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, former YLP fellowship recipients and individuals in contact with potential applicants in China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Russia and the United States.

Applicants were asked to include the following documents in their application:

- A statement of purpose
- A resume, and
- Two letters of recommendation

Twenty-four YLP Fellowships were awarded on a competitive basis by an admission committee consisting of senior members of the NEAEF staff. The primary criteria for acceptance were demonstrated interest in northeast Asia and Asia-US relations, evidence of leadership potential, academic excellence in the applicant's own field(s), motivation to participate actively, and fluency in English and one or more northeast Asian languages. Consideration was also given to an overall balance in the representation of the six countries in the 2016 program.

In all, 24 YLP Fellows benefited from the Freeman Foundation grant directly, and 10 Jilin University student volunteers shared the benefit.

Of the 24 recipients, 12 are female and 12 are male. They represented six countries and one region: 7 from China, 3 from Japan, 1 from Mongolia, 3 from South Korea, 3 from Russia, 6 from

the United States, and 1, cost-shared, from the European Union. The United States and China accounted for 13 (54%) of the 24 direct beneficiaries of the Freeman Foundation grant. For basic demographic information of the 2016 YLP Fellows, please refer to Appendix 1.

Twenty (83%) of the 2016 Fellows were first-time recipients. Four past recipients were included for the continuity of the networking of YLP participants.

NEAEF takes pride in the quality of the 2016 YLP Fellows in terms of leadership potential, self-motivation, academic discipline and communicative competency in one or more foreign languages. All of them are graduates from leading universities in northeast Asia, the United States or Europe, including two US Rhodes Scholars at Oxford University.

Program Components

Since its inaugural year of 2006, YLP has been evolving in response to the input from the participants and development issues within the region. The 2016 YLP agenda, attached as Appendix 2, reflects the overall conceptual framework as articulated by Dr. Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman of NEAEF, as well as the adjustments as required in on-site implementation.

This year's YLP comprised five major components explained below:

1. Collaborative area presentations,
2. Collaborative thematic presentations,
3. Individual presentations,
4. Invited presentations,
5. NEAEF conference

Collaborative Area Presentations

YLP Fellows were free to form one group of 4 or 5 members responsible for a 60-minute introductory presentation on one of the 6 countries, followed by 20 minutes of discussion. The group included no member from the country being introduced but was encouraged to solicit input from YLP Fellows or volunteers from that particular country. A suggestion was made that the introductory presentation cover the following aspects of the country:

- Its socio-political system
- Its world view and relations with its neighbors in the region
- Its economic structure and issues
- Its current and potential contributions to regional economic cooperation

Each group was free to add other relevant aspects and design its own presentation format. Within the group, the members were expected to share the responsibilities. This collaborative exercise was intended to help the participants to get to know each other and pool their prior knowledge of the region before starting to work further on the selected themes of the 2016 YLP. Some volunteers participated in the preparation of the area presentation, but they had no speaking roles in the presentation.

Collaborative Thematic Presentations

The next collaborative exercise was the thematic presentation. Each participant signed up for one of the five themes depending on his or her interest or expertise. Those themes were chosen for two reasons: (a) they were central to the overarching topic of regional development and (b) they were consistent with the topics of the subsequent annual NEAEF conference. The five themes chosen for 2016 were:

- Trade in Northeast Asia
- Infrastructure Development for Physical Connectivity in Northeast Asia
- Energy and Environment in Northeast Asia
- Tourism in Northeast Asia
- The Northeast Asia Economic Community

The group size varied between 4 to 5 members. Members within each group were free to coordinate their online research and then organize their information into an 80-minute presentation, including time for discussion. Instructed to examine the topic in the context of regional cooperation, the YLP Fellows were also alerted to the follow-up sessions when invited experts would speak on similar or related topics. This collaborative exercise was designed to prepare the Fellows for meaningful discussions with the invited experts on the chosen themes. Some volunteers participated in the preparation of the collaborative thematic presentations but had no speaking roles in the actual presentation.

