Young Ambassador Program 2027



Event Date
February 18-26, 2027

Venue
Seoul & Gyeongju City, ROK

Application Deadline
December 1, 2026

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Host | Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat | Golden City Gyeongju 경주시

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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 1997)
- **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). Graduates at the time of application are not eligible to apply.
- **Participation:** Applicants must be able to attend the full 9-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. (Applicants may apply regardless of their academic major; only an interest in the program is required.)

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Application Method

- Apply through the Trilateral Youth Exchange Network (TYEN) platform by **DECEMBER 1, 2026.**
- **https://tyen.tcs-asia.org/home**
- Applicants must first register on the TYEN platform before proceeding with the program application. Applications submitted via email will NOT be accepted.
  Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by email for interviews **by DECEMBER 11, 2026.**
  If you do not receive an email by this date, please note that you have not been selected for the next stage of the application process. Individual notifications will not be sent to applicants who are not shortlisted.
- For inquiries, please contact us at yap@tcs-asia.org.

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Application Documents

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

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Program Overview

- Venue: Seoul & Gyeongju City, ROK
- Dates: February 18-26, 2027 (9 days)
- Participants: 48 students (16 each from People's Republic of China, Japan, and ROK)
- Host: Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat
- Co-host: Gyeongju City
- 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 Gyeongju
- Group Project & Final Presentation

Participant Benefits

- Obtain first-hand insights into 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 Gyeongju
- Certificate of participation, awards

*The program details are subject to change.

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Expenditure

The hosts will cover expenses incurred from

- ▶ Accommodation, meals, and site visits/cultural tours throughout the entire program
- ▶ International flight (participants may be required to pay a partial fee if the flight cost exceeds the TCS standard)

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

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