

The triennial International Gold Event (IGE) took place in the Czech Republic, and what made it even more special about this IGE, it is the 15th IGE, celebrating 50 years of it, and also the first time that two countries (Czech Republic and Slovakia) have worked together to make this happen. IGE is a global leadership programme which gathers Gold Award holders, and participants from all over the world to shape and deliver the Award worldwide. The programme also encourages the growth of each individual through their engagement in various projects.



I am Christopher Pang, Gold Award Holder in the year 2016. I am honored to be selected with Mr. Steven Ng to represent Hong Kong and participated the programme during 25th - 30th October, 2017 in Prague, Czech Republic. There were 76 participants from different parts of the world, and all of us have at least one common goal, which is to enhance our leadership skills and further assist in developing the Award back in our home countries.

The programme started off with dividing the 76 of us into 10 different groups with different topics assigned, and then results of the Belbin assessment were distributed so that we could have made reference to it when deciding our roles in our teams. During the 6 days, two days were scheduled with field visits. My group visited the AC Sparta Praha, one of the most successful and historic football club in Prague. We aimed at promoting the Award to the youth players in order to equip them for future challenges and wish to solve the xenophobia in Prague by engaging the community into different projects together with Sparta.



IGE was wrapped up with a tremendous closing ceremony, and 3 out of the 10 projects were announced to be implemented in the future. After these intensive, exhausting, but fruitful days, all of us have enjoyed the ceremony and the live band performance. This has marked the perfect end of the IGE 2017.