Individual Presentations

NEAEF promotes free exchange of ideas from diverse academic and professional backgrounds as another level of communication for regional cooperation and development. All YLP Fellows were given the option to make an individual presentation. The presenters were free to choose their format for the 20-minute presentation, including time for questions and answers. Preliminary titles of the individual presentation were collected upon the recipients' formal acceptance of the NEAEF offer of the YLP Fellowship.

Ten (42%) of the recipients took advantage of the opportunity: 3 from China, 2 from Japan, 1 from South Korea, 2 from Russia, and 2 from the United States. The titles of their presentations are listed in the YLP Agenda in Appendix 2.

Invited Presentations

The invited presentations were arranged into three conceptual groups. The first group of four sessions focused on China. This arrangement is consistent with the NEAEF intention to highlight the hosting country as YLP rotates from country to country within the region. The four sessions in this conceptual group were:

- Session 1: Introduction to Jilin University
- Session 2: Jilin Province's Economic Development and International Cooperation

- Session 3: China's Economic Development
- Session 4: Population Ageing in China

The second conceptual group was made up of 4 sessions, corresponding, as explained in the *Collaborative Thematic Presentations* section above, to four of the five chosen themes. The four sessions were entitled as follows:

- Session 6: Regional Trade
- Session 7: Infrastructure / Physical Connectivity
- Session 9: Energy and Environment
- Session 10: Northeast Asia Economic Community and Functional Cooperation

Unfortunately, the invited presentation scheduled to follow up on the thematic presentation on "Tourism in Northeast Asia" had to be cancelled due to the speaker's medical reasons.

The third and last group included two sessions:

- Session 5: Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia
- Session 8: Population Ageing and Longevity

Session 5 was planned so that YLP Fellows might have the necessary background information for understanding the discussion on the same topic during the annual NEAEF conference. On the other hand, continuing the YLP's focus on the regional population issues as well, the 5th International Conference on Population Ageing and Longevity served as Session 8 in the YLP agenda. The conference was jointly organized by NEAEF and the International Expert Committee on Population Ageing and Longevity (IECPAL).

A representative from the thematic group moderated each of the four invited presentations corresponding to the chosen themes of 2016. Two of the invited speakers are YLP graduates now in senior positions and highly regarded in their own field. The inclusion of exemplary YLP graduates among the invited speakers demonstrates the value of the program to new participants.

NEAEF Conference

All the YLP Fellows participated in this year's annual conference of NEAEF. The 2-day conference covered the following six topics:

- Session 1: Jilin Province's Economic Development and Northeast Asia Regional Cooperation in the Context of the "One Belt, One Road" Initiative
- Session 2: Cross-border Infrastructure and Special Economic Zones in Northeast Asia
- Session 3: Future Tourism Cooperation in Northeast Asia
- Session 4: Building a Northeast Asia Economic Community
- Session 5: Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia
- Session 6: Energy and Environment in Northeast Asia

Several YLP Fellows contributed to the annual conference by providing important administrative or logistical support. Some worked as interpreters; others served as rapporteurs and produced

timely session summaries that eventually became the Changchun Statement adopted at the conclusion of the conference and the 2016 conference proceedings. Their volunteer service, an integral part of the training, was crucial to the success of the conference. NEAEF sincerely acknowledges their commendable services.

Program Evaluation

The 2016 YLP used its past evaluation form after a few minor adjustments. Please see Appendix 3 for a copy of the 2016 YLP evaluation form. The anonymous 4-page, 20-item evaluation was organized into four conceptual segments:

1. Evaluation of pre-travel information (4 items)
2. Evaluation of the YLP activities, excluding the NEAEF conference (10 items)
3. Evaluation of the YLP experience during the NEAEF conference (2 items)
4. Comments and suggestions (4 items)

The first three segments used both selected response items and open-ended items that requested verbal responses. The last segment had only open-ended questions. All the 24 YLP Fellows completed the evaluation. Their responses indicated a very high level of overall satisfaction and appreciation across the nationalities. A segment-by-segment summary of the evaluation follows.

Pre-Travel Information

Regarding NEAEF assistance with travel arrangements, all of the YLP Fellows were either satisfied or did not need assistance.

