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*"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right."*

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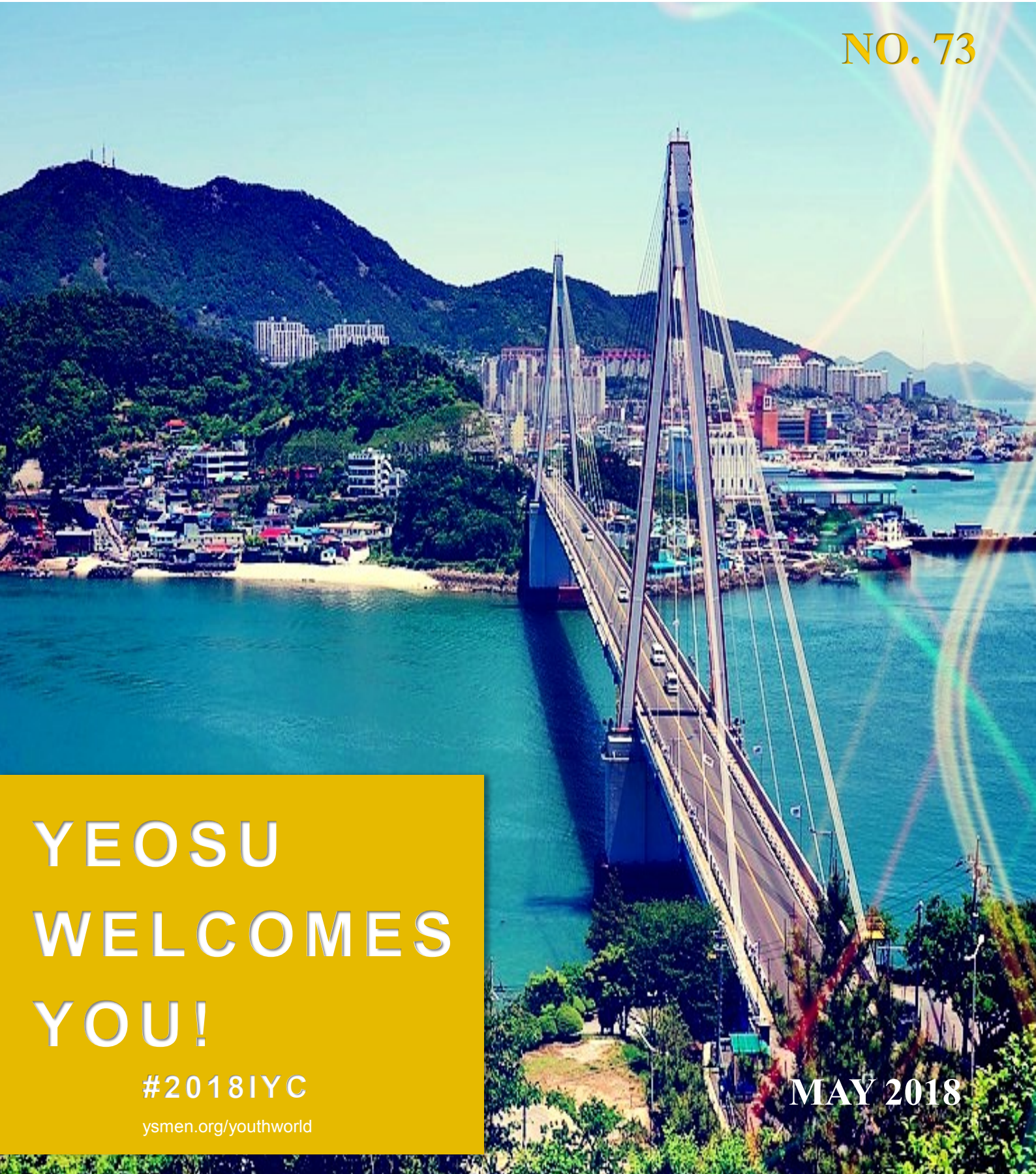
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WELCOMES  
YOU!

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**“We need worship for our spirit,  
fellowship for our soul and committed  
subservience for our body.”**

—Larry Norman



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# YW Editor's Message

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## Welcome to Youth World 73!

As of May, we are less than three months away from the 2018 IYC in Yeosu, Korea.

Presently, the participating youth are preparing for this wonderful event which will be held in Yeosu, Korea. Yeosu is a vibrant city that attracts thousands of visitors each year. For those who are able to attend, I hope that you will enjoy it, and most importantly, return to your homes with a greater zeal to continue in your service work.

In this Issue, we have a wonderful heart-warming message from International Secretary General (ISG) Takao Nishimura. He has a big heart for the youth and for youth advancement. Read on to see his encouraging message.

As we look ahead to the upcoming IYC, we also want to take a look back at the 16th International Youth Convocation, which was held in Taipei, Tai-

wan. It was a special time for many of the youth attendees. This pictorial flashback will be sure to bring back fond memories of the Culture Night presentations, group project discussions, the Night Market shopping sprees, and the formidable August heat!

