

Youth Dialogues on Climate Change and Asia's Future

A Proposal for Phase 2 for the SDG Asia Project

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The SDG Asia project will culminate in Singapore in January 21-24 with the showcase of the video productions of the five teams: Pakistan, India, Nepal, Indonesia and Mongolia. These "multimedia essays" will be ready for global dissemination soon after that.

Over 2018 we have created a network of five project teams linked together by frequent webinars as well as meetings in Bangkok and Singapore. How can we keep this unique group together, and share what we have learned with others in our respective communities? Having learned, how do we teach? How can we mentor others to join our global dialogue on youth perspectives on the SDGs?

We propose the following activity to be discussed on Tuesday January 22 at Singapore.

Each of our five country teams will recruit a school, or a youth-oriented NGO, in their communities to participate in a regional intra-Asian communication project over the year 2019. Our original team members will mentor a small group of young people who (1) share a concern for climate change and (2) have skills and interest in digital media and social communication. They should be located in the same city as the first team in the SDG Asia project. We wish to link these five new teams of young people to each other through regular webinars for group discussion, and a series of one-on-one dialogues linking two teams in video conferences.

Dr. Brant Knutzen would continue to lead the periodic webinars as they expand outward to include the new teams of young people. Some of our discussion will be about climate change, and some about technical issues in how to create short, powerful video clips for distribution on social media platforms.

Our goal is to expand and enliven our five-country network to conduct intra-Asian youth dialogues on the SDGs. More specifically, we wish to create five new short video clips about climate change with the style and content of Asian youth. These should be completed by end of summer 2019 in time for showing in New York in USA on September 23 at the Climate Forum of the UN. The Institute for International Education (IIE), located in 809 UN Plaza in NYC, could be a suitable venue for showing our films. A second venue for their presentation could be at the UN climate change summit (COP 25) in Santiago Chile in November 11-22 of 2019. The HKAC can assist with organizing our participation in these events.

This second phase of the SDG Asia project would not necessarily have funding from the KAS. But we can build on what we have created with the five teams in Asia using their important formative grant for our work on SDG Asia in 2018. As we go, we can look for new funds and new applications for our efforts.

If you wish to participate in Phase 2 of our project, please explore in your communities and come to Singapore with names and email addresses of potential teams in schools you wish to engage in our next round of dialogues.

Thank you,

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