

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2021 National Collegiate United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Youth Advocates – English Proposal Contest

Organizer: Department of English
National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST)

Time: 13:30-17:30, December 3, 2021 (Friday)

Location: NKUST (First Campus), Library 6F, International Conference Hall

Be an SDGs Youth Advocate!

Be an SDGs Youth advocate with ideas and inspirations.
Aspire to learn about the global effort in implementing SDGs.
Contribute to sustainable development of the world.

Background Information on SDGs: Global problems such as climate change, environmental pollution, resource depletion, plastic waste, income inequality, unemployment and low wages continue to occur, which all deeply affect the sustainable development of our society. To this issue, the United Nations proposed "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" in 2015, and issued 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 detailed targets. SDGs focus on sustainable development from the dimensions of economic growth, social progress and environmental protection, addressing our common problems. By 2030, countries around the globe will pursue these 17 sustainable development goals. SDGs will thus become the common language and strategic framework for global sustainable development. As a member of the 'Global Village,' we should all develop an in-depth understanding of how to implement SDGs for the benefit of the world!



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Reference materials on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

▪ English:

1. Take Action for the Sustainable Development Goals
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>
2. Make the SDGs a Reality
<https://sdgs.un.org/>
3. Sustainable Development Report 2021
<https://www.sdgindex.org/>

▪ Chinese:

1. A Description on UN SDGs
<https://www.ait.org.tw/wp-content/uploads/sites/269/un-sdg.pdf>
2. "UN SDGs: No Absentees," April 30, 2019
<https://ubrand.udn.com/ubrand/story/12117/3783886>
3. SDGs Column / "Understanding the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations," April 12, 2016
<https://npost.tw/archives/24078>
4. SDGs Column / "How Does Taiwan implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals?" April 12, 2016
<https://npost.tw/archives/24098>

Content: The proposal must contain the following three items:

- (1) Choose **one global issue/problem** related to SDGs to explain its severity and impact on sustainable development.
- (2) For the issue/problem you choose, find solutions that the governments or enterprises of **at least 2 countries** (may include Taiwan) have implemented. Please explain and analyze these solutions in the form of case studies.
- (3) For the issue/problem you choose, propose **an action plan** from the perspective of the youth.

Eligibility:

- (1) Formally enrolled students (excluding exchange students) from universities across Taiwan, have ideas about SDGs, and are willing to speak for SDGs in English. **Domestic, foreign, undergraduate and graduate students of all departments** are welcome to sign up for the competition.
- (2) Register as a team of **2-4 people** (same or cross-department both welcome; domestic and foreign students may form a team); each team must have an advisor.
- (3) **A maximum of 3 teams per university** (please coordinate beforehand if a university has more than 3 teams; if not, the organizer will draw lots to select 3 teams).

Rules:

- (1) The presentation has to be delivered **in English**.
- (2) **At least 2 people are required to deliver the presentation**. Each team decides who to present on the stage (a team with only 1 person presenting will not be scored).

- (3) Presentation Time: **6 to 8 minutes** (the timekeeper will press a short bell reminder at 6 minutes, two short bell reminders at 7 minutes, and a long bell reminder at 8 minutes and ask the presenter to stop the presentation immediately). If the presentation is shorter than 6 minutes or longer than 8 minutes, 1 point will be deducted for every 10 second short or in excess.
- (4) The order of presentation will be determined by a random draw conducted by the organizer. No objections to the draw results are allowed.
- (5) Those who do not appear in the order of presentation during the contest or fail to respond to repeated calls will be considered as automatic abstention.
- (6) In the case of a tie score, the judges will meet to determine the order of winning.
- (7) If the performance is below standard, the judges may decide that the awardee is absent.
- (8) **For the presentation content, proper citation of sources and reference materials is required where necessary. Those who violate academic ethics will be disqualified for participation and awards.**
- (9) For any matters not covered above, the organizer shall make a ruling.

- Scoring:**
- (1) The organizer invites scholars and industry experts to form a scoring team to evaluate the presentation in English.
 - (2) Scoring Items:
Content of proposal (topic relevance, persuasiveness, innovation, feasibility): 60%
English-speaking skills (accuracy, fluency, pronunciation, word choice): 30%
Delivery skills (gesture & posture, confidence display, teamwork, attire & demeanor): 10%

- Awards:**
- (1) **First Place:** A certificate of merit and a prize of NT\$ 10,000
 - (2) **Second Place:** A certificate of merit and a prize of NT\$ 8,000
 - (3) **Third Place:** A certificate of merit and a prize of NT\$ 6,000
 - (4) **Honorable Mention** (2-3 teams): A certificate of merit and a prize of NT\$ 3,000
 - (5) **Nomination Award** (2-3 teams): A certificate of merit and a prize of NT\$ 2,000

All the contestants: A certificate of participation will be issued.

- ✂ The list of winners will be announced immediately after the competition and posted on the organizer's website.
- ✂ If the number of entries is insufficient, the judges may decide to delete the Honorable Mention and Nomination Awards.

Registration: (1) Complete the online registration from now until 17:30, **November 19, 2021** (Friday). *Registration URL: <https://forms.gle/vLAWDMFL6sk8ndpM9>

(2) After registration, the presentation file must be uploaded before 17:30, **November 26, 2021** (Friday).

*File Upload URL: <https://forms.gle/4UX75QGuc9HibnWT9>

Late submissions are not accepted.

The file format of the presentation is limited to PPT or PDF. The first slide of the presentation should indicate the topic of the proposal. Please do not mention the participants' university, department or class.

Please Note: (1) **Participants must be present at the venue for on-site presentation. However, if on-site presentation cannot be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it shall be changed to online presentation. The organizer will notify the participants.**

(2) All participants who register for the contest shall be deemed to have accepted the regulations, rules and scoring results announced by the organizer. In case of violation, the organizer may cancel the eligibility or award qualifications of the participants.

(3) The participating team guarantees that the information provided will not infringe the intellectual property rights of others. If misrepresentation or infringement occurs, the organizer has the right to cancel its participation or award qualifications, and the team shall bear all relevant responsibilities.

(4) The relevant intellectual property rights of all materials generated by the participating teams during the contest (e.g., presentation files or videos) are owned by the original participating team members. However, they must be authorized for use by the university free of charge.

(5) For the purpose of contacting, the university collects the participants' names, phone numbers, departments, e-mail addresses and other personal information within the region and time span of the contest.

(6) In the case of force majeure during the contest, the organizer reserves the right to change the content, cancel or reschedule the contest.

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