YALPI 2024

Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative

Application Package

Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative (YALPI) 2024
Thematic area: Beyond a Post-COVID-19 ASEAN Recovery: Towards the Sustainable Urban Future

Rationale

YALPI's goal is to create a community of youths whose interests are aligned with the social issues of ASEAN member states and the Southeast Asian region and encourage youths to become aware of their potential for change. This year, following the on-going recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, YALPI 2024 sets our sights onto the equally pressing issues of environmental crises which have destroyed biodiversity enmasse and the poverty crisis which has erased indigenous identities, all of which rapid urbanization is a causing factor of. With that, YALPI 2024 is committed to urging youths to design policy recommendations with an aim to circumvent these pressing issues, integrating the solutions to future urban planning.

The South East Asian region, with the goal to exponentially develop its economy, has also been a region to rapidly urbanize and gentrify its city spaces, the pacing of which has caused these growths to be unsustainable by disregarding human life and urban ecology. The result of this unsustainable development has greatly affected the environment and marginalized groups even further, the negative impact also being an obstacle for regional growth as a whole. It is necessary for these issues to be addressed regionally to be a catalyst for designing a framework for development which prioritizes the environment, social equity, the economy and cultural diversity through the shared goal of prosperity, stability and sustainability.

In accordance to YALPI 2022 and YALPI 2023, which explored the inequalities within and the recovery of a Covid-19 and post-Covid-19 society through proactive socioeconomic policies from the youth under the themes "ASEAN After COVID-19: Towards Building an Inclusive and Caring Society" and "Rethinking a Post-COVID-19 ASEAN: An Equitable and Resilient Socio-Economic Recovery," YALPI 2024 strives to continue these efforts in supporting the youth in bringing positive change and development in cities and the communities within them, through project designs for a recovered post-Covid-19 society to continue in its pace for development, prioritizing greenness, inclusiveness and sustainability.

With that in mind, YALPI 2024, under the theme "Beyond a Post-COVID-19 ASEAN Recovery: Towards the Sustainable Urban Future," aims to identify key components of diverse strategies in development for cities and for communities, to aid the youth in designing policies

for sustainable and equitable ASEAN city development, focusing on green urbanism and integration of the displaced.

Green Urbanism: Governing Urban Transition

Due to the population's rapid growth, urbanization has turned cities into hubs for the flow of resources. Such expansion is therefore the representative of change, development, and economic drive of the country, which serves as a motive for the population to relocate and settle down. Nevertheless, higher immigration rates are likely to result in unsustainable development since cities are forced to accommodate and provide sufficient resources and energy to meet the hastily increasing population and social needs such as sanitation, transportation, etc. In addition, urbanization, through the burning of massive amounts of fossil fuels and the release of pollutants, inevitably affects the environment and the population's quality of life as a whole. It can be said that urbanization has effects on the environment and is also affected by such impacts. Thus, the foundation for sustainable urbanization must focus on human settlements, planning and designing urban spaces to support sustainability in new urban development projects, and the modernization of existing urban areas under the challenge of managing the impacts of urban growth.

The idea of green urbanism, or principles for fostering communities and city plans that are constructive to both people and the environment, has emerged for the reasons mentioned. The concept encourages the sustainable expansion of cities and communities under the consideration of being environmentally friendly, setting the framework for an integrated city plan that will help adjust and enhance the environment on all scales. The green urbanism idea has, however, not received the attention it deserves from society as a whole in practice despite being highly appreciated. Government and private agencies themselves have not implemented this principle deliberately, particularly in ASEAN countries which do not aim to redress environmental and urban planning complications efficiently and sustainably. Consequently, YALPI 2024 has a strong desire to support the projects developed by ASEAN youth, the majority of whom are from developing countries that are going through comparable rates of rapid urbanization. These projects will bring together youth from different city plans and architectural styles that are located in the related geographic and climatic zones to collaborate on problem-solving, learning, and exchanging about urban design and environmental change challenges while initiating the possibility of long-term problem-solving and development together to make this idea more than

just an abstract concept but a policy that can be achieved in society and be able to adapt to the reality without hindering economic growth and development or have as little impact as possible.

Integration of the Displaced: Urban Justice and Identity Preservation

Urbanization, a process involving the resettlements of the population from rural to urban, is an inevitable phenomenon commonly experienced by the world, Southeast Asia included. The region's urbanization is closely aligned with economic expansion, resulting in the economic transition from being primarily reliant on agriculture to being more centred around industry and services. Urban areas serve as key drivers of economic growth, drawing millions of people from rural areas and ultimately lifting many out of poverty. However, this rapid urbanization also triggers forced migration, displacing marginalized groups from their home and leading to social inequality. One of the primary concerns when it comes to forced migration is the dreadful fate of the displaced populations. Displaced communities tend to end up in informal settlements or slums with poor conditions, for instance, overcrowding and inadequate sanitation. On top of that, these areas mostly have limited access to basic needs and social services such as education, healthcare, and clean water, perpetuating cycles of disadvantage and social exclusion and raising humanitarian concerns.

