



**12th LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP
ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

c/o Lions College, 90 Hing Shing Road, Kwai Fong, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong.
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All Secondary Schools

**Re : 12th Lions International Youth Exchange
Essay Competition
Theme : Tourism and Sustainability**

Since 1962 the Lions Clubs have proudly provided thousands of exchange opportunities for youths in over 100 cities worldwide each year. We are organizing a competition to qualify youths to represent Hong Kong to participate in this meaningful activity overseas in 2012. Qualified students will be endorsed, with the **Top 10** given **Full Scholarships** to participate in **Overseas Exchanges**. In 2011 we have sponsored more than 58 students to youth exchange camps in 18 countries in 4 continents.

You are cordially invited to encourage **Forms 4 to 7 students**, particularly those who are members of **The Hong Kong Award for Young People (AYP)** or **Ming Pao School Reporters** to participate in the Competition. It includes an essay of not more than 1000 English words and an interview. It will enhance their awareness on global issues, broaden their horizons, polish their English and research skills. AYP members' participation in a Lions overseas exchange can also help them fulfill the Gold Level Residential Project Section requirement.

We enclose for your information and dissemination to your students (1) a Poster, (2) a Fact Sheet, and (3) a Registration Form.

We look forward to receiving your students' essays and Competition Registration Forms in WORD format by email to youthexchange2012@gmail.com or by post in a CD not later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 December 2011**.

More information about Lions youth exchanges can be viewed at websites www.lyef.org.hk and www.lionsclubs.org

Yours faithfully,

12th Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship
Essay Competition Organizing Committee

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Co-Chairpersons

Organizers:



Lions Clubs International, District 303,
Hong Kong & Macao, China
Lions Youth Exchange Foundation
Lions Club of Kowloon, Hong Kong
Lions Club of Happy Valley, Hong Kong
Lions Club of Queensway
Lions Club of Braemar, Hong Kong
Lions Club of Central, Hong Kong
Lions Club of Hong Kong (Mainland)
Lions Club of Harbour View
Lions Club of Mid-Levels, Hong Kong
Lions College
Leo District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China



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Theme: Tourism and Sustainability



Fact Sheet

1. Organizers

Lions Clubs International, District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China
(<http://www.lionsclubs.org.hk>)
Lions Youth Exchange Foundation (<http://www.lionscollege.edu.hk/camp>)
Lions Club of Kowloon, Hong Kong
Lions Club of Happy Valley, Hong Kong
Lions Club of Queensway
Lions Club of Braemar Hill, Hong Kong
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Lions Club of Mid-Levels, Hong Kong
Lions College (<http://www.lionscollege.edu.hk>).
Leo District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China
The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools
The Hong Kong Award for Young People (<http://www.ayp.org.hk>)

2. Co-Organizers

Ming Pao Newspaper Limited (<http://www.mingpao.com>)
Centre for Environmental Education & Communications of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China

3. Supported by

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4. Objectives

The Project is :

- (a) to provide youths with international exposure and an opportunity to improve their communication skills in English;
- (b) to promote awareness on topical issues;
- (c) to build up self-confidence and global vision for world class citizens of the future; and
- (d) to encourage young people to think analytically and write creatively.

5. Target

Secondary 4-7 students.

6. Competition

- (a) Each applicant shall submit an essay on the theme: **Tourism and Sustainability**
- (b) The essay shall be of not more than 1000 English words (without using any photos or graphics) submitted in WORD format to youthexchange2012@gmail.com or by post in a CD to **Lions College, 90 Hing Shing Road, Kwai Fong, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong before 5:00 pm on 21 December 2011.**
- (c) Please **extract key sentences** from the essay highlighting the main theme/idea and insert them at the bottom of the last page of the essay.
- (d) Short-listed applicants shall attend an **interview** to make oral presentation of their essays

- on or around **14 January 2012**.
- (e) Finalists will be required to make a power-point presentation in the **Award Presentation Ceremony** on Sunday, **19 February 2012**.
- (f) Results will be published in Ming Pao in March 2012.
- (g) The decisions of the Organizers are final.

7. **Prizes**

- 1st - 3rd : Full Exchange Scholarship to a city in North America, Europe or Australia decided by the organizer in consultation with the selected scholar with return air ticket included.
- 4th : Full Exchange Scholarship to Japan Exchange with return air ticket included.
- 5th - 10th : Full Exchange Scholarship to Taipei or Mainland China Exchange with travel fares included.

An exchange scholarship will be forfeited if an exchange scholar cannot participate in an exchange programme in 2012. In exceptional cases, the Organizers may allow an extension for 1 year.