Regarding visa application, 22 respondents (92%) indicated that they were either satisfied with or did not need the assistance.

Regarding the program information released ahead of the 2016 YLP, 20 of the respondents (83%) expressed satisfaction. However, six YLP Fellows mentioned the need for more detailed guidance for collaborative presentations. This is a suggestion that deserves the attention of the NEAEF staff in planning for the next YLP.

Program Activities

The second segment included 10 items that solicited the Fellows' responses regarding their satisfaction with, and their perception of the value of, the 2016 YLP, excluding the annual NEAEF conference. This segment started with two items concerning the Fellows' overall experience and followed up with eight more items concerning their experience with four specific program activities:

1. Collaborative area presentations
2. Collaborative thematic presentations
3. Individual presentations
4. Invited presentations

For each of the program activities, the respondents were asked first how satisfied they were with it and then how useful or educational they found it to be. After they had selected a response, the respondents were asked to provide comments.

With respect to the overall experience with YLP activities, all the 24 Fellows expressed satisfaction, and they were unanimous in recognizing the program's educational value or usefulness. A sample of their unedited comments is provided below:

"I am very happy to say this year's YLP has been an outstanding event. I would definitely recommend YLP to my friends and colleagues."

"Very satisfied. Very useful. I met many great people and talents."

"Beyond all my expectations! Excellent! Wow!"

"Very satisfied!! Good people & good experiences!! I was able to learn many issues of NEA & solutions to address these issues."

"I was very satisfied with the YLP experience. I had a great time meeting the other fellows and volunteers, and we really made the most of the free time as well. Dr. Cho & Dr. Zhang also made the program terrific – it would not have been the same without their enthusiastic contribution."

"Even more (satisfied) than I've expected. It was unforgettable experience."

"Great! I appreciated learning from others. The program was very generous and the support from Jilin volunteers made it exceptional."

"... YLP continues to be perhaps the very top opportunity for well qualified youth with relevant interests and experience. The support provided, the supremely organized content structure, the level of commitment and effort, support by the host and related parties, are both the reasons for and resounding testaments to the high level of NEAEF success."

"Certainly the main focus of the Forum is economic, but if one strives to achieve economic prosperity based on peace and mutual understanding and not on colonial exploitation, I believe that the Forum could play the role for the next generation of leaders in competing countries to build mutual trust and take a step towards peace. "

"The NEAEF program has opened my world to understanding the importance of economic diplomacy within the international context. Diplomacy is about understanding the history between various countries, using lessons learned to improve relationships, and encouraging open and honest dialogue to progress our world in a safe and mutually beneficial manner. Economic policy can be a very effective diplomatic tool to bypass political barriers, build ties between countries to create win-win situations and ultimately promote peace and prosperity.

The NEAEF program does a fantastic job getting great candidates from the North East Asia Region and United States. I made friends from China, Japan, South Korea, Russia and Mongolia and still keep in touch with them today. These members come from various backgrounds and we were able to engage in open dialogues for two weeks. It was truly a once in a life time opportunity. Thank you, Freeman Foundation for affording me and the other NEAEF members this enriching experience. I can't thank you enough for your generosity.”

“The program allowed the delegates ample space to develop strong working relationships, while providing a solid foundation for understanding the complexity and importance of the region on a global scale. Through group presentations and invited lecturers, we had the opportunity to meet leaders who have been working on these issues for decades. Crucially, this space allowed us to ask tough questions openly and discuss sensitive issues. The program culminated with the high-level NEAEF meeting, which gave participants the chance to observe and participate in dialogue with key stakeholders. I left with a great deal of new knowledge concerning Northeast Asia, and a strong appreciation for the challenges ahead. I hope to continue to be involved in the forum, and am proud to be an alumnus of the YLP. I really appreciate all of the hard work from the NEAEF and YLP organizers as well as the generosity of the sponsors to support this initiative.”

More specifically, regarding the collaborative area presentations, the 24 respondents were unanimously satisfied and found the collaborative exercise educational or useful. Some of the YLP Fellows would like to see more comments from the participants from the country being introduced, and suggested that the presentation time be shortened so that more time would be available for discussion.