Community service is still at the heart of YW, so we'll take a look at a joint-painting project between the Mandeville Y Service club and the Kingston Ys Men Club in Jamaica. Also, highlighted is Area India's Area Youth Convocation (AYC).

As always, I hope that you will enjoy our final Issue for the Y's year 2017-2018. Thank you for reading, and I look forward to meeting many of you in Korea.

Let's enjoy our time in fellowship as one big, international family.

***"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."  
Matthew 18: 20 (ESV)***

*Stephanie Spencer*  
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## Dear Youth leaders,

The International Youth Convocation 2018 (IYC18) is approaching soon at Yeosu, Korea! We are so excited to meet you again, or for the first time, as Youth Leaders. This time, it is so wonderful that the International Host Committee was able to establish a great relationship with Chonnam National University, who gave us the use of their Yeosu Campus and residence hall (dormitory) for IYC18. Although many youth are not able to attend IYC18 due to school or work, I know that you are working hard to represent your community at this Youth Convocation—with your Area's passion, support and prayers of course. It is our hope that you will bring back great knowledge and experience to share with others. There have been many discussions and debates on how important it is to take action re: the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) developed by the United Nations (UN). These are important goals to us as both Y's Men and citizens of this planet. At the IYC, you will also discuss the topic "Say No to Violence" which was started about ten years ago by the Y's Youth. Unfortunately, the world still faces so many occurrences of violence. We hope that the you will share many thoughts on this topic. The 16 SDG goals emphasizes peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, and the provision of access to justice for all. According to UN records, various forms of violence against children persists, including discipline that relies on physical punishment and psychological aggression. With available data from 2005—2016, in 76 countries, about 8 in 10 children, from 1 to 14 years of age, were subjected to some form of psychological aggression and/or physical punishment on a regular basis. I wish you will have more information and concern on this issue and keep your friends and family protected.

At IYC18, you will also need to elect the next International Youth Representative (IYR). Your nomina-



tion and support to the candidate is very much needed to bring more youth into this Movement, and to strengthen working relationships with local or International branches of the YMCA. In the same breath, I would like to thank IYR Ricardo Andre Cardenas Zanabria for his two-year term, as well as the AYRs who will be welcoming their successors at future Area Youth Convocations. I especially want to thank the Editor of *Youth World Magazine*, Stephanie, for her work, and for coordinating the IYC programme with the 2018 IYC Host Committee and other youth facilitators. We know that preparations and efforts are being made to make this coming IYC18 successful and memorable.

God bless you all, Youth leaders!

*Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*  
*Matthew 5:37*

Y'sly,

ISG Nishi

Takao Nishimura



## CARIBBEAN CLUBS UNITE! THE JACOB WELLS INFIRMARY PROJECT

Caribbean Region | Area Canada/Caribbean



Once all the participants were present, members of the two clubs began painting most of the room of the building. At first, this involved relocating furniture and deep cleaning. After the day's work, it was clear how much of a difference a little bit of paint and intensive cleaning made to the building.

It was a successful day as both the Kingston and Mandeville club met their objectives. Not only did they work in cohesion with each other, but new friendships were formed and another great memory was made. ■

**T**he Kingston club is a recently revamped branch of the Y's Men International (YMI) clubs in the Caribbean Region. The club's main aim is to engage in programmes that make a positive impact in the community. The club believes that engaging in strategic collaborative projects—as outlined below—will help in this goal.

One such collaborative project occurred on Saturday, April 14, 2018, when the Kingston Y's Men club partnered with members of the Mandeville Y Service Club. The purpose? To give the Jacob Wells Infirmary a well needed facelift.

The day started off a little slow as members of the Mandeville club had to travel a long distance to the project site. The other participants already present were introduced to the Infirmary's senior staff members and the residents. Upon viewing the facilities, it was clear that it was functioning in less than optimal conditions, despite the painstaking efforts of missionaries who had previously visited the Infirmary.





**2018 IYC THEME:**

*"Strong Community—A Better World"*

# Facts about **Yoesu**

The 18th International Youth Convocation (IYC) is one of Y's Men International's most anticipated youth events. This year it will be held in the port-city of Yeosu, Korea, in the southern part of the country. It is the home of some of Korea's most significant historical events, and is the site of many beautiful natural and manmade attractions.

The following highlights a few fun facts about this great city. Read on!

## Here are the facts:

1

Current day Yeosu was once two cities: Old Yeosu City and Yecheon City. These two cities were merged together in 1998.

2

The population, as of 2011, is 295, 538.

3

Yeosu was the host city of the 2012 World Expo.

4

Dolsan Bridge, which connects downtown Yeosu to Dolsan Park is 450m long and has changing lights at night.

5

Typically, Yeosu has longer springs and autumns than other regions in Korea.

6

*Gejang* (marinated raw crab) is the region's traditional cuisine.



## Further reading for your IYC Preparation

2018 International Youth Convocation Official Website  
<http://english.ysmen2018ic.org/iyc-introduction/>

Korean Electrical Output (Power Plug):  
<https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/south-korea/>





# IYC MEMORIES

A visual flashback to the 2016 IYC in Taipei, Taiwan.







