



### **International Gold Event and Forum 2025 Nigeria**

The International Gold Event (IGE) is a transformative personal development opportunity designed to empower the next generation of Award ambassadors. Participants will engage in an intensive learning programme focused on influencing change, impactful communication, and driving strategic development at national and global levels. They will gain the skills and confidence to advocate for the Award, champion non-formal education, and lead initiatives on the issues that matter most to them and their peers. Uniquely, IGE 2025 participants will also attend Forum, allowing them to apply their learning in real-time discussions and contribute directly to shaping the future of the Award.

#### **Duration and Destination**

The IGE and Forum 2025 will be held in Nigeria from 16 – 23 November 2025. (Participants are expected to arrive at Nigeria on 15 November 2025)

#### **Aims**

1. To provide participants with the opportunity for personal development and to facilitate their contribution to the development of the Award both nationally and internationally;
2. To bring together youth voices and leaders from all global partners of the Award to exchange knowledge, share experiences and collaborate in shaping the future of the Award

#### **Programme**

The IGE is a unique opportunity for young leaders to develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence to become ambassadors of the Award, lead impactful projects, and collaborate on solutions to the challenges facing their generation. Through training, hands-on workshops, and global networking, IGE empowers participants to drive change in their communities and beyond.

Forum is a defining gathering of leaders from across the global Award network, where through interactive discussions, strategic planning, and cross-cultural collaboration, participants work together to set the ambitions and goals of the Award for the years ahead. With the inclusion of IGE participants, Forum will also ensure the voices of young leaders play an active role in driving the Award's future direction.

#### **Target and Number of Delegates**

2 delegates will be selected for the IGE & Forum 2025.

### **Financial Arrangement**

The award scheme will cover a portion of the participation fee, including the programme, meals, and accommodation, as well as air ticket expenses. Selected delegates will be required to pay a non-refundable fee of **HK\$13,000** for the trip.

Additionally, delegates are responsible for their own personal expenses, including: Personal travel insurance, Visa fees, Vaccinations, Souvenir items, etc. Delegates should also ensure they are fully equipped for the trip.

### **Obligations of the Delegates**

They are obliged to:

1. do his/her best to complete the programmes/assignments as scheduled;
2. write a detailed report after the visit (to be submitted within 1 month after the trip);
3. attend and help to prepare for a sharing session if and when necessary;
4. offer continued volunteer service to our Award Scheme for at least 2 years upon his/her return to Hong Kong after the trip.

### **Qualifications of the Applicants**

The applicants should:

1. have achieved their Gold Award;
2. aged between 18 and 28 as at 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025;
3. be an active and committed adult volunteer for the Award;
4. have good command of English;
5. have pleasant personality;
6. be a Hong Kong resident;
7. have financial resources to cover the necessary expenses connected with the visit;
8. NOT have attended a previous IGE as a delegate.

### **Application Procedures**

Interested persons with the above qualifications are invited to send in their applications. They are required to:

1. Complete the application form; and
2. Find one referee recommending them to the IGE. The recommendation letters, in sealed envelopes, should be forwarded together with the application form to the Award Office.

### **Application Deadline**

Deadline for application is **21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (Wednesday)**. Late application will not be considered.

### **Selection Procedure**

After the application deadline, shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a selection interview to be held between **6:30pm to 9:30pm** on **26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Monday)** at the Kowloon

Award Centre (Nos. 301-309, 3/F, Lai Kwai Hse., Lai Kok Est., Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon).

Attached please find the application form for the exchange project. You can make copies if necessary or you can download the application form from the AYP website (<https://www.ayp.org.hk/ige2025>). If you require further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Hunter Sin, our Assistant Manager - Award Service & Operations at 21578610.