

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT IYLP

In recent years, the global climate and humanitarian crisis have seen record numbers of people displaced and fleeing from disasters, violence and persecution. With the urgency and magnitude of these challenges, there has never been a greater need for bold actions, partnerships, and leadership globally.

With more than **1.8 billion young people** around the world, youth today are the largest generation in history. Through technology and ease of travel, these young people are connected like never before. Given the resources and support, young people have the potential to be changemakers and to contribute to the development and resilience of their communities and beyond.

Tzu Chi's International Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) is a 11-month program for young people aged **20-35 years**, aimed at fostering young leaders with an international outlook. IYLP develops and equips youth with skills, knowledge, resources, and practical experiences to become engaged global citizens and transformative leaders. Sponsored by the Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation, and co-organized by the Tzu Chi International Youth Association (TIYA), IYLP delegates will be given opportunities to network with peers across the globe, co-create community service activities, and represent Tzu Chi at international and United Nations conferences such as Commission on the Status of Women 70 (CSW) in March 2026, among others. IYLP runs from April through December 2025.

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IYLP INCLUDES

- Sustainable development courses
- Skills building workshops
- Support from mentors experienced on project topics
- Scholarships to attend conferences
- Resources to organize local and international projects and events
- Upon completion of Action and Practice and classes, a Certificate of Completion and access to other exciting opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

- **Foster young leaders** with a broad global perspective, the ability to create solutions to sustainability issues, and a spirit of humanistic culture and care.
- **Build a strong network** of passionate and service-minded youth leaders.
- **Provide youth opportunities** to engage in international activities through a multifaceted and practical training program.

ABOUT TZU CHI FOUNDATION AND TIYA

Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation, also known as Tzu Chi Foundation, is an international humanitarian and nongovernmental organization (NGO). For 59 years, Tzu Chi Foundation has worked in the missions of charity, medicine, education, and humanist culture with offices in 68 countries. Providing disaster relief, medical aid, and environmental protection projects across 136 countries, Tzu Chi Foundation was given Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) in 2010. In 2019, Tzu Chi Foundation was granted accreditation by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as an observer to sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), and in 2022, Tzu Chi Foundation was appointed co-chair of the UN interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development's Multi-Faith Advisory Council.

Tzu Chi International Youth Association (TIYA) is a sub-organization of Tzu Chi Foundation. Established in 2020, TIYA is a platform that aims to provide opportunities and resources for young people to nurture young leaders to contribute positively to their communities and beyond through innovation and collaboration.

For more information, please refer to the 'Program Information' and 'FAQs'. Alternatively, you are welcome to ask a question, attend our Virtual Information Sessions or contact

tiya@ems.tzuchi.net.

Program Information

Eligibility

- **Age Requirements:** Applicants must be aged **20-35 years** during 2025 (underaged and overaged applicants will be disqualified automatically).
- **Nationality Requirements:** All nationalities are welcome. Especially focusing on Youth currently living in Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, and Indonesia
  Note: Some United Nations-related activities may have nationality restrictions, thus several opportunities will be opened to qualified delegates only.
- **Other Requirements:**

