



Dear Principal / IB / G & T Co-ordinator

RE: 6th International Student Leadership Conference _ *Creat-I-Vision*, 2nd _ 6th July 2012.

May I take this opportunity to formally invite you to the 6th International Student Leadership Conference (ISLC) 2nd _ 6th July 2012, 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, *Creat-I-Vision*, explores the importance of creativity and vision in leadership, the characteristics of creative leadership and the nature of the creative and visionary process. The challenges that we currently face in the 21st century are arguably without precedent. Exponentially increasing population pressures, the increasing demand on the world's finite natural resources as well as the speed of technological development and how this has changed people's work and social patterns, are just some of the prevailing challenges. Within this context, young leaders will need to find ingenious, imaginative and creative approaches if they are to solve the challenges before us. Furthermore, in an unstable economic climate, companies are seeking graduates not just from high profile universities but more importantly, individuals who can innovate, think differently and present a vision for change.

This year, all delegates will be assigned a stakeholder group and are required to devise a design proposal underscored by a commitment to social justice and environmental responsibility. In completing this design brief, delegates will need to incorporate and draw on aesthetic, rhetorical, artistic, technological, logistical and ethical dimensions. Students will be provided with sufficient time during the conference to research and work collaboratively within their stakeholder groups to develop their design brief, which will be delivered on the last day of the conference.

Guest speakers from a variety of backgrounds will bring their professional expertise to bear on the issue of creativity and facilitate a deeper understanding of how they have developed creative approaches in their professional lives. 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 fictitious scenarios. Delegates will also have the opportunity to attend a series of interactive, instructional sessions such as:

- **Leadership Models**
- **Perspective and Decision Making**
- **Impromptu Speaking**
- **Thinking Skills**
- **The Ethical Dimensions of Leadership**

Year Level: The conference targets Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. Students may attend as part of a school delegation with teacher supervision or attend in an independent capacity, without a teacher, but with parental consent.

Excursions: Two excursions are planned for the conference. The first is a half-day excursion to the Hong Kong Science Museum or Hong Kong History Museum. The second excursion is a social dinner followed by sight-seeing at the Avenue of Stars and concluding with the Harbour Laser Show. These are



important opportunities for students to build trust and co-operation as they work collaboratively in their stakeholder groups and more generally get to know one another in a social context during the conference.

Orientation Meeting: The compulsory Orientation Meeting will be held across the road from the Kowloon Hotel at The Salisbury Hotel, 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui. All delegates and teachers are required to attend the Orientation Meeting which begins at 8.45 am sharp on Monday 2nd July

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

- Monday 2nd July: All delegates will meet for an Orientation Meeting at The Salisbury Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui, 8.45 am _ 1.p.m. Key Note Address, Administration, Team-building and Conflict Resolution. A conference room has been booked and light refreshments will be served. Half-day excursion: Lunch followed by trip to Hong Kong Science or Hong Kong History Museum.
- Tuesday 3rd July: Key Note Address, Leadership Models, Leadership Profiles Presentation Preparation.
- Wednesday 6th July: Guest Speaker, Leadership Models, Leadership Ethics and Presentation Preparation. Social Dinner followed by sight-seeing at the Avenue of Stars and concluding with the Harbour Laser Show
- Thursday 7th July: Guest Speaker, Thinking Skills, Perspective and Decision Making, Presentation Preparation.
- Friday 8th July: Creativity Presentations, Forum 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 \$475 to Gifted Leadership Services Limited. The cost of registration covers:

- Morning Tea and Lunch for all four conference days Tuesday 3rd July to Friday 6th July. Hire of the hotel conference room for the Orientation Meeting and light refreshment on Monday 2nd 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
- Entry to The Hong Kong Science or History Museum.
- The hire of the conference venue (Renaissance College, including the use of conference room, computer rooms, classrooms, eating area and some photocopying.)

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 select 2012 Hong Kong Conference, then Registration, complete the Registration Form and email to carmen@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 select 2011 Hong Kong Conference, then Registration, complete the Registration Form and email to carmen@giftedleadership.net



Teachers are required to pay a nominal registration fee of USD 200. Mentors are required to pay a nominal registration fee of USD 50.

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.

Personal Laptops

All delegates are encouraged to bring their own personal laptop to facilitate convenient access to Internet for research, collaborative work and note taking during instructional sessions. While a small, limited number of computers will be provided by Renaissance College, these are only for emergency purposes. GLS will not be liable for any inconvenience caused to students without regular access to computers.

Accommodation

The Regal Kowloon Hotel and The Kowloon Hotel, both in Tsim Sha Tsui , 40 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 on the Kowloon side 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 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

Yours sincerely

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