Regarding the collaborative thematic presentations, 23 of the respondents were satisfied. All of the Fellows considered the collaborative activity educational or useful. Some of the comments revealed an uneasy feeling about the broad scopes of the chosen themes. A few respondents felt that the presentation time could have been shortened.

Regarding the individual presentations, all of the respondents were satisfied, and all of them felt that the activity was educational or useful to them. Although some individual presentations might not appear to be closely relevant, they nonetheless helped the YLP Fellows to know each other. Suggestions were made that every YLP Fellow be asked to make an individual presentation and that empirical research in particular be emphasized.

Regarding the invited presentations, 23 of the YLP Fellows were satisfied, and 23 of them deemed the activity educational or useful to them. Most of the comments converged on how to better engage the audience, e.g., handing out abstracts or PowerPoint outlines in advance, recommending background readings, leaving enough time for discussion, etc.

NEAEF Conference

The third segment of the evaluation included two items regarding the Fellows' perception of how relevant or useful the conference was to their professional development. Unanimously, the 24 YLP Fellows indicated that the NEAEF conference was relevant and valuable. The conference

presenters provided the YLP Fellows a broad perspective on the regional cooperation. One YLP Fellow commented that more women speakers could have been included in the conference program.

Comments and Suggestions

The last segment of the evaluation consisted of four open-ended questions soliciting feedback on the most positive aspects of the YLP experience, additional topics or activities, and YLP community development respectively.

What follows is a short list of the things most commonly cited among the “three most positive things” of the 2016 YLP:

- Interacting / networking among participants from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds,
- Gaining knowledge of the region through the ideas and insights offered by leading experts, such as Dr. Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman of NEAEF,
- Organization, and the welcome and hospitality, of the program staff including the local volunteers

The following topics and activities were recommended for inclusion in future YLPs:

- More interaction, maybe in smaller groups and through wider contact with local students
- Highlighting young people’s perspectives on regional cooperation
- Studying how trade agreements work and why some people oppose such agreements
- Visiting local companies, government offices or organizations that engage in regional cooperation
- Allocating more time for regional financial cooperation
- Selecting a current regional economic issue and soliciting ways to address the issue

All of the 24 YLP Fellows expressed an intention to maintain contact within the cohort or within a wider YLP alumni network. The WeChat group set up by the 2016 Fellows will work well for the cohort after the program. But the issue of how to connect the 2016 WeChat group with earlier Facebook pages is yet to be solved. Facebook, the most popular choice of social media among the non-Chinese alumni, is unavailable in China. However, WeChat, a popular Chinese social media platform, is operational in and outside China.

Feedback to the Hosting Institution

Towards the end of the program, a 40-minute session was called for reflections on the 2016 YLP involving the NEAEF staff, Jilin University staff and YLP Fellows. This activity was added into the 2016 program in view of Jilin University’s interest in continuing the cooperation. The reflections focused in particular on advance publicity, guidance regarding peer collaboration, and adjustment in the session format to achieve better interactive dynamics. Written suggestions were also collected from the NEAEF staff regarding organizational matters and handed over to the Jilin University staff.

In conclusion, the 2016 11th Young Leaders Program has received highly positive response rates across all aspects covered by the evaluation. The written feedback on the evaluation forms was consistent with the positive response rates, both indicative of a substantive and valuable program successfully implemented in accordance with its stated goals.

NEAEF, on behalf of the 24 YLP Fellows, sincerely thanks the Freeman Foundation for its financial support of the 2016 program. NEAEF is keenly aware that the 2016 YLP could not have been successfully implemented without the Freeman Foundation's generous support. It is with the same keen awareness that NEAEF is looking forward to the Freeman Foundation's continuing trust and support in 2017.

