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Open call of 2016 International Students Conference on Environment and Sustainability

The 2016 International Students Conference on Environment and Sustainability, co-hosted by **United Nations Environment Programme, Tongji University, Xinhua News Agency and Beijing Environment Foundation for Young Talents** will be held at **Tongji University, Shanghai, PR China, from June 3 to June 8, 2016.**

Background and Objective of the Conference: environment and sustainability is always a hotspot issue that attracts a lot of attention from the international society. At the Rio+20 Conference, UNEP together with other UN agencies and many higher education institutes around the world, launched “Higher Education Sustainability Initiative” Declaration, aiming to integrate environment and sustainability into higher education with the Global Universities Partnership on Environment and Sustainability (GUPES) as a strategic platform. University students, as future leaders and decision-makers of our society, should be engaged in different areas of environmental protection and sustainable development.

Supported by the UNEP and Tongji University, the “International Students Conference on Environment and Sustainability (ISCES)” had been successfully held in the last five years. Around 1150 students from more than 50 countries took part in the conference, exchanged understanding and ideas on topics relevant to environment and sustainable development and issued “Global Youth Tongji Declaration.” These conferences made great contributions to the spread of concepts and practices of environment and sustainability among university students.

The theme of 2016 ISCES will be “*Sustainable Consumption and Production.*” Students will be divided into four groups to discuss the topics on Education for Sustainable



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Development and UN, Ecological city, Ecosystem and wildlife and Green Lifestyle. University students will be engaged in a series of activities, including lectures, group discussions, field trips and poster competitions. In this process, we aim to inform students of the concepts, practices, the recent developments and challenges on the selected topics. Besides, to enrich recreational elements during the ISCES, *GUPES Sustainable Lifestyles Challenge Competition* will be co-hosted by Tongji University, UNEP and UNEP-DHI Partnership in support of Global Universities Partnership on Environment for Sustainability (GUPES). This fun competition will be a unique opportunity for you to find out just how sustainably minded you really are! Using a special online strategy game called Aqua Republica, you will plan and develop your own country. Starting with almost nothing, your aim is to create the best living conditions possible for your population, in a healthy and sustainably managed environment.

Host: United Nations Environment Programme, Tongji University, Xinhua News Agency and Beijing Environment Foundation for Young Talents

Organizer: UNEP-Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development (IESD)

Sponsor: Agricultural Bank of China, State Key Laboratory of Pollution Control and Resource Reuse, Covestro Polymers (China) Co., Ltd.

Participants: Full time university students (including undergraduate and post-graduate and PhD students), under the age of 35 years old.

Deadlines: the applicants should register online **before April 15** (<http://unep-iesd.tongji.edu.cn/index.php?classid=862>), fill in the resume form (in English) and upload the requested materials to the website above.



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More information of the tentative agenda:

<http://unep-iesd.tongji.edu.cn/index.php?classid=862>

We believe that the participation and contributions of students you recommend are significant to the success of our conference. No registration fee will be charged and we will cover the local accommodation. Field trips will also be provided by the organizer. We will offer scholarships (round-trip flight tickets) to competitive participants. For more information, please check the official website of ISCES 2016: <http://unep-iesd.tongji.edu.cn/index.php?classid=875>,

or contact:

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We are looking forward to your participation!