

Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs 20th General Assembly **3rd Bulletin**



2 - 6 September 2019 (Incl. day of arrival and departure)
YMCA International Youth Center, Tozanso, Gotemba, Japan

4th APAY Youth Assembly
1-2 September 2019 (Arrival on 31 August 2019)
Olympic Memorial Center, Tokyo, Japan
For details contact your national YMCA movement
Or visit www.asiapacificymca.org

2nd September 2019
APAY Executive Committee Meeting & Council Meeting



We are thankful to the delegates for the overwhelming number of early bird registrations and are excited to see the enthusiasm of the delegates from the various national movements to participate at the General Assembly. We share with you some more information related to the 20th General Assembly of APAY.

20GA Homepage

We are happy to inform that a homepage has been hosted to appraise our GA delegates with the updated information of the General Assembly. Please click on this link below to visit the website. <http://tiny.cc/apay20ga>

Exhibition and Marketplace in Tozanso

You will remember that we had a very successful Marketplace at the APAY General Assembly in Daejeon in 2015. More than 10 countries set up stalls to exhibit their programs and activities at the Assembly site. At Tozanso, we are arranging an exhibition hall and marketplace for all YMCAs interested to showcase their programs and activities at the General Assembly in Tozanso. We would like to invite national and local YMCAs to use this space to showcase their respective programs and activities. You may also use this space to advertise your YMCAs, provide souvenirs from your country or to sell products from your local communities. A nominal rental fee of US\$50 for the exhibition space has fixed. Two tables (1.5m x 1m each) will be provided for each registered space. You are also encouraged to make and display your own vertical banners on your allotted space. Please contact Mr. CHAN Beng Seng our GATN Coordinator at bengseng@asiapacificymca.org to reserve a space for your YMCA.



Climate Friendly Assembly

The APAY is working towards making this assembly a climate-friendly Assembly. We are paying utmost care and attention to create less carbon emissions as possible during the assembly, to reduce our carbon footprints.

We aim to use less papers and plastics during the Assembly. All program information and other related information will be hosted in a website on real time during the Assembly. The keynote address, agenda and documents related to meetings, workshop documents, program rundowns, liturgies of the worships, biblical reflections, etc. will be available in the website, so **please bring your own laptop or tabs, or smart phones.** No printed hard copies of these documents will be available during the assembly. No assembly materials like note books, pens, worship books, work-books, etc. will be provided. **Please bring your own note books and pens.**

All cutleries, cups and glasses will be re-useable, no paper or plastic cups will be used at the Assembly. **Please bring your own water bottles,** water refilling facilities will be available at different points of the assembly. A small bag could be brought for your own convenience. Moderate temperatures will be maintained at all venues to save energy. Mostly local food will be served at meals.



The 4th Youth Assembly of APAY

Introduction

The Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) Youth Assembly is a two-day event that intends to prepare the youth delegates to actively participate and meaningfully integrate to the entire General Assembly processes. Thus, this event is an integral part of the 20th General Assembly and not a separate program. Youth participants to this event must be a registered delegate of the 20th General Assembly.

More importantly, the Youth Assembly is one of the major activities within the regional participation and leadership development program that is aimed to build potentials of youth through spiritual enrichment, education, value formation and capacity building leading to active contribution in sustainable community development processes. This commitment of empowering youth requires creation of spaces for young lay leaders, volunteers, student members and young staff to actively engage in learning, reflection and deliberation on social realities impacting them and society. The youth needs opportunities to plan appropriate actions in response to challenges they are confronted with such as complex concerns on war and conflicts, poverty and hunger, consumerism, the digital divide, environment and climate change, discrimination, deprivation of human rights and fundamental freedom, unemployment, education, health-care and the culture greed for material wealth and power.

The YMCA, as part of wider social movement that is called to build a community of justice, love and peace, has the responsibility to illustrate and nurture these values among young people. As expressed in Challenge 21, each YMCA is called to empower all, especially young people and women to take increased responsibilities and assume leadership at all levels and working towards an equitable society. Following therefore our mandate, this youth gathering is designed to provide additional space for the young people to deepen understanding and experiences on the life and work of the movement in relation to the commitment of becoming bearers of peace and justice.



Specific Objectives

As an integral part of the General Assembly and the region's goal of creating opportunities for youth participation and leadership development, the Youth Assembly aims to meet the following specific objectives:

- to recognize youth's potential and capacities as key partners in realizing the mission of YMCA
- to learn and reflect on social realities impacting the youth, their immediate community and the larger society
- to represent the concerns of the youth rooted from their local and national realities
- to share experiences and insights on becoming an active participants in the YMCA and in strengthening network among youth
- to create awareness and develop appreciation on regional YMCA identity and goals
- to deliberate and search together for a meaningful and practical YMCA responses
- to prepare the youth for their active participation and meaningful integration to the General Assembly

Participants

Participants to the Youth Assembly must be a registered delegate of the 20th General Assembly. As such, all necessary fees to attend GA such as registration, participation, green and accommodation shall be paid by the youth delegate. There will be no additional costs however for them to participate at the Youth Assembly. Although the on-going programs for youth attract and serve a relatively wide range of young people, the regional YMCA considered youth for this purpose as those 18 –30 years of age. They can also be young lay leaders, volunteers, student members and young staff.

Date & Venue

The venue of the Youth Assembly will be at Olympic Memorial Center, Tokyo and at YMCA International Youth Center Tozanso, Gotemba, Japan. Participants are expected to arrive on 31st August at Narita Airport from which volunteers will be mobilized to guide participants on how to go to the venue. From Tokyo Olympic Center, all youth participants will go together to Tozanso in Gotemba, Japan on 2nd September to continue with the Youth Assembly session and the General Assembly. Specific information on this concern will be sent to all registered participants in due time.

Flight Schedules

All youth participants are requested to book their flights to arrive on 31st August at Narita Airport. They will then continue with the General Assembly which will be held on 2-6 September 2019 at the YMCA International Youth Center Tozanso, Gotemba, Japan. Those departing on 6th September will be included in the arranged transport to the airport. For those who have additional stay in Japan either before or after the official Youth Assembly and General Assembly

dates, please make your necessary arrangement for transport. Once confirmed, please send your flight details to APAY.

There will be no extra costs for the youth delegates to participate at the Youth Assembly. They need to pay the registration fee, participation fee and accommodation cost for participation at the General Assembly.

For matters related to participation for the Youth Assembly please contact Ms. Maria Cristina L. Miranda

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Airport Pickups and Drops

Please note that airport pickups will be arranged by the host committee on 1 & 2 September 2019 from both Narita and Haneda Airports. Airports drops will be arranged only on 6 & 7 September 2019 for all delegates for both Narita and Haneda Airport. Airport pick-ups and droppings will not be available on other days beside the dates mentioned above.

In addition, there will be shuttle bus service available between Hotel Alpha and the assembly venue in the mornings and evenings. It is about 10 minutes ride from Hotel Alpha to the assembly venue.

Accommodation for Additional Days

We have observed that quite a number of delegates who have registered so far, will be departing a couple of days after the Assembly. Delegates departing Tozanso on 7th September, need to notify us and shall require to pay the cost of accommodation for the night of 6th September. APAY will not be responsible for accommodation from the night of 7th September, the delegates shall need to arrange accommodation on their own.



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