



# INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY FORUM FOR YOUNG LEADERS

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# O V E R V I E W

A GLOBAL MOVEMENT EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD IN SOCIAL CHANGE.

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Humanitarian Affairs Asia will host the inaugural International Diplomacy Forum 2019 for 450 aspiring diplomats at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand. The inaugural session will comprise of practical sessions, interactive workshops, policy exercises and career networking sessions delivered by world leading industrial experts.

With sessions delivered by Ambassadors, Foreign Service and Government officials on different aspects of global affairs and international relations, delegates will gain the tools to effectively engage with key stakeholders at significant moments in their future diplomatic careers.

The International Diplomacy Forum will present an opportunity in the development of soft-skills for aspiring diplomats and future world leaders. It is hosted to recognise, enhance and develop the next generation of diplomats and world leaders.



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## THE CHANGING WORLD

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Diplomats today are no longer just members of an exclusive professional guild as was the case in the past. Instead of an exclusive diplomatic elite we now have quite a heterogeneous body of professional people participating in various capacities in the management of current international relations, both global and regional.

The required skills are also heterogeneous, starting from general diplomatic skills, mainly negotiation and representation, and extending to specialised skills and competencies for dealing with particular issues, such as the protection of the environment, or the procurement of trade and the establishment of the commercial ties that are so vital to the strengthening of relations between nations. These skills should also to be considered diplomatic skills.

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## THE DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS

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Diplomacy is more important today than ever before. In our interconnected and interdependent world, we cannot solve problems just by using force. Diplomacy is therefore not just an ethically superior choice; it is practically the only one left to us.

The International Diplomacy Forum aims to provide aspiring young diplomats with a tool in solving conflicts in modern society through negotiations and compromises.

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# THE GLOBAL DIPLOMACY IN THE MODERN WORLD

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Preventive diplomacy involves new diplomatic skills and completely new methods of approach, as well as the adoption of innovative strategies to achieve the ultimate objective of peace.

Humanitarian Affairs Asia has embarked in creating this platform for aspiring diplomats to understand grassroots and digital diplomacy, which comes from bridging the gap between Government and Civil Society as well as to further enhance the knowledge of diplomats about changes in diplomatic practices and procedures including the relationship of those changes to contemporary politics.

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# NURTURING OUR FUTURE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

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An indispensable condition for the success of multilateral diplomacy is the good will and good faith of the parties, their readiness to deal with one another fairly and honestly, and their openness to accepting the inevitable compromises arising from disputes. Whenever one of these elements is missing, the result is domination rather than cooperation.

Together with young people, Humanitarian Affairs Asia hope to see strengthening of the bonds of friendship uniting us the people and renewed efforts to promote peace to which our world aspires.



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# KEY TO DIPLOMACY

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At the end of the programme, delegates should be able to:

- Develop critical understanding of key issues and concepts in international relations and world affairs
- Demonstrate a comprehensive, substantive and practical knowledge of international relations and diplomacy
- Develop analytical skills and critical thinking

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The three day forum aims to address key themes within the international diplomatic space.

**PUBLIC  
DIPLOMACY**

**SMART  
DIPLOMACY**

**DIPLOMATIC  
PROTOCOL**

**MEDIA  
RELATIONS**

**DIGITAL  
DIPLOMACY**

**GRASSROOTS  
DIPLOMACY**

**DIPLOMATIC  
PRACTICES**

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# FORUM AGENDA

## DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE

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A sound grounding in both theoretical and empirical approaches to debates in diplomacy so that delegates will be exposed to the skills needed to analyse global diplomacy. The diplomatic practice is a workshop session to enhance the knowledge and skills of participants in the domains of diplomatic protocol, public diplomacy and media relations.

In addition, it also seeks to empower participants with the skills required to better campaign and raise awareness on the organization's activities and general mandate.



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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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We seek candidates who are dynamic, motivated, creative, and who have not only an excellent academic background, but also have interpersonal skills enabling the participants to connect with each other and make the most out of this programme.

The International Diplomacy Forum is open to both undergraduate and graduate students, young researchers and other academics interested in gaining a thorough understanding of diplomacy and international relations and acquiring soft skills.

The objective of the selection process is to select students with great potential and who can make a significant contribution to the learning experience.

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## THE PROGRAM FEE

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The Program fee is USD 870.00 excluding 7%VAT. The participation fee includes a 4-night accommodation from July 9 to 12, 2019 in Marriott Marquis Queen Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

The fee includes 4 breakfasts, 4 coffee-breaks and 3 buffet lunches, one black-tie evening reception, daily inland transportation to the UN Conference Centre and a Certificate of Participation.

For delegates not requiring accommodation, the participation fee is USD700.00 excluding 7%VAT. Breakfast is not included for non-hotel guests.

For delegates who wish to upgrade to a single occupancy room, an extra charge of USD 480.00 will be levied.



# APPLICATION PROCESS



## APPLY

To be a delegate



## DECISION

Applicants will receive a decision within 7 working days, in which they will be informed by email whether or not their application was successful



## PREPARE

Successful applicants will work with our Global Partnership Team in preparation for the forum.

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# JOIN THE JOURNEY

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For more information about your participation and the International Diplomacy Forum 2019 Programme, please send an email to Ruby Mathapongpan at **[idf.secretariat@humanitarianaffairs.org](mailto:idf.secretariat@humanitarianaffairs.org)**

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