

2026 Young Ambassador Program

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Event Date | February 4-13, 2026

Venue | Seoul, Sejong (Korea University Sejong Campus), Jeonju, ROK

Application Deadline | December 1, 2025

Host | Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat, 세종특별자치시 SEJONG CITY, 고려대학교 세종캠퍼스 RISE사업단

About the Program

Launched by the **Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS)** in 2013, the **Young Ambassador Program (YAP)** serves as a flagship platform for youth exchange and dialogue among **China, Japan, and Korea**.
YAP empowers young leaders to foster mutual understanding and contribute to the shared vision of a **peaceful and cooperative East Asia Community**.
Recognized by the leaders of the three countries at the **9th Trilateral Summit in May 2024**, YAP stands as a model initiative for youth cooperation in the region.
As a Young Ambassador, you will take part in lectures, site visits, and interactive sessions that explore key issues in trilateral cooperation, diplomacy, and culture. Through teamwork and dialogue, participants will deepen their understanding of the three countries and develop a final group presentation that reflects their shared insights and ideas for the future.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Age:** Under 30 (born after 1996)
- **Status:** Applicants must be nationals of the People's Republic of China, Japan, or the Republic of Korea and currently enrolled as undergraduate or graduate students (students on leave are also eligible).
- **Participation:** Must attend the full 10-day program without any exceptions
- **Language:** Fluent in English is required; Proficiency in additional CJK language is a plus but not required.
- **Interest:** Strong passion for Trilateral Cooperation, diplomacy, cultural exchange, economic cooperation, etc.

Application Method

Apply via the Trilateral Youth Exchange Network (TYEN) platform by **DECEMBER 1, 2025**.
https://tyen.tcs-asia.org/home
Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews by early December 2025 via email.
You must first register with the Trilateral Youth Exchange Network (TYEN) and then proceed with the program application.
We will NOT accept application via email.
For inquiries, contact us at yap@tcs-asia.org

Application Documents

Application Form (in English)
Proof of Enrollment (certificate of Enrollment)
English Language Proficiency Certificate
(ILETS, TOEFL, TEPS, or other recognized test scores)

Program Overview

- **Venue:** Seoul, Sejong (Korea University Sejong Campus) , Jeonju, ROK
- **Dates:** February 3-14, 2026 (10 days)
- **Participants:** 48 students
  (16 each from People's Republic of China, Japan, and ROK)
- **Host:** Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat
- **Co-host:** Sejong City, Korea University RISE Center, Sejong
- **Working Language:** English

Activities

- Pre-event online training/ Orientation
- Opening Ceremony & Dialogue with Ambassadors
- Thematic Lectures on diverse topics on diplomacy, culture, economic cooperation, demography and more
- Career talks with young professionals from diverse backgrounds
- Youth talk
- Cultural site visits in Sejong and Jeonju City
- Group Project & Final Presentation

Participation Benefits

- Obtain first-hand insights on the dynamics of East Asia from imminent scholars, senior diplomats, experienced practitioners, and young professionals
- Experience multilateral and multicultural environments
- Networking with future leaders of People's Republic of China, Japan, and ROK
- Cultural experience at Sejong and Jeonju City
- Certificate of participation, awards

Expenditure

The hosts will cover expenses incurred from

- Accommodation and meals during the entire program
- International flight/ domestic travel (participants may be required to pay a partial fee if the flight cost exceeds the TCS standard)
- All costs incurred during the official activities and events including site visits and cultural tours

The host will not support, or cover expenses incurred from

- Visa Application and fees (for those that need visa)
- Personal activities outside of official schedule