

# Letter of Invitation

## Your invitation to the Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2016 in Busan South Korea

On behalf of the organizing committee, the **Young ICT Leaders' Forum (YILF)** secretariat is happy to inform you that you have been invited to the forum, which will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 in Busan Republic of Korea. The YILF 2016 aims to promote an active participation of youth in the digital economy, including (1) promoting the engagement of youth in the field of ICTs; (2) decreasing the digital divide; and (3) promoting research on emerging ICTs particularly Internet of Things (IoT).

**Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2016** is hosted by Busan Metropolitan City and jointly organized by Busan Metropolitan City and National Information Society Agency in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

This Forum is composed of the following parts:

1. **2-day Conference and Busan Global Smart Cities Challenge** (the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept);
2. **Welcome and Networking reception** (Evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>);
3. **Exploring the city of Busan** (the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

The shortlisted candidates whom can fulfill the application criteria will only be notified and a formal invitation process will take place.

The Forum focuses on connecting, sharing and empowering the YOUTH in the ICT Sector in order to enhance their capacity on creating the start-up business of their own and to be a competitive positioning in their professional work field. Hence, the ultimate goal of YILF is to offer a platform where the young ICT leaders can exchange their knowledge and building up the innovative concepts into reality by working closely together as a team, which in turns, the benefits to the IoT industry locally and internationally.

In addition, Busan Global Smart Cities Challenge, which is under auspices of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2016, will be jointly organized by Busan Metropolitan City and ITU this year. Global Smart Cities Challenge is a competition opened for young people to present their young innovative ideas on harnessing the power of digital technologies in making a city smarter, safer, and friendlier to environment thereby improving quality of life of the citizens.

We are pleased to inform you that the Busan Metropolitan City will provide fellowships (including round-trip air ticket and hotel accommodation) to qualified applicants, subject to available budget. The last date for receipt of fellowship application and registration is **16 August 2016**. Detail of application criteria, agenda, and necessary forms are annexed to this letter.

The Conference will be conducted in English and no participation fee applied. For more information about the event, please contact Ms Soo Nam ([info2016YILF@gmail.com](mailto:info2016YILF@gmail.com)) or visit, <http://itu.int/go/YILF2016>

Your presence will be an important part of the forum, and your active participation will create a better ICT community as well as this networking window being able to offer more opportunities to the global audience respectively.

We look forward to welcoming you at the conference and best regards.



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