

## 2013 GYLC 心得分享

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如何具備一個國際領導人該有的特質？如何敞開心房，尊重每一個文化？如何巧妙地化解文化差異及衝突？而價值觀、信念、以及文化的相關性是甚麼？藉由在 GYLC 的學習和成長，我也逐一找到答案。

記憶猶新，當我一踏入維也納國際機場時，心中惴惴不安，彷彿有千萬隻小蟻在啃噬我的自制力，瞬間，我開始納悶為何要丟自己獨自一人，面對其他來自 40 個國家，241 位優秀聰穎的青年學子？被焦慮佔領心神的我在找不到 GYLC 工作人員的情況下，不禁亂了陣腳，明明近在咫尺的事物，宛如海底撈針一般，在我費了九牛二虎之力，終於完成了初步報到手續後，一切似乎有了轉機，我看到一位有著一頭金色波浪長捲髮、碧綠色眼睛的白人女孩正在向我微笑，我鼓起勇氣亦步亦趨地向她走進，努力克制心中的緊張不安，和她打了招呼，這就是我們友誼的開始，她是琳恩，是一位來自沙烏地阿拉伯的朋友，在我們暢談自己的文化中，也發現彼此的不同，她告訴我，即使在風氣開放的國際學校中，只要與異性單獨相處，老師便會認為那是行為、價值觀的偏差，而女性們所要穿戴的面紗、長袍也有簡單化的趨勢，更成為當地時尚潮流的指標。

在這次旅途中，最讓我印象深刻的是模擬會議，而我是歐洲環境署 ( EEA ) 的代表，在每個小組中，有來自政府、企業、民間團體的成員，彼此擁有的資料可能不一，目標也不盡相同，甚至還有差點發生衝突的狀況，面對紛爭，我們表現的是尊重不是放縱，大家也都絞盡腦汁地試圖想出一個雙贏的方法。相對地，文化之間的矛盾更是無可避免的，譬如有一個住在印度的中國女孩，在一次和我的談話中，我們不經意地觸及到敏感的兩岸政治議題，抱有不同信念的我們，雖然將場面瞬間冰凍，但這並沒有影響我們對彼此的態度，因為我們選擇尊重每一個想法，而價值觀的差異造就信念的不同，而一群抱持相同信念的人，成就一個文化，所以當我們輕易地嘲笑別的文化時，不如先去了解它的由來，而不是一昧地用主觀意識評斷他人。

Global Young Leadership Conference，全球青少年領袖會議，顧名思義就是要學習如何成為一個跨國界的領導人，孟子曰：「民為貴，社稷次之，君為輕。」永遠將蒼天百姓放在第一位，GYLC 不僅開闊我的視野，也讓我用不同的角度觀賞這美麗的世界，十天的旅程，一輩子的感動。

## **2013 GYLC Experience**

**Ho, Hsuan Yin**

America is the land of liberty, the land of dreams, and the land of greatness. It is widely known to be the "melting pot" of all cultures. People from diverse backgrounds would cluster in America for something big and something great. And Global Young Leadership Conference is certainly one of them.

