



Competition Information

Youth Innovation Competition on Lancang-Mekong Region's Governance and Development (YICMG) is designed for the universities and students in this sub-region. In the past seven competitions, it has attracted hundreds of guests, experts, and students from over 10 universities in the region. Over 310 projects on policy, public benefit, and micro-enterprises have been submitted.

By now, YICMG has been included in the List of the Second Batch of Projects of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, integrating youth innovation and entrepreneurship, cultural and educational exchange, cultivation of elites in global governance, South-South Cooperation, local development, and the Belt and Road Initiative. YICMG is welcomed and developed by governments, universities, and students in the region.

I. Competition Requirement

1. The project shall be related to the competition theme and based on each country's status quo, including **an introduction within 500 words, theme elaboration, problem analysis, program design, and prospects.** At the same time, **comments and suggestions from the university** are



required as well.

2. The work requires teamwork and collective involvement. Students shall be **undergraduates** and each team **shall be in a group of 3. 1 or 2 mentors' recommendation(s) is required** to guarantee that the work is done by the students independently. Any kind of work that has won awards in similar competitions shall not be applied for this competition.

3. The **signed application form** indicates that the author agrees the Organizing Committee retains the right of further publicity, dissemination, and publication.

II. Application Process

We welcome proposals from any student teams interested in the competition. Please send them to our official email address: yicmg_official@163.com.

Kindly use the official Application Form as an attachment.

III. Competition Process

1. Competition theme and information are issued on December 1st, 2023.

2. Form a team and fill in the registration form before December 21st, 2023.



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3. Hand in the project before February 21st, 2024.
4. All projects will be assessed by the Expert Committee.
5. Name list of finalists will be issued in April 2024.
6. The final round will be held in July 2024.

IV. Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

1. Are there any fees associated with YICMG?

YICMG does not charge any application fee. The Organizing Committee will cover the fees for the final competition which includes accommodation and round-trip expenses.

Some outstanding teams and participants may get further funds from the committee.

2. Do participants have to apply for passports and visas by themselves?

Yes. Passport and visa application shall be done by the participants individually. If you have any queries, feel free to contact us. The Organizing Committee will supply essential documents to assist with passport and visa applications. If unexpected alterations arise, the Organizing Committee will provide participants with further information.

3. Can international students participate in the competition?

Yes. International students can participate in the competition on



behalf of their schools.

4. Type of Awards

1) The Most Valuable Question

The students who address the most critical issue in the Lancang-Mekong region are awarded “The Most Valuable Question”.

2) The Most Creative Team

The most innovative project will receive award of “The Most Creative Team”.

3) The Best Project for Incubation

The most feasible project will be awarded “The Best Project for Incubation”.

4) The Best International Team

The “Best International Team” recognizes the international team that demonstrates exceptional teamwork.