2019 APEC YES Challenge is now open for registration!

Green Synergy Development and Applications
An Education Platform for STI to SMEs

APEC Research Center for Advanced Biohydrogen Technology (APEC-ACABT) invites young entrepreneurial teams across APEC Economies to join our competition of social innovation proposal for **Green Synergy Development and Applications**, for not only tackling climate change and our community problems but also promoting sustainability awareness.

**APEC YES Challenge** is based on a well-designed Online/Offline (O2O) platform, participatory mutual learning and co-creating process will be highly valued. The competition rules especially aim at mutual contributions for improving disadvantaged groups in sense of inclusive economy. Innovative and feasible Micro, Small, and Medium Entrepreneurship (MSME) business models will be required in formative and summative reports. The YES Challenge welcomes all junior/senior year undergraduate and postgraduate students with mentors.

**Schedule**

3/30 Registration & Preliminary Round Deadline
Each team registers online with two A4 pages of the preliminary plan.

4/9 Announcement of Semi-Pitch
The teams that enter Semi-pitch need to register on a MOOCs platform before Semi-pitch round starts.

4/11–5/10 Start Semi-pitch Round 1
Module 1 online for participatory learning

5/11–6/10 Start Semi-pitch Round 2
Module 2 online for participatory learning

6/18 Announcement of the Finalists
The teams that enter Final pitch need to participate in the 3-Day Event (Workshop, Final Pitch, and Demo site visit/Technical Tour) in Taichung, Chinese Taipei on Sept. 06-08.

*APEC-ACABT supported return flight tickets (economy class), accommodation (Twin beds shared room – 4 nights), transportation to demo site/technical tour and meals (in the schedule) for two participants each team. However, the organizer has the right for final decision about the amount of grants.

6/20–8/14 Start Online Final Pitch
Upload Final Pitch Proposal/Video

9/6 Workshop
9/7 O2O Educational Platform Offline Final Pitch
9/8 Demo site visit/Technical Tour

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