Appendix 1: List of 2016 Young Leaders Program Fellows

	<u>Country</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>
1	China	Chen	Shikun	M
2	China	Gao	Dacheng	F
3	China	Pei	Xiangyu	F
4	China	Wen	Xin	F
5	China	Zhao	Yufeng	M
6	China	Zou	Xiaolong	M
7	China	Feng	Yongqi	M
8	Japan	Kawada	Mako	F
9	Japan	Oshiro	Asahi	F
10	Japan	Saigo	Mari	F
11	Korea	Hwang	Jinsol	M
12	Korea	Kim	Junyoung	M
13	Korea	Lee	Hyunkyung	F
14	Mongolia	Batjargal	Bayartsengel	M
15	Russia	Kurnosenko	Ekaterina	F
16	Russia	Savenkov	Vitaly	M
17	Russia	Semykina	Irina	F
18	USA	Abraham	Benjamin	M
19	USA	Akamine	Ryan	M
20	USA	Galler	Samuel	M
21	USA	Park	Kelly	F
22	USA	Price	Aisha	F
23	USA	Rim	Daniel	M
24	EU	Zannini	Maria Chiara	F

2016 Volunteers/Participants	
1	Liu Ziwei
2	Zhou Qi
3	Li Bonan
4	Shao Peng
5	Li Sishi
6	Liu Jiayve
7	Zeng Cheng
8	Sun Lei
9	Deng Hao
10	Wang Jian

THE 11th YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM (YLP)

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AGENDA

Sunday, July 31

Arrival at Abritz Hotel, Changchun, China

Monday, August 1

9:00 – 10:00

Opening Ceremony

Conference Room of Northeast Asian Studies College, Jilin University

Introduction

Yu Xiao, Dean, Northeast Asian Studies College, Jilin University

Opening Remarks

Wang Shengjin, Senior Professor and Former Executive Vice President,
Jilin University

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum;
Chairman, Research Center for Financial Cooperation
in Northeast Asia

Zhang Guangcui, Director, Division of International Relations,
Jilin University

10:00 – 10:15	Group Photo
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:00	Introduction of YLP Fellows by Partners
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Program Orientation
	Shuqiang Zhang , YLP Coordinator
14:00 – 14:20	Instruction on Internet Connection
14:20 – 15:20	Sign-up for Area Presentations
	Group Preparation for Area Presentations
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 – 16:40	Sign-up for Thematic Presentations
	Group Preparation for Thematic Presentations
18:30 – 20:00	Welcome Dinner
	Hosted by Jilin University

Tuesday, August 2

9:00 – 10:00	Session 1: Introduction to Jilin University
	Presenter: Zhang Guangcui , Director, Division of International Relations, Jilin University
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee Break
10:20 – 11:40	Session 2: Jilin Province's Economic Development and International Cooperation
	Presenter: Yang Dongliang , Associate Professor, Northeast Asian Studies

College, Jilin University

- 11:40 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:50 **Session 3: China's Economic Development**
Presenter: **Ding Yibing**, Professor, School of Economics, Jilin University
- 14:50 – 15:10 Coffee Break
- 15:10 – 17:00 **Group Preparation for Area Presentations**

Wednesday, August 3

- 9:00 – 10:20 **Session 4: Population Ageing in China**
Presenter: **Zhang Yanzhe**, Professor, Center for Deliberative Democracy
and Global Governance, University of Canberra
- 10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 – 12:00 **Group Preparation for Area Presentations**
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 13:50 **Sign-up for Individual Presentations**
- 13:50 – 17:00 **Group Preparation for Thematic Presentations**

Thursday, August 4

- 9:00 – 10:20 **Area Presentation: China**
- 10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 – 12:00 **Area Presentation: Japan**
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:50 **Area Presentation: South Korea**
- 14:50 – 15:10 Coffee Break
- 15:10 – 16:30 **Area Presentation: Mongolia**

Friday, August 5

- 9:00 – 10:20 **Area Presentation: Russia**
- 10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 – 12:00 **Area Presentation: United States**

- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 15:10 **Individual Presentations by YLP Fellows**
Samuel Galler: Chinese Civil Organizations: Stigma Transfer, Hybridization and Ambiguity
Irina Semykina: Russia and China Building Long Term Relations in the Energy Sector
Mako Kawada: Geothermal Power Generation in Japan
Vitaly Savenkov: Far Eastern University as an Educational Platform for Cooperation in Northeast Asia
- 14:10 – 15:20 Coffee Break
- 15:20 – 17:20 **Individual Presentations by YLP Fellows**
Benjamin Abraham: The Carbon Curse in Asia
Zou Xiaolong: How to Make Better Decisions: A Short Introduction to the Analytical Hierarchical Process (AHP) and its Applications
Mari Saigo: Japan's New Energy Policy After the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Accident
Zhao Yufeng: The Trend of Suicide Rates in China from 2003 to 2013
Chen Shikun: Sharing My Travel Experiences in China
Jinsol Hwang: Citizen-driven Regional Cooperation

Saturday, August 6

City Tour

Sunday, August 7

Free Time

Monday, August 8

- 9:00 – 10:20 **Thematic Presentation: Trade in Northeast Asia**
- 10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 – 12:00 **Thematic Presentation: Infrastructure Development for Physical Connectivity in Northeast Asia**

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 14:50 **Thematic Presentation: Energy and Environment in Northeast Asia**
14:50 – 15:00 Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:20 **Thematic Presentation: Tourism in Northeast Asia**

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 – 10:20 **Thematic Presentation: The Northeast Asia Economic Community**
10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break
10:40 – 12:00 **Session 5: Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia**
Presenter: **Liu Ming**, Secretary General, China Asia Pacific Institute;
Associate Professor, Department of Finance, Nankai University
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 14:50 **Session 6: Regional Trade**
Moderator: Representative of the Trade in Northeast Asia
Thematic Group
Presenter: **Shen Minghui**, Secretary General, Center for APEC and
East Asian Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
14:50 – 15:00 Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:20 **Session 7: Infrastructure / Physical Connectivity**
Moderator: Representative of the Infrastructure Development for Physical
Connectivity in Northeast Asia Thematic Group
Presenter: **Inoue Satoshi**, Visiting Professor, National Graduate Institute
for Policy Studies, Japan; Emeritus Secretary General,
International Association of Ports and Harbors

Wednesday, August 10

9:00 – 10:00 **Session 8: Population Ageing and Longevity**
Conference Room of Abritz Hotel

5th International Conference on Population Ageing and Longevity
Organized by Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF) and

International Expert Committee on Population Ageing and Longevity (IECPAL)

Session Co-Chairs: **Lee-Jay Cho**, Chairman, NEAEF; Chairman, IECPAL
Xiao Zhenyu, Executive Vice Chairman, IECPAL

Opening Remarks

Jiang Zhenghua, Former Vice Chairman, Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress, China

Introduction of Representatives of the People's Government of Hechi City, Guangxi Province, China

Xiao Zhenyu, Executive Vice Chairman, IECPAL

Report of the Longevity Resources Investigation and Evaluation of Hechi City

Presenter: **Wang Wuyi**, Vice Chairman, IECPAL; Senior Fellow and Professor,
China Academy of Sciences

Certification Report on Hechi as a "World Longevity City"

Presenter: **He Xinhua**, Director, Academic Department, IECPAL

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00

Session 8 (Continued): Population Ageing and Longevity

Session Co-Chairs: **Wang Wuyi**, Vice Chairman, IECPAL

Lu Jianhua, Member, IECPAL; Professor, Peking University

Introduction of Fengshan County

Presenter: **Lu Rong**, Magistrate, People's Government of Fengshan County,
Guangxi Province, China

Report of the Longevity Resources Investigation and Evaluation of

Fengshan County

Presenter: **Li Yunghua**, Member, IECPAL; Senior Fellow, China Academy
of Sciences

Certification Report on Fengshan as an “International Healthy Longevity Area”

Presenter: **Ye Yuan**, Secretary-General, IECPAL

Questions and Answers

Moderator: **Ye Yuan**, Secretary-General, IECPAL

Awarding of Certificates and Plaques to the People’s Governments of Hechi City and Fengshan County

Lee-Jay Cho, Chairman, NEAEF; Chairman, IECPAL

Zou Ping, Vice Chairman, Expert Guidance Committee, IECPAL

Declaration of Changchun, 5th International Conference on Population Ageing and Longevity

