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Global Shapers Community Taipei Hub Shape Asia Pacific 2017

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WHAT ARE SHAPE EVENTS

SHAPEs are regional gatherings created and organized by shapers for shapers. Across each major region, shapers apply to WEF to host these events and show off their city, projects and community. Regions include Africa, Asia Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East & Northern Africa (MENA), North America, and South Asia. During Shape events shapers gather together sharing and learning positive practices in their respective communities, building connections among hubs, creating partnerships, and collaborating on local / international projects. Consequently Shape events are the best opportunity for shapers to connect with other hubs and their respective global communities.

SHAPE ASIA PACIFIC 2017

This year, from October 12th to 15th more than 120 shapers from 36 hubs, 23 countries across regions gathered in Cebu, Philippines for Shape Asia Pacific 2017 hosted by the Cebu Hub. Shapers assembled together under

the theme of **Embracing the Past to Shape Up the Future.**

On the opening day, shapers conducted dialogues over climate change and sustainability in the interactive workshop run by the Climate Speakers Network of Climate Reality, founded by former US Vice President Al Gore. After this pre-event, we were welcomed by an amazing dinner with performances to jumpstart this Shape event.

On the next day, shapers went on expeditions to explore the core theme concepts of our theme and local Cebuano cultures. We visited the amazing showroom and factory of the renowned international furniture designer Kenneth Cobonpue, witnessing cultural preservation through design. We called on Nature's Legacy and marveled at their innovations in the circular economy, seeing amazing, practical collections made from natural waste materials. We enjoyed a musical feast at Qube Gallery, listening to talented local artists from Kadasig. We met the chocolate queen of Cebu Raquel T. Choa, listening to mind-blowing





narratives about the soul of cocoa. We visited San Pedro Fort and museums and learnt about the abundant historic legacy of Cebu. After the whole-day exploration, shapers were hosted by the Vice Governor of Cebu, Agnes Almendres Magpale, at the Cebu Provincial Government Building.

Finally, shapers conducted and participated in sessions discussing traditions, cultural heritage and social practices under urbanization and migration. During the whole-day sessions, shapers developed fruitful, inspiring discussions, ignited new thoughts and learnt about great practices among hubs.

TAIPEI HUB PARTICIPATION & SHARING

This year Taipei Hub had 7 shapers with distinctive specialties and backgrounds participating in Shape Asia Pacific. After this fantastic shape experience, shapers shared about what they learnt, from whom they got inspirations and, on top of that, what suggestions they have for Taipei Hub.

Regarding hub operation, firstly shapers suggested that Taipei Hub identify main issues in Taiwan and share with other hubs our solutions and projects. They plan to do this by hosting a “Shape Taipei” day, bringing talented shapers from the globe to Taiwan. Shapers also suggested that Taipei Hub boost publicity through social media promotion, build partnerships with NGOs, access sponsorships from private sector and strive for supports from public sector to empower Taipei shapers work on specific projects and broaden our participation in Global Shapers Community.

In terms of collaboration and partnership, some shapers are thinking of pushing joint projects on documentary tackling commonly-faced issues of migrant workers’ human rights in our respective hubs and societies.

Above all, the passion, energy, and strong forces of action demonstrated by shapers gathering at Shape Asia Pacific have motivated and inspired Taipei Hub to be more proactive in taking immediate actions to improve the state of our local / global communities.

OUR GOAL & NEXT STEPS

Summing up all our shapers' sharing and suggestions brought back from the amazing Shape Asia Pacific 2017, Taipei Hub will develop corresponding strategies in the upcoming monthly shapers' meetings, and looks to be an active, inspiring and dedicated hub in Global Shapers Community.

Taipei shapers will take follow-up steps and strengthen connections with friends from all hubs to push collaboration and partnerships. Moreover, this November, Taipei Hub will hold its first official retreat for our shapers to strengthen team-bonding, identify main issues concerned, discuss solutions and, to this end, specify shape projects of Taipei Hub. All experiences and best practices learnt at Shape Asia Pacific 2017 will help foster new strategies for the Taipei Hub to think upon and follow suit. Together, Taipei Hub look forward to working hand in hand with shapers across hubs to improve the state of our world!



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ABOUT WEF & GLOBAL SHAPERS COMMUNITY

Established in 1971 and headquartered in Geneva, the World Economic Forum (WEF) is a Swiss nonprofit foundation committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic, and other leaders of society to shape global, regional, and industrial agendas.

The Global Shapers Community, launched in 2011, is an initiative of WEF and is a global network of young leaders who are exceptional in their potential, achievements, and drive to make a contribution and positive impact to their communities.

Now, the Global Shapers Community is made up by over 400 Hubs and 5,000 Shapers from 171 countries/region worldwide. Each Hub has distinctive operations, but most Hubs initiate local positive-impactful projects and host regional forums as annual program. The Taipei Hub, founded in 2012, currently represents Taiwan's Global Shapers Community.



ABOUT TAIPEI HUB

Taipei Hub, founded in 2012, currently represents Taiwan within the Global Shapers Community. Taipei Hub currently has over 20 Shapers with diverse specialties, including entrepreneurs, community leaders, business professionals, and other active young leaders.

Taipei Hub mainly focuses on 4 pillars: Competitiveness, Sustainability, Gender, and Innovation & Education. It is the vision of Taipei Hub to become the most positively-impactful platform in Taiwan to connect, inspire and empower future leaders, and further improve the state of Taiwan and the world.

Currently, with more shapers joining in and more projects in progress, Taipei Hub is prospering in scale, and hopefully will thrive to become one of the most representative voices of youth in Taiwan.