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Call for iSEED Programme participants

Background

Introduction of APCICT

The United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) was established in June 2006 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. As a regional institute of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Centre has a mission to build the human and institutional capacities of countries in the region to use information and communication technologies (ICT) for sustainable socio-economic development.

Guided by its mission, the Centre has developed two flagship programmes. The *Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders* is targeted to government leaders and policymakers, while *Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders* targets students and youth. These two programmes have seen wide uptake and institutionalization in the region, and have contributed to strengthening information and communication technologies for development (ICTD) capacities.

Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders

To build the ICT capacity of youth, APCICT has initiated the *Turning Today's Youth into Tomorrow's Leaders (TTYTL)* programme. This programme is focused on equipping the future workforce with the requisite knowledge of ICT applications for promoting socio-economic development.

APCICT has developed the *Primer Series on ICTD for Youth (Primer Series)* as a learning resource for institutions of higher learning and to help fill the gaps in ICTD education. The Primer Series serves as a tool to help educators fill the gap in ICTD coverage in universities. It is comprised of multiple issues addressing a range of topics in ICTD and is flexible enough for use in different national contexts.

To engage students, the Centre offers internships to undergraduate and graduate students in order to build their capacity and provide practical exposure to work in the ICTD field. The Centre provides guidance and mentoring in the form of short, 1-2 month work opportunities to youth who will go on to become part of the future workforce.

iSEED (ICT Support and Engage as an Engine for Development) Programme

As a part of TTYTL programme, APCICT has developed youth engagement initiative called ‘iSEED Programme’ in 2015. This programme will provide youth with an opportunity to learn about ICTD and to work in the field of international development.

The programme will use “hybrid learning” methods over the 3 month period. There will be both four days of face-to-face activities at the APCICT office in Songdo, Incheon and online activities. Participants must have their own access to a computer with internet access and work space for the online activities.

Objectives

The iSEED programme is being organized with the following key objectives:

1. Understand the area of ICTD;
2. Learn about specific issues in ICTD for socio-economic empowerment of developing countries;
3. Develop capacity in the project and event planning and management; and
4. Nurture global leaders who can be advocates of ICT for Development.

Duties and Responsibilities

	Online	Offline
	Conduct desk research	Participate in the regional workshop as a Volunteer
Activity	1. Identify reading materials including article, research paper, op-ed and the like on the agendas of: (a) Sustainable Development Goals and ICT (b) Latest Trend in the ICT industry (c) Best Practices on ICTD 2. Draft contents for APCICT’s SNS platforms	Provide the support in organizing a workshop Duties include: managing materials and handouts, helping setting-up and breaking-down venue, note-taking and others if requested
Work space	Home	Workshop Venue (Songdo, Incheon)
Period	18 March 2016 – 15 June 2016	16 – 17 June 2016
Working language	Korean and English	English

* NOTE: More detail of the activities will be introduced during the induction meeting at the APCICT office on 18 March 2016 and 15 June 2016.

Education

To qualify for this programme, applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- ① be enrolled in a graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher);
- ② be enrolled in the final academic year of a first university degree programme (minimum Bachelor's level or equivalent);
- ③ have graduated with a university degree (as defined above)

Language

Excellent communication skills (written and oral) both in Korean and English are required.

Benefits

Upon successful completion of this programme, participants will be awarded the Certificate of Participation signed by Director of APCICT. During the regional workshop, accommodations and meals will be provided. * NOTE: Participants are not financially remunerated by APCICT.

Application Process

Submission of completed application form by 12 February 2016 via email to recruit@unapcict.org. Short listed candidates will be invited to an interview.

For any enquiries, please send an email to Mr. Eunseok SEO (recruit@unapcict.org).