GYLC is a unique program allowing scholars to try their best & achieve something spectacular. I was enrolled in the pre-program as well; therefore I got to the hotel 3 days prior than most of the people. This gave me the opportunity to know more people and familiarize myself to the United States. Before this program, I have never been onto the land of United States. I was like a toddler, curious about everything and joyful about every new discovery. In the pre-program, the GYLC staff planned a series of meaningful activities that will prepare us for the competitive live in the core conference. There is one activity that I think I will never forget: the numbers game. The game goes like this, there are consecutive numbers from 1 to 30, and there are a series of rules that you have to obey or fatal penalties will be declared. The rules are simple yet hard. 1. All numbers must be touched one by one. No skipping numbers and it has to be in the correct order. 2. All team members have to participate. 3. Time runs out when its 20 minutes or 5 routines. Rules are as simple as those. Disobeying any will have a 10 second penalty. The aim is to complete 5 routines as soon as possible. However, what should a group of bright young leaders do when there are numbers lying on the ground and rules in their minds? After 20 seconds of silent confusion in the room, I decided I would break the ice. I stepped on the card that says "1". Soon, my teammates helped me found number 2, 3, and so on. Fairly quickly, I've finished my route. However, time is running short and our director doesn't seem satisfied. "There is got to be another way to complete this," everyone thought. Suddenly, someone suggested we assign a number for each of us. This is the right solution. We finish one route almost half the time it took for the previous one. Soon, our group completed our request for 5 routes. After this game, we analyzed our actions. The entire game ran under shouting and yelling. The classroom felt like market and the students were not leaders. We did not use our leader's quality to help us through this game, some were screaming trying to take control, and some were laying back waiting for commands. The aim of this activity is to let us cooperate not let a few get in charge. When our number is approaching, we should stand in place preparing for its coming, not reposing at the back and wait till other people to yell your name. This activity really helped me understanding the meaning of collaboration and leadership. If the leader only knows how

to shout, then he/she will be the epic fail for this game. A leader is able to drive a group out of panic and maintain order. A leader is a good listener that organizes ideas from all people without excluding anybody. A leader has the ability to engage everybody, discover everyone's talent, and use everyone's strength to lead a group to success. A leader has to obey to others as well, do not be ignorant, do not be self-centered, and do not feel that everyone is under your command. That will be when revolution comes.

The uniqueness of GYLC for me is the hands-on feeling. They don't teach you the pedantic way by telling you leaders should have this and thus qualities, but they teach you by letting you experience it. Through many of the activities, I was empowered by the real-life feeling of what a real leader should be like. People often say, "experience teach you the best", in GYLC, the experience is unforgettable, the effect is chronic, and the lesson I've learnt is powerful and beneficial to the rest of my life. Finally, to end my GYLC reflection, I would like to conclude by sharing with you one of my favorite quotes from GYLC, "Do not cry because it's over. Smile because it had happened." Thank you, Ariel Ho

**2013 GYLC**  
**Chen Huan Hsu**

This is definitely a precious experience worth remembering, a journey that opened my eyes to a whole new world.

At first, I was so nervous that I couldn't sleep at the night before the trip, fearing that I might have a hard time making foreign friends. However, the clouds of doubt immediately dispersed upon meeting my "Russian Comrades" and the best FA---Kelvin. Together, we delved into the rich history and the promising future of the Russian Federation through LGM discussions. We feasted our eyes on the historical sites of DC, Philadelphia and New York. Most of all, we spent countless moments of joy as a lovely family. I finally realized that each LGM group is like a miniature of UN, with its members from different countries of the world shaping a better future for all humanity. Youth as we are, we entertain high hopes for the future and simultaneously build up our own leadership spirit.

Undoubtedly, the best part of GYLC is that we have a chance to sit inside a conference room in UN voting for resolutions. Though it was no easy task to prepare for the General Assembly, thanks to the guidance of Kelvin, we never failed to obtain the best interest for the Russian Federation. I really enjoyed being the ambassador during the Security Council over the Cyprus issue. Writing the opening statement as well as negotiating with other delegates became not a heavy burden but an interesting challenge I enjoyed taking. After the successful simulations, we marched on the real deal----the commission meeting. I was in the Water Supply subcommission affiliated to the Health Commission. During the process of brewing the resolution, I came up with a fantastic and feasible idea called "Water Bank" in order to reach fair distribution of water. Unfortunately, since we couldn't reach the consensus that the headquarters of the Water Bank should be established in Siberia, Russian Federation turned its point to the healthcare subcommission. If the "Water Bank" got approved by all nations, it could have been a catalyst to the change of our fate!

In retrospect, there's so much great memory that I'll cherish forever. The moments of pure fun, heated debate, and the thrill to live in history and pave a glorious way for our future, will stay in my mind for good. It is time that my new chapter of leadership commenced!