



Final Report

THE 2017 TWELFTH NORTHEAST ASIA ECONOMIC FORUM
YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

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Overview

The Northeast Asia Economic Foundation (NEAEF) has successfully concluded its 12th Young Leaders Program (YLP). The 2017 YLP was implemented over 15 days from August 6 to August 20 in Hong Kong, China.

In all, thirty six participants took part in the 2017 YLP, of which twenty-seven YLP fully funded and cost-shared grantees and 9 local volunteers from the host institutions. Fellowships were awarded to post graduate students or young professionals from China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Russia and the United States. Nine student volunteers were selected by University of Hong Kong to assist and participate in YLP activities, thus expanding the program's impact.

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.

Program Components

According to the above goals, the 2017 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 Cross border trade, Cross border infrastructure development, energy and environment, Tourism cooperation and the Northeast Asia economic community;
3. Nine optional presentations by individual YLP Fellows on topics relevant to the YLP goals;
4. Nine sessions of invited presentations as shown in the YLP agenda (Appendix 2)
5. Participation in the 2017 annual conference of NEAEF.

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

Of the 37 participants, 21 are female and 16 are male. They represented six countries: 6 from China, 2 from Japan, 2 from Mongolia, 5 from South Korea, 5 from Russia, 6 from the United States; 11 volunteers: 2 from the last year's host institution, Jilin University and 9 from host and sponsoring institutions in Hong Kong. NEAEF takes pride in the quality of the 2017 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.

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

- Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address
- Session 1: China'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 and its Extended Regions
- Session 5: Financial Cooperation in Northeast Asia
- Session 6: Energy and Environment in Northeast Asia

Some YLP fellows worked as interpreters, others served as rapporteurs and produced timely session summaries that eventually became the Hong Kong Statement adopted at the conclusion of the conference. 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 anonymous 4-page, 20-item evaluation was administered as the final activity of the YLP. Their responses indicated a very high level of overall satisfaction and appreciation across the nationalities. With respect to the overall experience with YLP activities, all the 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:

"It's really a great honor to take part in such exciting activities."

“Overall, it was a great experience for me. I’m very grateful.”

“Great personal connections made.”

“YLP this year was a totally awesome experience, and I am happy to have lots of friends of YLP members.

“It offered me a chance to improve my social skills and make friends with others.”

“Yes, it was great, learned a lot.”

“It was an extremely valuable experience, very satisfied”

“On a scale of one to five, I would rate five. The quality of presentations and lectures was excellent.”

NEAEF Conference

Unanimously, all YLP Fellows indicated that the NEAEF conference was relevant and valuable. The conference presenters provided the YLP Fellows a broad perspective on regional cooperation.

In conclusion, the 2017 12th Young Leaders Program has received highly positive response rates across all aspects covered by the evaluation.

NEAEF, on behalf of the YLP Fellows, sincerely thanks the Freeman Foundation for its financial support of the 2017 program. NEAEF is keenly aware that the 2017 YLP could not have been successfully implemented without the Freeman Foundation’s generous support.

Appendix 1: List of 2017 Young Leaders Program Fellows

Appendix 2: Agenda of the twelfth Young Leaders Program

Appendix 1: List of 2017 Young Leaders Program Fellows

2017 YLP Fellows						
<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Info</u>	<u>Intern</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Sex</u>
Park	Kelly	USA	MA. UH Economics, Ph.D. Student NTU			F
Galler	Samuel	USA	Rhodes Scholar, Ph.D. Candidate, Oxford U.			M
Winters	Nicholas	USA	CEO, Game Press			M
Cho	Jeremy	USA	PhD, MIT		Cost-shared	M
Yeung	Ivy	USA	JD, MBA, University of Hawaii			F
Ryan	Akamine	USA	M.A. Harvard, CPA		Cost-shared	M
Qu	Kai	China	Director, Personnel Div, Hainan U			M
Song	Yida (Martin)	China	MA Econ, Univ of International Bus & Econ, China			M
Qu	Lina	China	MA, Econ, Dongbei U			F
Wu	Tiange	China	Ph.D. cand, Nankai U			F
Yan	Shuxiao	China	MA cand, Law, Renmin U			F
Chao	LiYin	China	Univ. of Foreign Trade and Development	Intern	Cost-shared	M
Shimizu	Tohru	Japan	Ph.D. Researcher, IEE, Japan			M
Mikami	Tomoe	Japan	Researcher, Japan Electricity Research Center			F
Choi	Jongbeom	Korea	MA, Global Econ & Strat, Yonsei U			M
Choi	YooJeong	Korea	Researcher, KIEP			F
Kang	Hyu Youn	Korea	M.A. Yonsei U. International Cooperation Specialist, Uni- Korea Foundation			F
Yoon	Yeajin	Korea	Ph.D. cand, Public Policy, Oxford U			F
Kim	Yeo Jin	Korea	API Intern	Intern	Cost-shared	F
Ariunsan	Gantuya	Mongolia	Ph.D. cand, Pub Mgt, Shanghai Jiao Tong U			F
Enkhbaatar	Enkhbat	Mongolia	Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia			M
Glotova	Maria	Russia	MA, Intl Rel, Moscow State U			F

Listrovaya	Liudmila	Russia	Ph.D. cand, Sociology, U of OR			F
Skripnik	Anastasia	Russia	MA cand, Natl econ & mkting, FEFU			F
Spivak	Vita	Russia	MA, Intl Bus, Gubkin State U			F
Zamulina	Anina	Russia	MA cand, Law, Tsinghua U			F
Zhang	Aijia	China	Jilin Uiversity		Volunteer	F
Wu	Guanlin	China	Jilin University		Volunteer	F
Xu	Thomas		University of Hong Kong		Volunteer	M
Li	Heidi		Same		Volunteer	F
Thew	Shao Chuan		Same		Volunteer	M
Tao	Michelle		Same		Volunteer	F
James	Andrew		Same		Volunteer	M
Sun	Albert		Same		Volunteer	M
Lui	Tracy		Fung Foundation Scholar		Volunteer	F
Wong	Marie		Same		Volunteer	F
Luk	Ki Chun		Same		Volunteer	M