Moreover, this displacement also leads to identity discontinuity as displaced communities commonly struggle to maintain their traditional cultural practices in the new settlements, leading to a gradual erosion of their cultural identity. This phenomenon extends to language, with native tongues sometimes fading into obscurity as individuals adapt to new linguistic environments. To address these challenges, it is necessary to foster an environment where entrepreneurs ensure economic growth, while considerations for livability prioritize the well-being of the residents; inclusivity narrows the socio-economic disparities frequently associated with the process of urbanization; policies simultaneously are environmentally friendly to mitigate the environmental impact from the rapid urban expansion. As a regional association, ASEAN should cooperate with each other in order to tackle the problem, whether through providing aid or sharing information. If ASEAN fails to address these issues, emerging from urbanization, the overall well-being, stability, and growth prospects of ASEAN nations could be jeopardized, negatively affecting the region's sustainable development and prosperity.

Thus, YALPI 2024, as a youth-led organization, aspires to encourage policy recommendations, emphasizing on creating a city that is simultaneously entrepreneurial, habitable, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable.

Objectives

1. To share diverse and fresh perspectives towards socio-economic issues among the region's new generation, which can also lead to intergenerational exchange on policy matters to tackle such pressing issues within the region.
2. To address disparities faced by people, especially those in vulnerable communities, within the Southeast Asian region, particularly in the issues resulting from urbanization.
3. To bring attention to and raise awareness of the ongoing consequences of urbanization, and also suggest policies to be taken by authorities to protect individuals, particularly the most vulnerable communities.
4. To encourage young leaders to submit their policy recommendations to stakeholders related to policy implementation.
5. To increase students' professional and academic talents, such as academic writing and presentation, debate, negotiation, analysis, as well as project management.
6. To continue a political science student-led academic forum that serves as a platform for Southeast Asian young minds to openly discuss what is best for their respective countries and the region as a whole, and empower them as young people of the ASEAN community in achieving the ASEAN Charter's suggestion of an inclusive community.

Activity Description

Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative (YALPI) is an international forum which gathers and empowers youths to initiate solutions for solving current social issues from the bottom-up aspect. Our goal is to create policy recommendations to influence the shaping of socio-political policy for tackling the ongoing social problems facing the ASEAN region.

Within the forum, keynote speeches and panel discussions from experts in our focal areas will be provided for the YALPI delegates to gain the necessary information for designing policy recommendations. Also, delegates will be divided into groups and guided by the policy designing workshop, content discussions, and consultancy offered by our experienced mentors

and student moderators to create policy recommendations with fellow group members. The two selected policy recommendations from each subtopic will be handed to the stakeholders in Thailand to encourage youths' participation in policy making. Also, all policy recommendation pitching videos will be published on our social networks and other media outlets to ensure that youths' voices are heard.

Participants

48 ASEAN and non-ASEAN students (from YALPI network university in each ASEAN member country and online applicants) applied by completing questions in the application package which are related to the 2 topic issues.

Application Process

1. **Call for applications**
   The completed application form and relevant documents must be submitted to yalpichula@gmail.com by 11.59 PM (Bangkok GMT+7) on 30 November 2023.
   Late or incomplete applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

2. **Confirmation of selected applicants**
   2.1 The announcement of selected delegates for YALPI 2023 will be on 22 December 2023.
   2.2 The participation confirmation and flight detail form must be sent via email on 2 January 2024.

3. **Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative (YALPI) 2024 will be held between 5 February 2024 to 10 February 2024.**

Required Documents
1. Copy of Academic Transcript
2. Copy of University Identity Card
3. Completed Application Form
   All documents are required to be in English.

Provision of Funding

YALPI 2024 will not be requesting entrance fees, and the delegates will be provided meals and local transports during the program. However, the provision of funding ***DOES NOT*** include **air tickets, visa fees, travel insurance, accommodations, and other expenses not directly related to the program.**

All participants in the program will be accommodated at Chulalongkorn International House (CU I-House), and **each delegate will be required to individually cover their accommodation expenses, amounting to <u>110 USD</u>.** Further details about the transaction will be sent in the announcement email of the selected delegates.

Rules and Regulations

1. All participants are required to take part in every activity throughout the program.
2. Participants are not permitted to leave designated accommodations or locations without permission granted individually during the program, at all times.
3. Narcotics and alcoholic beverages are prohibited under any circumstances.
4. Participants are required to follow YALPI 2024 team's COVID-19 regulations by sending ATK results prior to joining the conference. Participants are not allowed to join the activity if they are infected with COVID-19.
5. The YALPI 2024 team reserves the right to not be held liable for the costs and consequences (e.g. medication cost, hospitalisation cost, etc.) if participants become infected with COVID-19.
6. By signing the application form, you grant the YALPI 2024 team permission to use, publish, and reproduce all contents including photos, videos and any achievements created by the participants during the program, for all purposes, including publicity, promotion and advertising, in any form of media without compensation, credit or right of review or approval.
7. By signing the application form, you acknowledge and comply with all rules and regulations above.

