

Report on World Yee Youth Conference

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Intention

To foster a youth presence in the Yee Society that would help the make the Yee Society sustainable in the long term and to provide opportunities for young members to network and establish friendships around the globe.

Proposed Ideas

1. Cultural exchange program between international Yee chapters where visitors would be provided with a host/contact person
2. Organize group trip to China (i.e. \$99 1-week tour of Beijing/Shanghai offered through Government of China) to trace our roots and enrich our understanding of Chinese culture

3. Initiate a mentorship program that will partner students with other students (younger with older) and professional to provide guidance on post-secondary education and career development
4. Initiate a volunteer program to provide opportunities for youth to gain volunteer experience and fulfill volunteer requirements at school.
-link up with SUCCESS and other Chinese organizations
5. Invite guest speakers to give webinars that will be accessible to everyone and potentially more presentations to a live audience that will be shared online.
6. Sponsor a language bursary program to support development of Mandarin/Cantonese language skills.
-invest in language learning materials (i.e. books, CD, etc.) that would be available for loan and/or subsidize language courses
7. Start a World Yee Youth Facebook group that will link existing society related Facebook pages
8. Organize a summer camp (weekend to one week duration) to engage with other youth members
9. Publish a monthly online newsletter that will be distributed to the Youth mailing list as well as individual Yee chapter leaders

Conclusion

The Vancouver meeting showed promise in developing a stronger youth engagement in the Yee Society. Not only were youth themselves present but there was also interest from older generations. We feel it is important for this society to benefit its members on a personal level to make it successful and encourage active participation. Following this initial effort, we hope to see our ideas take root and mature into enriching opportunities for Yee Youth around the world.