Appendix 2:

THE 12th YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM (YLP)

**August 6-19, 2017
Hong Kong, China**

Organized by
Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF)

Hosted by
University of Hong Kong

With Support from
Freeman Foundation
and in cooperation with
China Asia Pacific Institute and Japan Electric Power Information Center

AGENDA

Sunday, August 6

Arrival

Monday, August 7

9:00 – 10:00

Opening Ceremony

Opening remarks:

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

Denise Eby Konan, Former Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) and Dean, College of Social Sciences, UHM

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 Sam Galler, Kelly Park, Ivy Yeung, YLP Coordinators
14:00 – 14:20	Instruction on Internet Connection
14:20 – 15:20	Sign-up for Area Presentations Preparation for Area Presentations
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 – 16:40	Sign-up for Thematic Presentations Preparation for Thematic Presentations
18:30 – 18:00	Welcome Dinner Hosted by TBD

Tuesday, August 8

9:00 – 10:00	Session 1: China's Economic Development and Hong Kong's Future Challenges Presenter: Geng Xiao , Honorary Professor of Practice in Finance and Public Policy and Director of Research in Fung Global Institute, Hong Kong
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee Break
10:20 – 10:50	Session 2: Demography of Northeast Asia and China Presenter: Stuart Basten , Professor of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Former Professor of Demography of Oxford University
10:50 – 11:40	Open Discussion
11:40 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:30	Preparation for Area Presentations

Wednesday, August 9

- 9:00 – 10:20 **Session 3: International Education Partnerships; International Trade and FTAs**
- Presenter: **Denise Eby Konan**, Former Chancellor, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) and Dean, College of Social Sciences, UHM
- 10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 – 12:00 **Preparation for Area Presentations**
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 13:50 **Sign-up for Individual Presentations**
- 13:50 – 17:00 **Preparation for Thematic Presentations**

Thursday, August 10

- 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 11

- 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 – 15:15 **Individual Presentations**
- 15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 17:30 **Individual Presentations**

Saturday, August 12

Local Tour

Sunday, August 13

Free Time

Monday, August 14

9:00 – 10:00

Session 1: Chinese Education in a Rapidly Changing Society

Presenter: **Wang Juefei**, Professor, University of Vermont and Program Officer, Freeman Foundation

10:00 – 11:20

Thematic Presentation: Cross-Border Trade in Northeast Asia

11:20 – 11:40

Coffee Break

11:40 – 13:00

Thematic Presentation: Infrastructure Development for Physical Connectivity in Northeast Asia

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:20

Thematic Presentation: Energy and Environment in Northeast Asia

15:20 – 15:40

Coffee Break

15:40 – 17:00

Thematic Presentation: Tourism in Northeast Asia

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 – 10:20

Thematic Presentation: The Northeast Asia Economic Community

10:20 – 10:40

Coffee Break

10:40 – 12:00

Session 4: 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 5: Cross-Border Trade in Northeast Asia

Presenter: **Shen Minghui (TBC)**, Secretary General, Center for APEC and East Asian Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Moderator: Representative of the Cross-Border Trade in Northeast Asia
Thematic Group

14:50 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:20 **Session 6: Infrastructure, Physical Connectivity, and Marine
Transportation**

Policy Presenter: **Inoue Satoshi**, Professor, National Graduate Institute for
Studies, Japan

Physical Moderator: Representative of the Infrastructure Development for
Connectivity in Northeast Asia Thematic Group

Wednesday, August 16

9:00 – 10:30 **Session 7: Energy and Environment**

Presenter: **Nori Tarui**, Associate Professor of Economics, College of Social
Sciences, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Discussant: **Kenji Sumida**, Former President, East-West Center;
Secretary General, North American Committee, Northeast
Asia Economic Forum
Pavel Minakir, Academician and Director, Economic Research
Institute, Far East Branch, Russia Academy of Sciences

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

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45 **Session 8: Big Data and Competition in Northeast Asia: Forging a Path
Forward**

Presenter: **Yong Lim**, Assistant Professor, Antitrust & Competition, Seoul
National University

Moderator: Representative of the Tourism in Northeast Asia
Thematic Group

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 14:45

Session 9: Northeast Asia Economic Community and Functional Economic Cooperation

Presenter: **Sergey Sevastianov**, Director, Asia Pacific International Institutions and Multilateral Cooperation Studies Center, School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University

Moderator: Representative of the Northeast Asia Economic Community Thematic Group

18:30 – 20:00

Reception Dinner for NEAEF Annual Conference

Thursday, August 17

9:00 – 17:45

2017 NEAEF Conference

Friday, August 18

9:00 – 16:00

2017 NEAEF Conference

19:00 – 20:30

Dinner

Hosted by Organizing Institutions

Saturday, August 19

9:00 – 10:20

Policymakers Meeting with YLP Fellows

Panelists: **Stephen Cowper**, Former Governor of Alaska; CEO and Chairman, Alpha Wolf Production Inc.

Mead Treadwell, Former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska

Glyn Ford, Director, Track2Asia

Pavel Minakir, Academician and Director, Economic Research Institute, Far East Branch, Russia Academy of Sciences

Hong Jae Hyung, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Korea

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

10:20 – 10:45

YLP Evaluation

10:45 – 13:00

YLP Completion Ceremony and Lunch

Hosted by TBD

13:30 –

Departure

Sunday, August 20

Departure