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 HONG KONG RED CROSS

HUMANITARIAN ENGAGEMENT & DIPLOMACY

A PREPARATION COURSE
FOR FUTURE HUMANITARIANS



Humanitarian Engagement & Diplomacy : A Preparation Course for Future Humanitarians

To arouse interest in global humanitarian issues and to foster a culture of multi-faceted excellence for youths in Hong Kong, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC) jointly present “Humanitarian Engagement & Diplomacy – A Preparation Course for Future Humanitarians”.

Through a series of simulation exercises, workshops and seminars to be held between July 2018 to January 2019, participants will be exposed to topics including humanitarian operation, international humanitarian law, geopolitics, working in detention settings, security management, and career development in the humanitarian sector.

Please note that there will be a screening exercise at the end of each stage. Only selected participants will be invited to participate in the next stage. (For details of the screening exercise, please refer to below.)

Outstanding participants will be selected for one week of field exposure in a context affected by armed conflict or violence in December 2018.

**Details of the trip , including the destination and dates , are subject to final confirmation and security situation in the field.*



ELIGIBILITY

Application is open to current undergraduate students, graduate students, university alumni and young professionals who shall be selected based on different sets of criteria:

For undergraduate students

- at least 18 years old and no more than 35 years old;
- second year or above (in the school year of 2018/2019);
- fluency in English and good command of Cantonese;
- fluency in other foreign languages is an asset;
- knowledge of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and other development agencies is an asset; and
- strong interest in international diplomacy and humanitarian issues.

For graduate students, university alumni & young professionals

- criteria applicable to undergraduate students (above);
- bachelor degree level or equivalent; and
- at least two years of professional experience.

LANGUAGE

- The course will be conducted in English and Cantonese.

PARTICIPATION FEE & EXPENSES

- The course is fully sponsored (apart from miscellaneous personal expenses, e.g. vaccine and travel insurance)

APPLICATION METHOD

- For members of professional bodies and youth organizations, please apply [here](#).
- For students and alumni of universities in Hong Kong (Other than The University of Hong Kong), please refer to the website of your respective student affairs offices.
- For students and alumni of The University of Hong Kong, please apply [here](#).
- For students and alumni of the City University of Hong Kong, please apply [here](#).
- For Red Cross Youth, please apply [here](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

30 April 2018

INFORMATION SESSION

Date : 14 April 2018

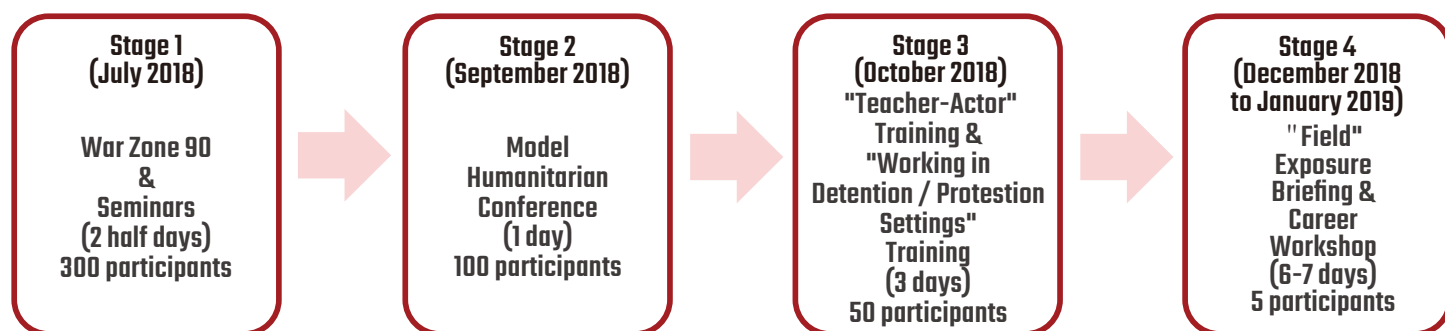
Time : 7pm

Venue : 7/F Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters

Please register [here](#) for the information session.



PROGRAM CONTENT



STAGE 1

"War Zone 90" Exploration (half day)

- A simulation exercise designed to allow the participants to experience the lives of people involved in armed conflicts.
- University students & alumni : 7, 8, 14 or 15 July 2018 (Please consult the respective student affairs office of your university for the specific date.)
- Young Professionals : 22 July 2018
- Red Cross members : 21 July 2018

Seminars (1 hour each; attend at least one of the two seminars)

- "Geopolitics & Humanitarian Operations" by Dr. Simon Shen (沈旭暉博士) (28 July 2018)*
- "The fundamentals of International Humanitarian Law" by Mr. Jason Yip (葉維昌先生) (4 August 2018)
Regional Head of market (Greater China , Malaysia & Singapore), Resource mobilization - Government affairs and donor relations , ICRC .

*Details are subject to change & confirmation.

Screening mechanism for Stage 1

- Attendance in Stage 1 activities; and
- A draft social media post on one of the following topics:
 - * Conflict & humanitarianism
 - * Relevance of Geneva Convention in the contemporary world; and
 - * Neutrality & acceptance management

Note : Outstanding drafts may be posted on HKRC's social media page

STAGE 2

Model Humanitarian Conference (1 day)

- 22 September 2018
- An educational simulation in which participants would each represent a member country to the Geneva Convention or party of interest to discuss global humanitarian issues.

Screening mechanism for Stage 2

- Attendance in Stage 2 activities;
- Performance at the Conference and
- A one-minute video recording to reflect the learning from the Conference



STAGE 3

“Teacher-Actor” Training (2 days)

- 22-21 October 2018

- A classroom training which prepares the participants to become Teacher-Actors of “War Zone 90” and guide humanitarian dialogue through experiential learning/ performance.

“Working in Detention / Protection Setting” Training (1 day)

- 27 October 2018

- A classroom and simulation training which discusses the theories and application of ICRC’s work with detainees and vulnerable individuals in the battlefield.

Screening mechanism for Stage 3

- Attendance in Stage 3 activities; and

- A journal entry which discusses: (1,000-2,000 Words)

* Learning from “Working in Detention Settings” and

* “How to create humanitarian space between parties in conflict”

- 20 participants will be selected to proceed to attend group interviews

STAGE 4

“Field ”Exposure Briefing at Field Location

- December 2018

- Outstanding participants will be selected for field exposure in a content affected by armed conflict or violence and have direct interaction with local stakeholders.

Formal briefings by on-site ICRC senior management will be provided.

Career Advice Workshop by ICRC Human Resources Department (1-2 days)

- January 2019 (TBC)

- Career advice workshop for future humanitarians.

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CERTIFICATES

Participants who have successfully completed a stage would receive a certificate of attendance

SHARING

To relay the experience gained and maximize the impact of the field training, participants are encouraged to participate in the following activities upon return-

- Complete the practicum of the Teacher-Actor Training and lead two sessions of “War Zone 90” for underprivileged students;

- Participate in two sharing sessions for general public;

- Participate in one sharing sessions for HKRC donors and partners; and

- Participate in one sharing session for major ICRC-HKRC partners.

PHOTOS & VIDEOS

ICRC / HKRC and their authorized practice reserve the right to use any photograph / video taken of the participants during the Humanitarian Engagement & Diplomacy course for marketing and / or promotional purpose. If you do not want to be photographed or filmed , please email hec@redcross.org.hk to communicate your intention.

ENQUIRY

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