

## 17th Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship Essay Competition

**Theme: The Race between Man and Machine and its Impacts on the Relationship between Man and the Earth**

### Fact Sheet

#### 1. Organizers

Lions Clubs International, District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China (<http://www.lionsclubs.org.hk>)  
Lions Youth Exchange Foundation ([www.yecamp.com](http://www.yecamp.com))  
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 Club of Center Point, Hong Kong SAR  
Lions College ([www.lionscollege.edu.hk/camp](http://www.lionscollege.edu.hk/camp))  
Leo District 303, Hong Kong & Macao, China ([www.leod303.org](http://www.leod303.org))  
The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools ([www.emi.edu.hk](http://www.emi.edu.hk))  
The Hong Kong Award for Young People ([www.ayp.org.hk](http://www.ayp.org.hk))

#### 2. Co-Organizers

Ming Pao Newspaper Limited ([www.mingpao.com](http://www.mingpao.com))  
Centre for Environmental Education & Communications of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China  
Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council

#### 3. Supported by

- (i) Education Bureau, the Government of HKSAR ([www.edb.gov.hk](http://www.edb.gov.hk))
- (ii) Heep Yunn School ([www.hys.edu.hk](http://www.hys.edu.hk))
- (iii) St. Stephen's College ([www.ssc.edu.hk](http://www.ssc.edu.hk))
- (iv) Satay King (Holding) Co. Ltd. (<http://satayking.hk>)
- (v) Wah Gar Knitwear Factory Company Limited
- (vi) da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant
- (vii) East Point City, Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited ([www.eastpointcity.com.hk](http://www.eastpointcity.com.hk))

#### 4. Objectives

The Youth Exchange Programme 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;
- 6(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 4-6 students who will be between 16 to 20 of age on 30 June, 2017.

#### 6. Competition

- (a) Each applicant shall submit an essay on the theme: **The Race between Man and Machine and its Impacts on the Relationship between Man and the Earth**

Explanatory note to the theme:

Advances in digital technology have provided new machines taking over many human tasks in a faster and better manner. Improvements in quality of living are abundant and obvious. In this century, man interacts more with machines in the workplace or in the daily life than with human and the environment.

Students can base on the theme to discuss the race, its positive and negative impacts on human beings and the environment. They are also advised to give foresights and any solutions on such impacts.

- (b) The essay shall be of not more than 1,000 English words (without using any photos or graphics) submitted in WORD format to [yec.essay@gmail.com](mailto:yec.essay@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 Wednesday, 4th January 2017.
- (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 in English on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.
- (e) Finalists will be required to make a PowerPoint presentation in English in the Award Presentation Ceremony on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Tentative)
- (f) Results will be published in Ming Pao in March, 2017.
- (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 Organizers in consultation with the selected scholars with return air ticket included. The total monetary amount of the scholarship is not exceeding HK\$15,000.

4th: Full Exchange Scholarship to Japan Exchange with return air ticket included. The total monetary amount of the scholarship is not exceeding HK\$6,000.

5th - 10th: Full Exchange Scholarship to Taiwan or Mainland China Exchange with travel fares included. The total monetary amount of the scholarship is not exceeding HK\$5,000.

An exchange scholarship will be forfeited if an exchange scholar cannot participate in an exchange programme in 2017. In exceptional cases, the Organizers may allow an extension for 1 year.

Additional Gifts to Top 10 Finalists:

- (a) Top 10 Award Certificate; and
- (b) One \$500 cash coupon each from Satayking Restaurants and da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant
- (c) Free Conservation Day Camp for Finalists on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

11th – 50<sup>th</sup> Finalists:

- (a) Certificates of Merits.  
Certificate holders will be endorsed to participate at their own cost 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) One \$100 cash coupon each from Satayking Restaurants and da Bino Hot Pot Restaurant.
- (c) Free Conservation Day Camp for Finalists on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 subject to availability of vacancies.

## 8. Costs

Each exchange will include family hosting before and/or after the camp. Exchange students will be provided with free meals and boarding during the exchange. Full Exchange Scholarship will, in addition, cover camp registration fee, if any, and return air or land transportation fares. 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/her 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**

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