

2026 Youth Camp for ASEAN & Friends' Engagement (YCAFE)

Recruitment Guidelines

Project Overview

- Project Title : 2026 Youth Camp for ASEAN & Friends' Engagement (YCAFE)
 - Period : August 3rd, 2026 (Monday) ~ August 14th (Friday) (11 nights 12 days camp program)
 - Recruitment target:
 - University students (undergraduate / graduate) from Korea and ASEAN nationalities residing in Korea (including students on leave of absence)
 - * (ASEAN countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam)
 - Those willing to participate in ASEAN-Korea youth cooperation and extracurricular activities in the AI and digital fields, and who are able to work effectively in teams
- (Open to students of all majors, including but not limited to AI and digital-related fields)
- Those able to communicate in English
 - Those able to attend all activities, such as pre-camp schedules and post-camp online alumni meetings

Key Contents

- Providing 50 ASEAN and Korean youth with opportunities to experience Korea's AI industry ecosystem and develop practical projects
- Developing ASEAN market localization strategies and fostering global AI talent through career mentoring and job-matching opportunities

Program

- Official Activities: ▲ Opening Ceremony and Orientation ▲ Field Visits to AI Innovation Companies and Data Infrastructure Hubs in Seoul's Major Tech Clusters (Gangnam, Yangjae, Gasan, and Seongsu) ▲ Visits to national AI and aerospace research institutes in Daejeon Daedeok Innopolis ▲ AI Job Matching Fair ▲ Final presentation, awards ceremony and closing ceremony ▲ Online alumni network event (November 28-29)
- Team Activities: Developing ASEAN localization strategies for global AI and data technologies and proposing business development plans

Application Process

- Application period : Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 23:59 PM (KST)
- Participants: 50 people (Korea 10 people, ASEAN nationals 40 people)
- Application: Google Form (<https://forms.gle/xD9K5hs86zR8yWA>)
- Application Process : Document Screening Review → English Interview → Final Selection
- Application documents : Google Form Application, proof of enrollment, English Language Certificate (optional)
- Selected Participant Announcement:
 - Document Screening Selection : Friday, July 17th, 2026
 - Interview (English) : Tuesday, July 21st ~ Wednesday, July 22
 - Final announcement: Friday, July 24th

* Application submission are compulsory; excessive usage of AI-generated content and submitting other person's work may result in project disqualification

Project schedule

Time	8.3(Mon)	8.4(Tue)	8.5(Wed)	8.6(Thu)	8.7(Fri)	8.8(Sat)
AM	Gathering	Opening Ceremony	Seoul >> Daejeon	KISTI AI Center	Field Tour	Special Lecture
PM	Orientation	Special Lecture and team activities	ETRI KARI*	Daejeon >> Seoul	Field Tour	Team activities
Time	8.9(Sun)	8.10(Mon)	8.11(Tue)	8.12(Wed)	8.13(Thu)	8.14(Fri)
AM	Mid-project Presentation	Field Tour	Field Tour	Youth Job Fair Special Lecture 1, 2 Round Table	Team activities	Award and Closing Ceremony
PM	Team activities	Field Tour	Field Tour		Final-project Presentation	

*ETRI - Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute / KARI - Korea Aerospace Research Institute / KISTI - Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information

Program Benefits

Activity	Category	Details
Award Ceremony	Outstanding Team	Minister of Foreign Affairs Award and Special Award
	Individual and Team	SNS Content Creation Award
Certificate and Souvenirs	All Participants	Official certificate of completion under the name of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Transportation and Accommodation	All Participants	Transportation and accommodation for the duration of the camp (11 nights 12 days)
Youth AI Career Bridge Program	All Participants	Participation in AI Job Matching Program * Job/portfolio lectures, AI HR staff reverse pitching (recruitment guidance), group consultation and networking
K-Culture Experience	All Participants	Experience K-Content and Korean Traditional Culture

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