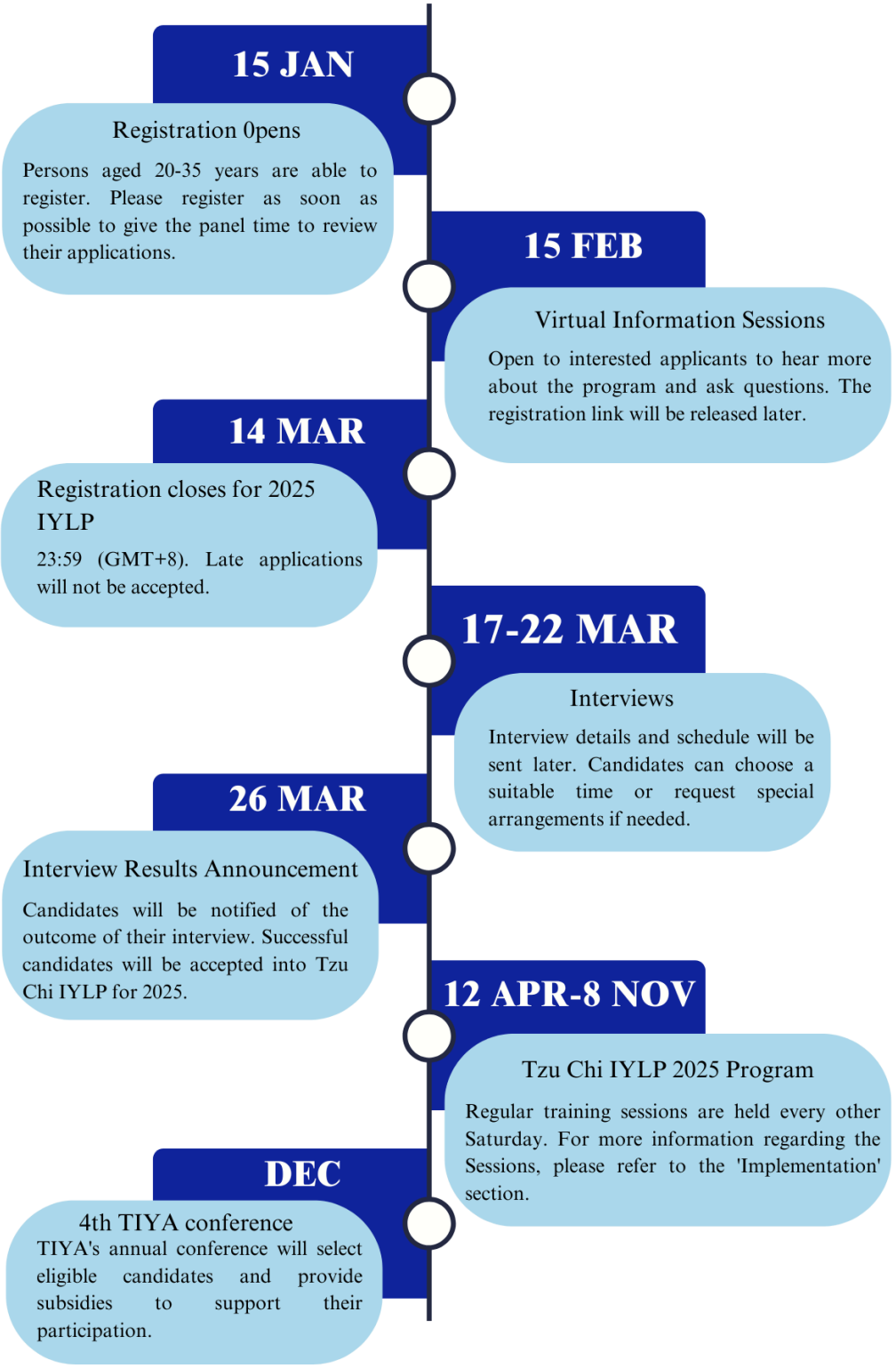
1. Applicants must have an interest in sustainable development and **agree with Tzu Chi's humanistic spirit and philosophy.**
2. Applicants must be able to communicate fluently in English in both speech and writing.

- For requirements upon the completion of the program, please refer to the 'Implementation' section.

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TIMELINE



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Application Guide

The application form can be accessed here: https://www.surveycake.com/s/qp3L9

Note: Please do not submit more than one application. We will only use the first application submitted if more than one application is received. If there are any problems with the online submission, please contact tiya@ems.tzuchi.net.

You will need the following to complete the Application Form:

- **ID Photo**: Please provide a photo taken in the last six months that will be suitable for ID use.
- **Cover Letter** (one A4 page, size 12, PDF):
  Please use the following questions to guide your Cover Letter:
  1. Tell us about yourself. What global issues are you passionate about and what works have you partaken to address these issues?
  2. What are your interests and involvement in community work?
  3. Why have you chosen to apply for IYLP and what do you wish to gain from this Program?

- **Curriculum Vitae** (two A4 pages, size 12 font, PDF)
- **2 Letters of Recommendations (PDF only)**:
  Please include the following details for your referee:
  1. Name
  2. Position and Organization
  3. Contact Details
  4. Relations to the Applicant

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Program Content

The Program will include the following:

- **9 Months Online Courses:** 2-hour sessions are held once a month every second Saturday night Sessions will be a mixture of lectures, discussions, and skills training. Invited speakers include sustainability experts, youth leaders, social entrepreneurs, NGO project specialists, academics, and more. There will be individual assignments and group projects throughout the courses. Please see below for the roadmap of the courses.
- **Action & Practice track:** During the program, delegates must host events related to sustainable development, either online or in-person. Guidance and resources may be provided.
- **Mentor-Mentee meeting:** During the program, mentors of each team will host a mentor-mentee meeting every (before/after) each class.

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- **Digital Marketing track (optional):** Delegates can join the Digital Marketing team to raise awareness on sustainability issues on social media, as well as showcase the activities and achievements of the 2025 Cohort throughout the program.
- **Research & Advocacy track (optional):** Delegates will have the opportunities to perform data and information research on sustainability issues, as a means to prepare for advocacy and engagement in international platforms.
- **Conference Engagement (optional):** Delegates will have the opportunity to attend and/or speak at various local, national, and international conferences related to sustainable development issues. Funding and scholarship opportunities are available.
- **Completion of the Program**
  To receive a Certificate of Completion, delegates must
  - complete the 12-week Courses (early notice is required for absenteeism)
  - complete the Action & Practice track

Subsidies

For delegates who are admitted to the United Nation Conference or other international conferences, Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation will provide a subsidy covering transportation and accommodation to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Beyond IYLP 2025

In addition to COP30 and UNEA-7, delegates who have successfully completed the program will be eligible to apply for other conferences, forums, humanitarian work,leadership roles, among others. Opportunities will be announced to all delegates who are eligible and interested. The timeline for conference engagement opportunities open from Year 2025 onward

*Missed sessions will need to be made up through watching recorded sessions, meeting with the mentor, and completing the assigned work.

** If no local Tzu Chi chapter opportunities are available, other arrangements can be made through discussion with the program coordinator to be determined on a case-by-case basis.