

LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE
OF HONG KONG

Initiative for Peace



10 Lok Wo Sha Lane, Sai Sha Road

Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong S.A.R.

Phone: +852 2640 0445 E-Mail: ifpuwc@gmail.com

Web: www.lpcuwc.edu.hk/global-concerns-initiative-for-peace-ifp

What is Initiative for Peace?

Initiative for Peace (IFP) is a group at Li Po Chun United World College whose objective is to educate and train young adults in understanding Conflict Management and Resolution. This group at the college is trained in conflict management facilitation skills and works at three different impact levels, within the school community, regionally and internationally.



It is a fundamental belief of the IFP group that the world is interdependent and that conflict is not always destructive, when approached in a constructive manner. This group aims to teach young adults around the world how to deal with conflictive situations with a pro-active approach, through understanding each individual situation and then dealing with it through an appropriate approach. It is also in the IFP Team's mission to help teach others who will continue to spread the message of peace.

The 2010 Initiative for Peace Focus on Mindanao Conference

The 2010 Focus on Mindanao Conference is scheduled for May 27 to June 1, 2010. Applications for the conference have already been sent out. The 2010 Conference will be the fifth annual conference that the IFP group at Li Po Chun UWC has held. The 2006, 2007 and 2008 Conferences were held in Pune, India with students from Pakistan and India on the issue of Kashmir. The 2009 Conference was held in Cebu City, the same location as the planned 2010 Conference, on the conflict in Mindanao. In order for the conference to continue as planned, the IFP Team needs to meet minimum budget requirements for booking the venue and providing travel subsidies for the participants to the conference location, in order to make the conference readily accessible to all Filipino students.

Our Impact



“Please, continue doing this... These few days have been amazing!”



“I’m a Muslim and I’m in the very affected area of Maguindanao I will assure you I’ll try my very best to share what I have learned from you.”

“I will treasure the moments and the knowledge I’ve gotten here in the conference. I’ve learned and understand a lot on conflict in Mindanao. Now, I’ve heard other opinions or points of view from people actually living in Mindanao. I also like that the conference was not in the form of serious talks. It is put in a way of games and then after that we have a discussion to find the lesson behind each of them.”



“It was an eye opener for many of us because of the new concepts presented.”

“The conference became a great model for me to start new actions against injustices occurring and for managing conflict not only in Mindanao but also around the world, in my community and in my school.”



Funding Requirements for the Initiative for Peace Conference in Cebu, the Philippines during May-June 2010

The following projections are based on the expenses of our conference in Cebu, Philippines during May-June 2009.

Number of Participants	Travel Expenses	Food	Accommodations	Conference Materials
40	40,000	25,000	25,000	1,500

Total (in HKD): \$91,500

The travel expenses from Hong Kong to the Philippines and back for the facilitators are borne by the facilitators as per the College Fund Raising Policy in place.

Staff Liaison/Resource Person and Guest Speaker Sponsorship:

Number of Resource Persons/Facilitators	Fare (Philippines-HK-Philippines)	Food	Accommodations	Honoraria
2	2,800	250	600	600

Total (in HKD): 4,250

Total projected expenses $91500+4250=$ HKD 95,750

Money expected to be raised by students HKD 25,000

Net fund to be raised $95750-25000 =$ HKD 70,750

Prepared by:

Mr. Magan Savant
Teacher Co-ordinator,
Initiative for Peace at Li Po Chun United world College of Hong Kong

Appendices:

- I. Application Cover Letter
- II. Application
- III. T-shirt Design

October 20, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

This May/June 2010, a group of students from Li Po Chun United World College will hold their fifth "Youth Initiative Conference". The conference will focus on conflict management and resolution strategies, in the framework of the Mindanao conflict. The main objective of the program is to put the ideals of the United World Colleges, which focus on peace and international understanding, into action. Our aim is to bring young people aged 15 to 18 years from The Philippines, especially in the Mindanao area, together to participate in a conference. The issue will be approached through various workshops and simulations. Participants will be able to take the skills they have learned and apply them to conflicts that they may encounter in years to come. Furthermore, the conference will provide students with tools so that they will be able to create initiatives back home. Our aim is to find individuals dedicated to the cause and willing to make a difference. Please note that participants will be selected based on abilities in activities of social, cultural importance, not based on their academic merit or their written ability in English. Therefore, any interested applicants are encouraged to submit an application.'

The conference, scheduled for May 27 to June 1, 2010, will take place at a Retreat House located in Cebu. The exact location of the conference will be confirmed soon. Participants are asked to arrive at the venue by midday on May 27, and should depart no sooner than midday on June 2. The cost of food, accommodation and all conference materials will be covered by Initiative for Peace. However, the participants will be asked to cover the costs for their trip to Cebu. We are able to provide some financial assistance for transportation, however this cannot be guaranteed. We ask that those who would like financial support with their transportation fees to demonstrate the conditions of your need in the application form.

We are asking you to help us promote the Initiative for Peace project in your school community by nominating five potential applicants for the selection process. Due to the aims of the conference, students should be nominated based on leadership skills, enthusiasm and interest in peace, conflict resolution and international understanding. A copy of the application form is enclosed with this letter. You may make multiple copies of the form to make it possible for the nominated students to apply. Applications should be submitted by mail, fax or scanned and then email. The deadline for the application form to reach us is January 15th 2010.

For further information and submission of application, please contact us at ifpuwc@gmail.com.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Magan Savant
Teacher Coordinator
'Initiative For Peace'
Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong
10 Lok Wo Sha Lane, Sai Sha Road
Sha Tin, New Territories
Hong Kong SAR

Initiative for Peace
 Li Po Chun United World College

Initiative for Peace 2010
 c/o Magan Savant
 Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong
 10 Lok Wo Sha Lane, Sai Sha Road,
 Sha Tin, New Territories,
 Hong Kong, S.A.R.