*“Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds, will continue in others.” — Rosa Parks*





# Culture Night Showcase!





# COULD YOU BE THE NEXT IYR ? ? ?

The International Youth Representative (IYR) position is an exciting opportunity to become 'the voice' of the youth of Y's Men International (YMI). The IYR best represents the youth of YMI by keeping in constant communication with senior and youth leaders and finding creative and applicable solutions to challenges faced by the youth.

## Qualities of the IYR

- Have a strong command of the English language.
- Be a good communicator.
- Have a strong passion for youth and youth activities.
- Have time to do the job and do it well!
- Must be between the ages of 18-28 years.

## IYR Election Procedure

- The IYR is elected by the participants at the International Youth Convocation (IYC).
- Applications and nominations from 'the floor' of the International Youth Convocation (IYC) are permitted.
- The voting is done by secret ballot .
- If a single candidate does not receive at least 50% of the vote, the balloting continues until one candidate receives 50% of the vote.
- The balloting is monitored by the Past Youth Intern and Past IYR under the supervision of the YRM (if present).
- Each Region represented at the IYC has ONE vote.
- The Youth Representative cannot be elected from the same Area two consecutive times. This means that if the outgoing IYR is from Area X, the incoming IYR cannot be from Area X a second time in a row.
- Each IYR nominee is given the opportunity to give a speech during the IYC. The election is held the next day and the winning candidate is introduced at the IC on the day following that.

## How to Apply

If you have what it takes, apply for the IYR position today! You can fill out your own application forms and even apply for someone else (with their permission of course!)

Nominations are open from June up until Wednesday, August 8, 2018. The IYR Presentations and Election will be held on Friday, August 10, at the 17th International Youth Convocation in Korea!

*Unable to attend the IYC? No problem!* Please send a one minute video outlining why you are suitable candidate for the position and what you hope to achieve throughout your tenure. Please send your video the day before the IYC election on August 10. Your video will be played immediately prior to the IYR Elections.

Click [here](#) for your IYR Application Package!

Submissions can be emailed to [stephanie@ysmen.org](mailto:stephanie@ysmen.org) or given in person at the IYC venue in Korea before 8 August 2018!

## Area Youth Convocation

# AREA INDIA — AREA YOUTH CONVOCATION (DECEMBER 2017)

Diya Vijayan | Mid-west India Region | Area India



of the AYC, and the youth were able to present a variety of ideas for projects that had the potential to be adopted as the Area Project, to be initiated in 2018.

The youth also discussed current local issues. There was a friendly debate standoff on the topic "Should the study of agriculture be included in the high school curriculum". At the anticipated Talent Night Session, the participants showcased their talents by camp fire.

On the final day, the AYC participants gathered for an early morning devotion then gave feedback on their AYC experience. This information would help the organisers when planning future AYC's.

Finally, Dr Civi Pulayath held a session on 'Changes and Challenges', then as it was during the Christmas holidays, the group had a Christmas celebration with the India Area President, Leby Philip (National President of YMCA), and Ms. Muluwork from Ethiopia YMCA, in attendance.

The event ended with an announcement of winners of various AYC special events. With farewells all around, the youth knew that it was an overall success. ■

The 2017 Area India Area Youth Convocation (AYC) was held at the Always YMCA Campsite from 28-30 December 2017. The theme for the AYC was "Yes, We Can Change." A total of thirty-four youth from all regions within Area India were able to attend.

The inauguration was attended by many special guests including Area President Y'sm Jithin Joy Alappat.

The AYC sessions started off with a bang. Mr. JC Cherian Varghese made a presentation on the topic "Lead the World". There was also a presentation on what to expect at the 17th International Youth Convocation (IYC).

Over the next two days, the youth participated in a series of activities that emphasised team building and project management skills. The project management sessions were an integral part



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### Short-Term Exchange Programme (STEP)

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Participants are able to:

- Spend 3-11 weeks with a Y's Men's family in another country or region.
- Develop critical self-management skills.
- Learn about the customs, cultures, and languages of their host country or region.
- Learn about the activities of Y'sdom world-wide.

For more information on STEP, eligibility and application details click [here!](#)

## YEEP

### Youth Educational Exchange Programme (YEEP)

Suitable for Y's Youth between the ages of 16-18 years. Students (i.e. the participants) must be able to commit to a 12-month educational exchange programme to reap the benefits.

#### These benefits include:

- Creating global, and often, long-term friendships.
- Developing the traits and skills of a mature and responsible youth.
- Learning about the customs, cultures, and languages of their host country or region. (In most exchanges, students develop a proficiency in the language of their host countries.)
- Learning about the activities of Y'sdom world-wide.

For more information on YEEP, eligibility and application details click [here!](#)

Still want to join? Contact Rita Hettiarachchi (Service Director for the STEP&YEEP Programmes) at [ritahetti@gmail.com](mailto:ritahetti@gmail.com) to apply!

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