Ye Yuan, Secretary-General, IECPAL

Group Photo

Closing of the 5th International Conference on Population Ageing and Longevity

12:00 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 14:45

Session 9: Energy and Environment

Moderator: Representative of the Energy and Environment in Northeast
Asia Thematic Group

Presenter: **Tarui Nori**, Professor of Economics, University of Hawai‘i
at Mānoa

Discussant: **Kenji Sumida**, Former President, East-West Center;
Secretary General, North American Committee, Northeast

Asia Economic Forum

- 14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Session 10: Northeast Asia Economic Community and Functional Economic Cooperation**
Moderator: Representative of the Northeast Asia Economic Community
Thematic Group
Presenter: **Wang Weina**, Director, Great Tumen Initiative,
Jilin Province, China
- 18:30 – 20:00 **Reception Dinner for NEAEF Annual Conference**
Hosted by Jilin University

Thursday, August 11

- 9:00 – 17:15 **2016 NEAEF Conference**

Friday, August 12

- 9:00 – 16:00 **2016 NEAEF Conference**
- 19:00 – 20:30 **Dinner**
Hosted by Organizing Institutions

Saturday, August 13

- 9:00 – 9:40 **Reflections on the 2016 Young Leaders Program**
Moderator: **Lee-Jay Cho**, Chairman, Northeast Asia Economic Forum;
Chairman, Research Center for Financial Cooperation in
Northeast Asia
Panelists: **Stephen Cowper**, Former Governor of Alaska; CEO and
Chairman, Alpha Wolf Production Inc.
Wang Shengjin, Senior Professor and Former Executive
Vice President, Jilin University
Zhang Guangcui, Director, Division of International Relations,
Jilin University
- 9:40 – 10:20 **2016 YLP Video**
- 10:20 – 10:45 **YLP Evaluation**

10:45 – 11:30 **YLP Completion Ceremony**
11:30 – 13:30 **Farewell Lunch**
 Hosted by Jilin University
13:30 – Departure from Changchun

Sunday, August 14

Departure from Changchun

Appendix 3: Evaluation Form

2016 YLP Evaluation

Thank you for completing this evaluation. We need the results of this evaluation for the final report to our funders and for guidance in planning for 2017. Please do your best to answer each of the questions.

Nationality

1) Please identify your country by circling one of the options.

- a) China b) Japan d) South Korea e) Mongolia f) Russia g) United States h) Other

Pre-Travel Communication

2) Are you SATISFIED with the Information about and assistance with your travel arrangements?

- a) Yes b) No c) Not applicable

Comments:

3) Are you SATISFIED with the Information about and assistance with your visa application, if applicable?

- a) Yes b) No c) Not applicable

Comments:

4) Are you SATISFIED with the advance information about the 2016 YLP activities?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

Your Overall YLP Experience, Excluding the Conference

5) Overall, how SATISFIED are you with the Young Leaders Program experience, excluding the conference?

6) Overall, how EDUCATIONAL / USEFUL is the Young Leaders Program to you, excluding the conference?

Specific YLP Activities

7) Are you SATISFIED with the area presentations?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

8) Are the area presentations EDUCATIONAL / USEFUL to you?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

9) Are you SATISFIED with the thematic presentations?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

10) Are the thematic presentations EDUCATIONAL / USEFUL to you?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

11) Are you SATISFIED with the Individual presentations?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

12) Are the individual presentations EDUCATIONAL / USEFUL to you?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

13) Are you SATISFIED with the invited presentations?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

14) Are the invited presentations EDUCATIONAL / USEFUL to you?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

NEAEF Conference

15) Is the Northeast Asia Economic Forum Conference RELEVANT / VALUABLE to your professional development?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

16) Is your experience at the Northeast Asia Economic Forum Conference EDUCATIONAL / USEFUL to your professional development?

- a) Yes b) No

Comments:

Other Comments and Suggestions

17) What are the three most positive things about the Young Leaders Program including the conference?

18) What additional topics or activities should be included in future Young Leaders Programs?

19) Do you intend to stay in communication with other YLP Fellows? If yes, how will you do that? If no, why not?

20) What steps should NEAEF take to help maintain and enhance communications among YLP Fellows?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!