Focus on Mindanao
 June 2010 Application Form

Part A: Personal Information

Full Name as shown on passport

M F _____ _____

Gender Date of Birth (DDMMYY) Age as of June 1, 2010

_____ _____

Country of Origin Place of Birth

Nation(s) of which you hold citizenship

Please affix a recent photograph of yourself here.

Contact Details

Current address:

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Home address (if different from current):

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

_____ _____

Email address Telephone Number

If accepted please notify me by: (check) Email Current Address Home Address

School Information

Are you a full time student: YES NO

Name and Address of School	_____ <i>Grade Level</i> _____ <i>Name of Principal or Head of Institution</i> _____ <i>Phone Number of Principal or Head of Institution</i>
--	---

Parent/Guardian Information

_____ <i>Name</i> _____ <i>Telephone Number</i> _____ <i>E-mail address (if any)</i>	Address:
---	--

Emergency Contact

In case of emergency, please contact:

_____ <i>Name</i>	_____ <i>Phone Number</i>	_____ <i>Fax Number</i>	
_____ <i>Email</i>	_____ <i>Relation to Applicant</i>		

Medical Information

Please describe any dietary restrictions:

	_____ <i>Blood type (if known)</i>
--	---------------------------------------

Please describe any allergies or major illnesses:

--

Language Information

Please select the level which matches your ability best:

Language	Skills	Level (check one):		
English	Spoken:	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	Oral Comprehension:	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	Reading:	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	Written:	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced

Other Languages: _____

Your Interests and Activities

In the following chart, please list, in order of their importance to you, your most important extracurricular activities. Include school-related clubs and activities which occur outside class time, such as debate or quiz competitions; sports; hobbies; music or art-related activities; theatre; religious activities; volunteer work; and anything else that is important to you that you feel would tell us more about you. Also, note if you occupy a leadership position. (Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Nature of Involvement	Position Held (if any)
Activity #1: _____	
Activity #2: _____	
Activity #3: _____	
Activity #4: _____	
Activity #5: _____	

Part B: Essay Response

Please complete each of the following sections and submit your responses on separate sheets of paper and attach them to this application.

Section 1

Please choose one of the two quotations below and write a personal response in 200 words or less.

Option #1: *"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the ability to cope with it."* Dorothy Thompson

Option #2: *"There was never a good war or a bad peace."* Benjamin Franklin

Section 2

If you could meet any person from the present day or the past, who would you choose any why? Please limit your response to 200 words or less.

Section 3

The purpose of this conference is not only to bring together students for a dialogue on the conflict in Mindanao, but also for you, as a participant, to develop plans for future peacemaking efforts and to implement them in your community. In 500 words or less, write a personal statement that includes your response to the following questions:

- What skills or point of view would you add to the conference?
 - Why are you interested in attending the conference?
 - In which ways has the conflict affected your life?
 - What would you do after the conference, in your own community, to help resolve the conflict and to promote peace?
-

Part C: Letter of Reference

Please submit a letter of reference. This recommendation should comment on your qualities of character, attitude, social adaptability and emotional stability. You should email or give the Reference Letter Form that is at the end of the application to your referee. This person should be someone who works closely with you and who knows you well (for example, a teacher/coach/advisor/supervisor/religious guide). Have this person email the recommendation to ifpuwc@gmail.com clearly mentioning your name in the subject of the email or have them give the letter to you in a sealed envelope so that you can mail it to us.

Part D: Financial Background

How many dependants are in your family?

Do your parent(s)/guardian(s) own a house? YES / NO

Do your parent(s)/guardian(s) own a car? YES / NO

If so, what model?

The conference will be sponsored, including food and accommodation. **The participants may have to bear transportation costs either fully or partially.**

Will you be a candidate for financial assistance (please check): YES NO

If yes, how much money can you contribute?

Part E: Applicant's Declaration

Copy the following statement **by hand** and sign below.

I have answered all questions honestly and to the best of my ability in this application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS SO THAT IT ARRIVES IN HONG KONG BY FEBRUARY 25TH 2009:

Initiative for Peace 2009
c/o Magan Savant
LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE of Hong Kong
10 Lok Wo Sha Lane, Sai Sha Road
Sha Tin, N.T., HONG KONG, S.A.R.

IN CASE IT IS EMAILED MAKE SURE THAT IT IS SENT AS ONE WORD DOCUMENT (AND NOT SEVERAL) WITH THE SCANNED PHOTO ALSO 'PASTED' ELECTRONICALLY.

All application information will be kept strictly confidential.
In case there is a delay in sending your application, please contact us as soon as possible.
Email: ifpuwc@gmail.com
Telephone: +852 2640 0445

Initiative for Peace

Li Po Chun United World College

Initiative for Peace 2010

c/o Magan Savant
Li Po Chun United World College of Hong
Kong
10 Lok Wo Sha Lane, Sai Sha Road,
Sha Tin, New Territories,
Hong Kong, S.A.R.

Focus on Mindanao

June 2010 Application Form

Reference Letter Form

To Whom It May Concern:

Please write an accurate reference letter for this 2009 Initiative for Peace: Focus on Mindanao Conference applicant. This recommendation should comment on their qualities of character, attitude, social adaptability and emotional stability. Please preferably email the recommendation to ifpuwc@gmail.com clearly mentioning the applicant's name in the subject of email, if not give the completed reference to the student in a sealed envelope so that they can post it to us.

