

To the Principal, IB/ G& T Co-ordinator

**RE: 5<sup>th</sup> International Student Leadership Conference \_ *Environmental Leadership*.**

May I take this opportunity to formally invite you to the 5th International Student Leadership Conference (ISLC) 4<sup>th</sup> \_ 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011 Hong Kong, organised by Gifted Leadership Services Limited (GLS). The ISLC targets schools that are committed to internationalism, a compassionate citizenry and the development of student voice.

This year's conference theme, *Environmental Leadership*, explores the challenge of Water Scarcity. With burgeoning populations and rapidly growing cities, the demand for water is increasing in agriculture, industry and households. Further, one in three people do not have access to clean water for daily use around the world and therefore it is not surprising to learn that polluted water kills more children than war. The problem is critical and young leaders will need to find solutions to this issue in order to create a sustainable future. The dimensions of the water scarcity problem are varied as they are complex and involve: geopolitical conflicts over international waters, population growth and food production, climatic change and variability, water quality and demand, poverty and economic policy, legislation and water resource management, to name a few. Each delegation will be assigned a stakeholder group and are required to produce a two part Action Plan for their stakeholder group to reduce water consumption by 20% and improve access to water significantly for one country, both by 2020. In the process, delegates will need to review their stakeholder group's current policy and practice regarding water consumption and access and make recommendations to improve both.

Guest speakers from a variety of backgrounds will bring their professional expertise to bear on the issue of Water Scarcity and facilitate a deeper understanding of the problem and possible solutions. In addition, the conference program introduces delegates to a range of leadership models and frameworks, before asking them to apply and integrate these theoretical concepts and principles to a variety of scenarios. Delegates will also have the opportunity to attend a series of interactive, instructional sessions such as:

- Creativity
- Perspective and Decision Making
- Impromptu Speeches
- Leadership Ethics
- Thinking Skills
- Leadership Coaching
- Leadership Models

The 2011 conference differs significantly from the previous year in that the programme provides:

- ✓ **New and more instructional sessions**
- ✓ **A new focus on the global problem of Water Scarcity**

**Year Level:** The conference targets Years 10, 11 and 12. Students may attend as part of a school delegation with teacher supervision or in an independent capacity, without teacher attendance, but with parental consent.

**Orientation Meeting:** The compulsory Orientation Meeting will be held at The Salisbury Hotel, 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.

### **P r o g r a m m e S u m m a r y**

- Monday: All delegates are required to attend a compulsory Orientation Meeting at The Salisbury Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 pm \_ 5.pm. A conference room has been booked and light refreshments will be served.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Key Note Address, Leadership Models, Impromptu Speaking, Presentation Preparation.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Guest Speaker, Leadership Models, Leadership Ethics, Presentation Preparation. Half-day excursion: Hong Kong Science Museum, Harbour Laser Show and sight-seeing at Avenue of Stars.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Guest Speaker, Leadership Coaching, Thinking Skills, Perspective and Decision Making, Presentation Preparation.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Water Scarcity Presentations, Panel Discussion, Judging, Awards, Closing Speech, Social Time. Conference concludes at 3.30 pm.

### **C O S T**

#### **Registration**

Each delegate pays a registration fee **USD \$450** to Gifted Leadership Services Limited. The cost of registration covers:

- Hire of the hotel conference room for the Orientation Meeting and light refreshments.
- Morning Tea and Lunch for all four conference days Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.
- The Orientation Booklet, ISLC nametags, some photocopying, certificates, all handouts and the ISLC Best Delegation engraved shield for the winning delegation.
- Guest speakers and instructional sessions
- The hire of the conference venue (Renaissance College, including the use of conference room, computer rooms, classrooms and eating area.)

#### **Overseas Delegates**

Registration payment can be made via electronic transfer payable to Gifted Leadership Services Limited. For further details please refer to our website, [www.giftedleadership.net](http://www.giftedleadership.net) select 2011 Hong Kong Conference, then Registration, complete the Registration Form and email to [joelnainie@giftedleadership.net](mailto:joelnainie@giftedleadership.net)

#### **Local Delegates**

Hong Kong delegates may chose to pay via cheque made payable to Gifted Leadership Services Limited or via electronic transfer. For further details please refer to our website, [www.giftedleadership.net](http://www.giftedleadership.net) select 2011 Hong Kong Conference, then Registration, complete the Registration Form and email to [joelnainie@giftedleadership.net](mailto:joelnainie@giftedleadership.net)

**Teachers are required to pay a nominal registration fee of USD 150.**

**Mentors are required to pay a nominal registration fee of USD 75**

### **Receipt**

Please note that an official receipt and confirmation of registration will only be issued when the Registration Form is fully completed, received via email and cross checked against the company bank account.

### **Accommodation**

The Regal Kowloon Hotel and The Kowloon Hotel, both in Tsim Sha Tsui, and approximately 35 minutes by train to the conference venue, have been used by previous delegations who have been very satisfied with the service, cost, location and facilities. Delegates are free to book alternative accommodation bearing in mind the arrangement for transportation in terms of time and distance to the conference venue and are strongly encouraged to book accommodation in Tsim Sha Tsui near the subway. Suggested hotels can be found on our website under the Accommodation link. GLS is not an agent or representative for any hotel; therefore, delegates need to book and confirm arrangements independently of GLS.

**Flights:** Please check with your local travel agent as availability of flights may prove problematic at a busy time of year; therefore, an early booking is advised.

### **Transport.**

- Private mini buses can be booked from Chep Lap Kok International Airport to your hotel. See our website for details under the link: Transport. GLS is not an agent or representative for service providers, and, therefore, will not be held accountable for arrangements between service providers and delegates.
- Alternatively, taxis are available at the airport and should cost around HK \$350, Chep Lap Kok International Airport to your hotel in Kowloon.

All delegates are required to read the Terms and Conditions link on our website: [www.giftedleadership.net](http://www.giftedleadership.net) We have attached an E-brochure for your convenience and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact [joelnainie@giftedleadership.net](mailto:joelnainie@giftedleadership.net)

Yours sincerely

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