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## Call for Application

# ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Camp

Deadline: 10 July 2024

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**\*Fully funded opportunity**

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## Terms of Reference

### ASEAN-CHINA Youth Exchange Camp

26 – 31 August 2024, Xiamen and Quanzhou, China

#### Background

2024 marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. To date, China has become the vital partner of ASEAN. China remained ASEAN's largest trading partner since 2009 while ASEAN has become China's largest trading partner for two consecutive years. Socio-cultural relations are no exception to the growing relations between ASEAN and China. China has continued supporting ASEAN in its human resource development by providing scholarships through the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship and promoting cultural and educational exchanges through various seminars and conferences such as the 12 consecutive editions of the China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week since 2008. All efforts have pointed towards the importance of China as a long-standing partner for ASEAN.

Although ASEAN-China relations have special significance, further strengthening of these relations is needed to amplify mutual growth, especially among youths, as future leaders in the region among ASEAN and China. Hence, The ASEAN Foundation, with support from the Mission of the People's Republic of China to ASEAN through the ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund is pleased to organise the **ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Camp**. Inviting youth from ASEAN and China to discuss and brainstorm on improving ASEAN-China ties through lectures, dialogues, cultural exchange, and experiential learning.

#### ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Camp

**ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Camp** is a collaborative programme between the ASEAN Foundation and the People's Republic of China to ASEAN through the ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund. It aims to promote the significance and understanding of ASEAN-China relations. During the implementation, ASEAN Foundation will work with Xiamen University as the appointed local organiser.

The programme is designed and dedicated to the talented students from 10 ASEAN countries and China who are keenly interested in fostering ASEAN-China relations. Selected delegates will participate in series of educational and cultural activities in Xiamen and Quanzhou, China from 26 to 31 August 2024.

The varying modes of learning sessions are tailored to provide greater insights into the highlighted topic, "**Digital Economy – Fostering ASEAN-China Partnership through Digital Economy Cooperation for Sustainable Economic Growth**" as well as furthering and promoting ASEAN-China relations. The sessions aim to equip youths with knowledge and understanding by facilitating (1) a roundtable discussion (plenary session) by inviting experts, academicians, and practitioners through moderated sessions; (2) a series of lectures from professors and academics to deliver proposed topics such as; a) Introduction and History of China, b) introduction of ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations, c) Chinese Economic, Trade & Investment – Belt & Road Initiative, d) China in a Global Context: China

as a Superpower and the Chinese Communist Party, e) China Perspectives: South China Sea, and f) Digital Economy and Sustainable Economic Growth; (3) Focus Group Discussions & Group Presentations, to promote people-to-people dialogues and present their findings; (4) Cultural Sessions and (5) Experiential Learning – Visits to Historical and Cultural Sites as well as Institution working for ASEAN-China relations.

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## **TIMELINE**

The ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Camp will be conducted between 26 to 31 August 2024 in Xiamen and Quanzhou, China. Following are the important dates:

27 June – 10 July	Call for Application
10 July	Deadline of Application Submission
11 – 18 July	Application Assessment and Selection
19 July	Announcement of Selected Participant
22 July – 22 August	Travel arrangement (visa application, booking flight, & accommodation)
25 August	Delegate's arrival to Xiamen
26 – 31 August	ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Camp
1 September	Delegate's departure

*\*The above timeline is tentative and subject to change*

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## **ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA**

Tertiary education students with the following qualifications are eligible to apply:

	<b>ASEAN Students</b>	<b>China Students</b>
1.	Enrolled as a student of tertiary education institution in the ASEAN Member States, taking diploma or undergraduate studies (or equivalent level) from any disciplines when the programme takes place	Enrolled as a student of tertiary education institution in China, taking diploma or undergraduate studies (or equivalent level) from any disciplines when the programme takes place
2.	A citizen of one of the 10 ASEAN Member States	A citizen of People's Republic of China

3.	Reside in one of the 10 ASEAN member countries when the programme takes place	Reside in China when the programme takes place
4.	Between 18 and 25 years of age when the programme takes place	
5.	English proficient, verbal and written	
6.	Be available to travel to Xiamen and Quanzhou, China between 25 August to 1 September 2024	
7.	Be committed to learning and personal growth	

Below are the required documents you need to prepare before applying:

- Personal Data
- Professional headshot photo (please ensure your file is in JPG or JPEG format and does not exceed 500 KBs).
- Scanned Passport/ID – biodata page (please ensure your file is in JPG or JPEG format and does not exceed 500 KBs).
- Letter of Recommendation from respective department/faculty/university/education institution (please ensure that your file is in PDF format and does not exceed 500 KBs). This is written in free format on letterhead paper signed by authorised official of your institution verifying: Name, department, faculty, and the current semester you are at.
- List of five most noteworthy personal achievements (please share not more than 5 achievements briefly and concisely, do not write a CV!).
- An individual essay that addresses the following questions in no more than 800 words:

1) *What do ASEAN-China relations mean to you? How do you think youth meaningfully engage with the region's development and create impact?*

2) *How do you think ASEAN-China relations have an impact on the countries and/or citizens in both regions?*

3) *What is one important ASEAN regional issue that you think needs to be addressed at the ASEAN-China level? What are some solutions that you would propose to resolve this issue?*

**IMPORTANT:** Please rename every document using the format: Country (ISO 3-Digit Alphabetic Codes

([https://wits.worldbank.org/wits/wits/witshelp/content/codes/country\\_codes.htm](https://wits.worldbank.org/wits/wits/witshelp/content/codes/country_codes.htm)))-Full Name (as listed on Passport)-Document Name (e.g., **IDN-Anisa Rahmawati-Passport**).

Before completing the form, firstly put all your files (be mindful of the required specifications!) in one folder for easy access.

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## **BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME**

- The programme will be fully funded by the organisers. It includes round trip from city of the country of origin to Xiamen and Quanzhou, China for the ASEAN China Youth Exchange Camp, accommodation and meals.
- Provides you an opportunity to obtain a deeper understanding on ASEAN-China relations.
- An exciting and unforgettable lifetime experience with us and your peers from other ASEAN Member States and China.
- A network of young leaders from across the ASEAN region and China.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Submit your application through [https://bit.ly/ASEANChina\\_YECFrom\\_ASEAN](https://bit.ly/ASEANChina_YECFrom_ASEAN) (<https://form.jotform.com/241651687203456>) **(for ASEAN Students)** and [https://bit.ly/ASEANChina\\_YECForm\\_China](https://bit.ly/ASEANChina_YECForm_China) (<https://bit.ly/ACYEC24CS>) **(for China students)** by **10 July 2024**. Incomplete completion of the form will not be further processed for shortlisting. Don't let go of this once-in-a-life time opportunity of becoming a cadre of future young leaders!

For inquiries, please contact [ACYC@aseanfoundation.org](mailto:ACYC@aseanfoundation.org)

\*\*\*\*\* Only shortlisted candidates will be notified \*\*\*\*\*



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