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Dear Sir/Madam,

**4th Global Youth Forum 2012 (GYF 2012)
Programme for Foreign Delegates**

The effect of globalisation on individual nations, cultures and societies has been nothing short of extraordinary. In the years preceding the current economic challenges, Singapore has taken pride in preparing her youths well for the global age by providing them with solid academic foundations and challenging them to think beyond Singapore. As former Minister for Education and current Minister for Finance Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam pointed out in his speech at the MOE Teaching Scholarships Award Ceremony 2007:

"We face the challenge of preparing our students for an ever-changing world. [...] We must prepare our young to think for themselves [...] respond confidently to problems as they come up [...] instil in them a curiosity about the wider world"

- Singapore Minister for Finance, Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam

With the advent of a globalised era, dynamic changes in the areas of mass media and info-communication technology have also been massive. As mentioned by the European Commissioner for Information Society and Media, Ms Viviane Reding,

"Media and globalisation are closely linked. First of all, the media are one of the means by which we all experience globalisation [...] Globalisation is speeding up the fundamental technological change that we are seeing in the media world, and it allows new ideas and technological innovation to spread around the globe. [...] Globalisation [...] opens the world to new ideas and for innovation."

- European Commissioner for Information Society and Media, Ms Viviane Reding

These developments of globalisation have perhaps resulted in a better and more globalised world for all – the emergence of a 'borderless world' – and has given rise to global products and international standards that help bring about a globalised culture, thus transforming us into a global community. Yet, have these affected youths for the better or worse? Has the development of pop culture and technological advances truly contributed to the positive development of our youths?

GYF serves to engage youths actively in the ongoing debates about globalisation and its impact. It is also **an invaluable learning opportunity for future generations of global citizens**. GYF is a Youth Development Initiative by **Global Youth Congress International**, and has been supported by the following strategic education partners:

Strategic Education Partners (2009-2012) for various GYCi Events:

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6. NUS High School
7. School of Science and Technology
8. Bedok Green Secondary School
9. Siglap Secondary School
10. Manjusri Secondary School
11. Temasek Secondary School
12. Greendale Secondary School
13. Victoria Junior College
14. Nan Hua High School

The key details of GYF 2012 are as follows:

Date	: 21st August – 26th August 2012 (Foreign Delegates)
Venue	: Singapore
Target Audience	: Dynamic Youths of Age 15-19 from Asia-Pacific Countries

Through GYF, forum participants can expect to be taken on a walk through time to critically analyse and learn about the perils of global security threats, increasingly interconnected economic phenomena, and the emergence of a common mass media interface worldwide. In line with the overarching theme “**The Challenges of Globalisation: Creating a Better Future**”, GYF takes a closer look at the opportunities as well as controversies behind these recent global developments, such as the rapid proliferation of terrorist ideologies. The programme boasts of a myriad of events including academic seminars, lectures, panel sessions and informative institutional visits which hope **to engage and excite youths about global development – its past, present and future**. This Forum will provide both intellectual development and practical exposure to all participants.

We cordially extend this invitation for your school’s students to join us in this forum. Besides gaining greater and deeper awareness on global development, youths will also have the opportunity to network and establish friendships with other youths from the Asia-Pacific region.

Regrettably, due to logistical constraints, GYF is only able to accommodate about 150 delegates in total. As your school is an Invited School, we strongly encourage your school to nominate **6 - 12 delegates** to represent your school at this international event. The program is highly recommended for **Student Leaders aged 15-19**, with a strong interest in exploring issues on global integration, or students who study **Economics, History, Geography or Social Studies**.

Please indicate your school’s interest in the GYF by forwarding **Annex A** to us before the deadlines: **24th July 2012 (Tue) (Early Bird Registration)** or **7th August 2012 (Tue) (Regular Registration)**. Further details on submission deadlines and procedures can be found in the GYF School Registration Guide.

Enclosed is a GYF 2012 Registration Package, in which you will be able to find:

1. GYF 2012 Forum Brief
2. GYF 2012 School Registration Guide for Foreign Schools
3. GYF 2012 Annex A
4. Delegates Registration Booklet
5. Teacher Chaperone Registration Booklet

In view of the track record of enthusiastic response for GYCi events, we strongly encourage your school to expedite Annex A at soonest. Registration will be processed strictly on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you wish to nominate more delegates, please kindly make your request to us in advance.

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We look forward to your favourable response. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,
Global Youth Congress International

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