Tentative Programme

This conference will be operated in a six-day duration, with tentative programmes as follows:

5 February 2024

Arrival of Participants at Bangkok (CU I-House, Chulalongkorn University)

6 February 2024

08.30 - 09.00	Registration
09.00 - 09.30	Opening Ceremony
09.30 - 10.30	Opening Remarks
10.30 - 11.00	30-minute break
11.00 - 11.30	Keynote session 1: Green Urbanism: Governing Urban Transition
11.30 - 12.00	Q&A for Keynote Speaker 1
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 15.00	Workshop 1
15.00 - 15.30	30-minute break
15.30 - 17.00	Ice-breaking activity
17.00 - 19.00	Welcome Dinner

7 February 2024

08.30 - 09.00	Registration
09.00 - 09.30	Keynote session 2: Integration of the Displaced: Urban Justice and Identity Preservation
09.30 - 10.00	Q&A for Keynote Speaker 2
10.00 - 10.30	30-minute break
10.30 - 11.30	YALPI Talk 1 and Q&A
11.30 - 12.30	Lunch
12.30 - 13.30	YALPI Talk 2 and Q&A
13.30 - 16.00	Workshop 2
16.00 - 16.30	30-minute break
16.30 - 17.30	Crystallization session
17.30 - 18.30	Dinner
18.30 - 20.00	Group Discussion 1

8 February 2024

08.00 - 08.30	Registration
08.30 - 10.30	Group Discussion 2
10.30 - 10.45	15-minute break
10.45 - 12.30	Group Discussion 3
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.45	Group Discussion 4
15.45 - 16.00	15-minute break
16.00 - 18.00	Group Discussion 5
18.00 - 19.00	Dinner

9 February 2024

08.30 - 09.00	Registration
09.00 - 12.00	Policy hand-in ceremony
12.00 - 12.30	Closing Forum and Certificate Distribution
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 17.00	Bangkok Tour
17.00 - 18.00	Back to CU I-House
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner and Farewell Party

10 February 2024

Sending participants to the airport

Expected Outcome

1. An intensive understanding of the crisis arising from urbanization, including its environmental impact, as well as its social, economic, and cultural ramifications on marginalized groups.
2. Six "White papers" were written by participating students and scholars.
3. Social impact: five articles published, in at least one media channel.
4. At least two policy recommendations for actual implementation.
5. More engagement of youth on social media through video presentations.

Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative 2024 Application Form

Part I. Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name (as appears on the passport)

(Mr./Ms./Mrs.)

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                (First name)   (Family name)

2. Date of Birth_____

3. Age _____

4. Sex (Male / Female / Other)

5. Religion _____

6. Nationality _____

7. Passport Number _____   Place of Issue _____

   Date of issue _____   Date of Expiry _____

8. Special Dietary Requirement _____

9. Medical Complication _____

10. Telephone Number (+____) _____

11. Mobile Number (+____) _____

12. E-mail Address _____

13. T-Shirt size (S / M / L / XL)

Part II. Educational Information

Current Institute:

University _____ Country _____

Faculty _____ Year _____ GPAX _____out of _____

Part III. Topic Selection

Please select your preferred topics in order from 1 to 2 (1 being the most preferred).

_____ Green Urbanism: Governing Urban Transition

_____ Integration of the Displaced: Urban Justice and Identity Preservation

Part IV. Application Questions

1. Please introduce yourself and state how you can contribute to the Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative (YALPI) 2024 if you are selected as a delegate. *[150 words max]*

2. In your best understanding, provide in clear detail on how the Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative (YALPI) can contribute to ASEAN? *[150 words max]*

3. Please provide in short your understanding and/or your vision of ASEAN's sustainable urban future and demonstrate how this will benefit the people of ASEAN beyond the post-pandemic recovery context. *[250 words max]*

In the following questions, a well-researched and clearly-illustrated answer is preferable. You may choose to answer for one or both sub-topics. Please keep in mind you are required to answer the *first two questions* (third, optional) under the sub-topic(s) you have chosen.

4. Green Urbanism

   4.1) How would you define green urbanism, and in what ways do you believe it can lead to more sustainable and environmentally-friendly cities by using real-world examples? *[300 words max]*

   4.2) Given the dynamic nature of urban development, how would you evaluate the ongoing relevance of green urbanism in contemporary city planning? What can be the primary challenges that impede the successful implementation of the concept? *[250 words max]*

   4.3) Please tell us about any specific projects or experiences you have been involved in related to green urbanism or sustainable urban development, and how have these experiences contributed to your comprehension of the project? *[optional, 200 words max]*

5. Integration of the Displaced

   5.1) From your perspective, why is inclusivity essential when it comes to urban development? *[300 words max]*

   5.2) How do you think the preservation of cultural continuity can contribute to the overall well-being and resilience of displaced communities during the integration process? *[250 words max]*

   5.3) Have you ever contributed to projects or events that are related to displacement communities, if so, could you provide examples of them? *[optional, 200 words max]*

<u>Submission</u>

Please submit the following documents:

      a) Completed application package (completed and signed application form together with essays of answers to all 5 questions).

      b) Copy of Academic Transcript

      c) Copy of University Identity Card

Your application will not be considered if one of the required documents is missing.

Applicant's Signature

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Date _____/_____/_____.

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