Additional Gifts to :

Top 10 Finalists :

- (a) Top 10 Award Certificate
- (b) \$500 Satayking Restaurants cash coupon from Satay King (Holding) Co. Ltd.
- (c) NextOffice 9 (Teacher and Student Edition) from Well Develop International Ltd

11th – 50th :

- (a) Certificates of Achievement. Certificate holders will be endorsed to participate at their own costs in any Lions international youth exchange held in about 100 cities worldwide. Priority will be given to them if an international exchange camp is held in Hong Kong. Acceptance to an exchange overseas is subject to final approval of the organizer overseas.
- (b) \$100 Satayking Restaurants cash coupon from Satay King (Holding) Co. Ltd.
- (c) NextOffice 9 (Teacher and Student Edition) from Well Develop International Ltd

8. **Costs**

Each exchange will include a camp with family hosting before and/or after camp. Qualified students will be provided free meal and board during the exchange. Full Exchange Scholarship will, in addition, cover camp registration fee, if any, and return air or land transportation ticket. Students will bear their other personal expenses for travel insurance, snacks, souvenirs, personal entertainment, etc.

9. **Duties of Exchange Scholars and Schools**

- (a) An exchange scholar shall attend briefings on exchange.
- (b) An exchange scholar shall provide to the Organizers and his school a report on his exchange within one month after his return.
- (c) The school of an exchange scholar shall provide an opportunity to the scholar to make a public presentation of his prize-winning essay and another opportunity to present his post-exchange report.
- (d) An exchange scholar shall help the Organizers give briefings to future exchange scholars.

10. **Privacy Policy**

The information collected in the Registration Form is for the sole use by the Organizers in the organization of the youth exchange and ancillary programmes. Request for access to and correction of the information provided can be made to the Lions Clubs District Youth Exchange Chairman. The Organizers have the unrestricted right to copy and reproduce in all media and format as they think fit all materials created by the Applicants for this Competition.



**The 12th Lions International Youth Exchange
Essay Competition Registration Form**



To : The 12th Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship
Essay Competition Organizing Committee,
c/o Lions College, 90 Hing Shing Road,
Kwai Fong, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong.
Tel: 2614-7938 Email: youthexchange2012@gmail.com

1. Applicant's Personal Particulars

Name (in English & Chinese) : _____ (Family Name) _____ (Given Name)

Date of Birth : _____ Age: _____ (on 1st July 2012) Sex: _____

Place of Birth: _____ H.K. Identity Card No.: _____

Passport No.: _____ Expires on : _____ Issued by: _____

Address: _____

Tel. Home: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

2. Information of Parent/Guardian

Name (in English & Chinese) : _____ (Family Name) _____ (Given Name)

Address: _____

Tel. Home: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

3. Information of School

Name : _____

Address : _____

Class Attending: _____ Tel: _____

4. Latest Academic Achievement (Final Result 2010/11)

Subject	Grade

5. Participation in Extra-curricular Activities

Activities

Positions

6. Participation in Community Services or Volunteer Work

7. Are you a :

- (a) member of The Hong Kong Award for Young People? (Yes/No)
(b) member of Leo Club? (Yes/No)
(c) Ming Pao School Reporter? (Yes/No)

8. Awards or Personal Achievements

9. Choice of Exchange Destination

a. I wish to participate in an exchange in the following places (in order of priority)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Applicants shall visit website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org>, click "Youth Programs", click "Youth International Youth Camp Program" and click **here** for a list of the Lions International Youth Camps to see for themselves the details of all Lions youth exchange opportunities available worldwide.

b. I **will/will not** participate if I have to fund my own registration fee and air ticket. Please **do/do not** reserve a place for me now.

10. Declarations

We declare that all information in the Registration Form and the documents supplied are true and accurate. We agree to accept the decision of the Organizing Committee as final. We agree to comply with rules of the exchange programme and the Applicant shall discharge duties as stated in paragraph 9 (Duties of Exchange Scholars and Schools) of the Fact Sheet. In case of any breach of the rules, the Applicant will be returned home with the registration fee forfeited.

Name of Applicant *: _____ Name of Parent/Guardian *: _____

We recommend the Applicant and confirm that he/she will be properly guided in his/her preparation for the competition, if elected, play his/her role as expected in the exchange introductory materials and the school will provide him/her with the chances to present the prize-winning essay and post-exchange report.

Guiding Teacher's Name *: _____ Email : _____

11. Submit with this Registration Form an essay of not more than 1000 words in English in WORD format. Please extract key sentences from the essay highlighting the main theme/idea and insert them at the bottom of the last page of the essay.

* Applicants shall produce their original registration forms with **signatures** at the finalists' interview.