

# APACT Youth Action Network (AYAN)

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The Organizing Committee  
11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT)  
China.

## **Letter of Request to Organize a Youth Pre Conference.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We introduce ourselves as the Action Team for the Youth Pre Conference formed at the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT) held during August 18-21, 2013 in Japan.

We would like to inform you that, the Youth Pre-conference organized at the 10<sup>th</sup> APACT was the first ever distinct attachment of young leaders to the APACT. Reshaping the tradition of APACT, it aimed to share fresh ideas and perspectives on tobacco control among young generation in Asia-Pacific region. It was a response to the growing recognition of the critical role that youth plays in tobacco control.

The youth conference constitutes a source of knowledge and innovation, and provides participants excellent resources and opportunities to make vital contribution to the youth specific agenda in tobacco control and other important issues through a meaningful participation.

Further, the first youth conference to APACT in Japan could provide scholarship to only 15 out of 80 emerging young leaders across Asia and the Pacific with the support from the organizers. However, we request you to broaden this effort with ensuring more scholarships for young people from Asia-Pacific region as they can join and make the APACT 2016 a meaningful event for youth in tobacco control.

Regarding this revolutionary change 10<sup>th</sup> APACT has made, we want this new era of youth pre conference to be continued and therefore, we on behalf of all the young leaders and scholarship attendees participated in this 10<sup>th</sup> APACT conference in Japan request you to consider organizing a youth pre conference in the 11<sup>th</sup> APACT to be held in China.

Thanking you,

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