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TIYA Conference 2025: Where Youth Ideas Advance 2030 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

Youth leaders, United Nations agencies, NGOs and eco-businesses will gather at the event from 22 to 24 August 2025

SINGAPORE, 30 JULY 2025: Youth leaders with aspirations to change the world — this is your chance to turn your ideas into action! The Tzu Chi International Youth Association (TIYA) Conference is here in Singapore for the very first time. In its fourth edition, this annual event is a platform where participants can explore global issues, exchange ideas, and develop proposals that drive sustainable impact.

Organised by TIYA and Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore), and themed "Inspire, Empower, Sustain: YOUth for 2030", this year's conference presents a rare and valuable opportunity for youths to engage with like-minded peers and industry stakeholders. The conference will be held from 22 to 24 August 2025 at the Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre.

"The TIYA Conference 2025 reflects our alignment with the pillars of Forward Singapore in strengthening the nation's social compact through youth engagement and active citizenship," says Mr Low Swee Seh, CEO of Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore). "At Tzu Chi, we believe that young people bring fresh perspectives, bold ideas, and the passion needed to accelerate progress on global sustainability goals. Through TIYA Conference 2025, we aim to empower youth to become agents of meaningful, sustainable change."

Catalysing youth-led ideas into real-world action

This year's edition will focus on advancing five United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17. Through a blend of a learning journey, thought-provoking dialogues and hands-on workshops, youths will have a chance to work with peers to ideate proposals that promote equitable access to water and energy, drive innovation, build sustainable cities, and foster global partnerships. They will also get to engage with experts from United Nations agencies, NGOs, and sustainability-driven organisations through the following activities:

| SDGs | Plenary | In Partnership With |
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| 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION | Learning Journey to Singapore Sustainability Gallery <u>OR</u> Coastal Walk with Orang Laut | PUB, Marina Barrage and Orang Laut SG |



| 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY | Power Shifts: Youth Reimagining Energy Systems | Panellists from indigenous community, United Nations ESCAP and eco-businesses |
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| 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | Catalysing Change: Outcomes-based Social Investing & Cross-border Capital for Sustainable Impact | Asian Venture Philanthropy Network and Impact Hub |
| 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES | Cities Reborn: Youth Designing for People & Planet | Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation, Singapore Red Cross Academy and International Council for Voluntary Agencies |

In addition, networking sessions provide opportunities to forge meaningful connections with peers, professionals and industry leaders from Singapore and across the region, and to see sustainability through a fresh lens, one shaped by diverse perspectives and lived experiences.

All these will culminate in the **Action Plan Development: Youth for 2030** segment — a collaborative effort where participants co-create solutions addressing gaps in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the Asia-Pacific region. Guided by industry mentors, youths will refine their ideas and craft actionable projects they can execute.

Other highlights of the conference include:

- Opening Address by Ms Goh Hanyan, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment
- Welcome Address by Mr Po-Wen Yen, CEO of Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation
- Gallery Walk Exhibition that showcases inspiring projects and initiatives
- Cultural Exchange Night
- Wellness initiatives, including an all-day Wellbeing Zone that supports 7 types of rest

For more information on TIYA Conference 2025 and its schedule, please visit this <u>link</u>. To sign up for the event, please visit this <u>link</u>. To sponsor a youth, please visit this <u>link</u>.



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Founded in 1966 by Master Cheng Yen, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a global humanitarian nonprofit organisation providing aid across over 100 countries, with missions in charity, medicine, education, and humanistic culture.

Established in 1993, Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore) began with charity work and later expanded to medical, educational, environmental, and cultural initiatives.

"Tzu Chi" embodies the spirit of compassion and relief for all.

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