Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) 2nd Youth Assembly *Breaking Barriers, Transforming Lives* 03-06 September 2011 Host/Venue: The YMCA of Penang, Malaysia

GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

The 2nd Youth Assembly integrates the youth in YMCAs' life and works. It drives the initiative among youth to participate interactively in sharing their own visions regarding the salient issues that diversify their views in engaging themselves into worthwhile leadership commitment as they break the barriers and bridge out.

This assembly will serve as an avenue for the youth to *R*ecognize their potentials and to *R*evisit the mission and purpose of the movement. With a *R*enewed commitment, it brings forth the *R*esponsiveness among the youth to the calling the movement and the community have set before them.

Theme: "Breaking Barriers, Transforming Lives"

Objectives	 Shift the mindsets of the youth regarding their participatory role in taking actions of addressing the issues while living up to YMCA's mission and purpose; Signify the importance of responsibility, leadership, active participation and commitment to their role as the young leaders of the society; Urge them to bring out a higher level of understanding and consciousness of the existing barriers; 	
	4. Prepare the youth for their active and meaningful participation in the General Assembly as an integral part of the movement.	
Program Contents/ Methodologies	 Input Presentations Strategic Dialogue Parallel Workshops on specific issues Community Service Program 	
Participants:	Participation Criteria - Young lay-leaders, youth volunteers, staff for youth works Note: 1 official representative from the movement as Youth Voting Member of the Council and/or at least 1 or 2 possible representative/s for the Youth or Standing Committees.	

Programme Schedule

The tentative Programme Schedule is attached ~ further detailed schedules and information will be sent later.

Closing Date for Registration 15 July 2011

Participation Fee

50USD

This includes meals from dinner on 3 September to lunch on 6 September 2011 and accommodation in the YMCA of Penang for 3 nights during the Youth Assembly. Other programme costs will be subsidised by APAY and Penang YMCA.

Note: For those who will be attending the General Assembly, please be reminded that the Registration and Participation Fee is paid separately from the Youth Assembly. (Please refer to the General Assembly Registration Form)

Arrivals and Departures

Delegates are requested to send their flight schedules (*form attached*) to Ms. Ma. Kristina O. Velez (<u>velez@asiapacificymca.org</u>) in Hong Kong as soon as it is confirmed not later than <u>15 August 2011</u> for the airport transfers to be arranged.

Translation Equipment

We are not providing any translation equipment. We kindly request your Movements to provide your own as needed.

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