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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION THROUGH E-SPORTS 40 SINGAPOREAN REPRESENTATIVES AT 2ND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION E-SPORTS WORLD CUP FINAL



SINGAPORE, 31 MARCH 2023: In collaboration with BoniO Inc. combined with the <u>PaGamO online gamification learning platform</u>, Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore) would like to cordially invite you to the second edition of the <u>Environmental Education E-Sports World Cup</u> Final held at Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre (HYC) on April 9, 2023.

The competition will bring together e-sports players from six different countries and they will come together to compete simultaneously online on the event date.

Through e-sports, which is popular among the younger generation, it aims to

promote environmental education to the public.

Following last year's overwhelming response, a total of 310 participants with an

average age of 18 registered for the preliminary round in Singapore this time, most

of whom are students from Bukit Panjang Government High School, Hong Wen

School and Chung Cheng High School (Yishun). Compared to last year, Tzu Chi

volunteers placed more emphasis on actively reaching out to schools to promote

the event, resulting in this year's participants being younger than the previous

edition. 40 finalists from Singapore will compete for the top 10 spots against 470

competitors from the other countries at Tzu Chi HYC.

In Budget 2022, the Singapore government had set a sustainability target - to

achieve net zero carbon emissions "by or around mid-century". To achieve this

target, new measures have been actively introduced over the past two years to

facilitate the public's recycling efforts, including introducing the household

recycling box, Bloobox, neighbourhood clothing recycling bins, and the beverage

container return scheme earmarked to be officially launched in 2025.

To build a more sustainable future, Tzu Chi hopes to focus on environmental

education and to promote environmental protection and disaster prevention to the

younger community through e-sports. Besides the main competition, nine

interactive environmental educational booths will be set up and open to the public

at Tzu Chi HYC.

Appended below are the details of the event for your kind attention:

Date: 9 April 2022 (Sunday)

Venue: The Great Hall, Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre

30A Yishun Central 1, Singapore 768796

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (Media are invited to attend from 8:30 am to 1:00

pm)

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Event Timeline	
8:30 am	Arrival of players and pre-game briefing
8:45 am	Arrival of guests and audience
9:00 am	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Speech (Conducted simultaneously online with Taiwan)
9:30 am	Prize Presentation of Top 40 ranked players from Singapore online preliminaries
10:10 am	Commencement of World Cup Final (Conducted simultaneously online with all countries)
10:50 pm	World Cup Final Awards Ceremony (Conducted simultaneously online with Taiwan) & Closing Ceremony
12:30 pm	Mock competition (Open to media and public)
2:00 pm	Event end

If you would like to attend, kindly confirm via email at media@tzuchi.org.sg by 6

April 2023, 6pm. As there are limited vacancies, only media who RSVP will be admitted. Do RSVP early for better seating and parking arrangements.



The 30 finalists from Singapore during last year's competition, with their ages ranging from 10 to 61. (Photo by Tzu Chi Singapore)

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ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION E-SPORTS WORLD CUP

With the world facing a serious threat from the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with various environmental problems such as climate change and man-made environmental pollution, an urgent need to promote "environment and crisis defence education" has arisen in recent years. Therefore, an online gaming competition was launched last year by Tzu Chi Foundation, in collaboration with BoniO Inc. combined with the PaGamO online gamification learning platform. The competition has been held across six countries to raise awareness regarding the knowledge of this subject.

Through the combination of online as well as offline experimental and interactive learning, the hope is that this will be translated into actual actions among the participants later on. By answering questions in the online game, players will be able to acquire knowledge and thus build up their understanding, skills, attitudes and values on environment and crisis defence.

ABOUT TZU CHI HUMANISTIC YOUTH CENTRE

The Tzu Chi Humanistic Youth Centre (HYC) is a non-profit start-up by Tzu Chi

Foundation (Singapore) that serves as a platform for youths to learn positive

values, meet new people and be inspired. HYC advocates gratitude, respect,

responsibility, courage and resilience" through a Five-Pillar Approach, which

encompasses Arts & Culture, Eco Awareness, Volunteerism, Young Parenting and

Youth Wellness.

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ABOUT TZU-CHI FOUNDATION (SINGAPORE)

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a global non-profit humanitarian organisation

founded in 1966 by a Buddhist nun named Dharma Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan.

Its missions of charity, medicine, education, humanistic culture and environmental

protection has brought relief to over 100 countries.

In 1993, Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore) was established, with the organisation's

work starting with the Mission of Charity and the goal of relieving poverty, before

gradually expanding into the Missions of Medicine, Education, Humanistic Culture,

and Environmental Protection over the years. The heart of Tzu Chi is embedded

in its name: in Chinese, "tzu" means compassion and "chi," relief.

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