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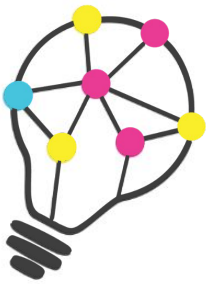
YOUTH TO SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2026

22, 25-28 JUNE | AIESEC Hong Kong Limited

IMPACT REPORT

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ABOUT YOUTH TO SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT



2013
Hong Kong 2022 and beyond
180 youths engaged

2014
Leaders Shift the City
221 youths engaged

2015
A Journey of Changemaker
202 youths engaged

2017
United in Diversity
287 youths engaged

2018
Change for a reason,
Lead for a Difference
208 youths engaged

2019
Redefine Youth Power
121 youths engaged

2020
Walk With Faith
127 youths engaged

2021
The Butterfly Effect
187 youths engaged

2022
The Chapter Untold
106 youths engaged

2023
Venture Out
194 youths engaged

2024
Daisies on the Cliff
106 youths engaged

2025
The Kaleidoscope Reflection
194 youths engaged

2026
The Flickering Spark
57 youths engaged

Since 2013, the Youth To Sustainability Summit (YS) has inspired over **3,400** high school and university students to connect with Hong Kong and drive local innovations. At AIESEC, we believe ***leadership is the fundamental solution to a better world***, and YS serves as the touchpoint where we nurture over 150 youths annually to become leaders through workshops and interactions with experts across sectors.

Now in its 13th edition, YS26 has three main objectives:

- To guide the delegates through a reflective journey of self-discovery;
- To enable youths to walk into the community and interact with current changemakers from business and social sectors;
- To develop youths as entrepreneurial leaders to contribute to a better Hong Kong community.

By generating and showcasing impactful projects to the public, these students prove that even in an uncertain future, **empowered youth hold the key to a brighter Hong Kong.**

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

Present in **100+ countries** with over **30,000 members worldwide**, AIESEC has been the world's leading youth-led organization developing leadership in young people through international experiences since 1948.

We believe youth leadership is the ***fundamental solution to unlocking a better future***. With our advanced leadership development model and practical cross-cultural experiences, we equip the world's youth with the skill-set and mindset to grow personally and professionally. The immense self-fulfilment fosters them to be daring to change themselves to change the world.

Since 1967, AIESEC has been delivering leadership and cross-cultural experiences in Hong Kong. With access across 14 tertiary institutions, we nurture our youth talents to be **leaders in society** and bring **positive impact** to society.

Our Vision:

WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE
peace & fulfilment
OF HUMANKIND'S
potential.

22,000+ members worldwide	**100+** countries and territories	**7,400+** partners and organizations	**30,000+** yearly global experiences	**1,000,000+** alumni worldwide

YOUTH TO SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2026

KEY FIGURES *OF 2026*

57

youth engaged as official Summit delegates, embarking on a journey to explore innovative sustainability pathways.

65

university students were recruited as volunteers for the Summit, assisting with marketing, external relations, logistics, delegate servicing, agenda building, and group facilitation.

12

innovative solutions developed by our delegates to tackle critical community challenges and actively drive positive sustainable impact across the Hong Kong community.

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individual speakers, NGOs, entrepreneurs, and corporate leaders united to form a powerful network, sharing critical insights on local sustainability issues and inspiring delegates to build their solutions.

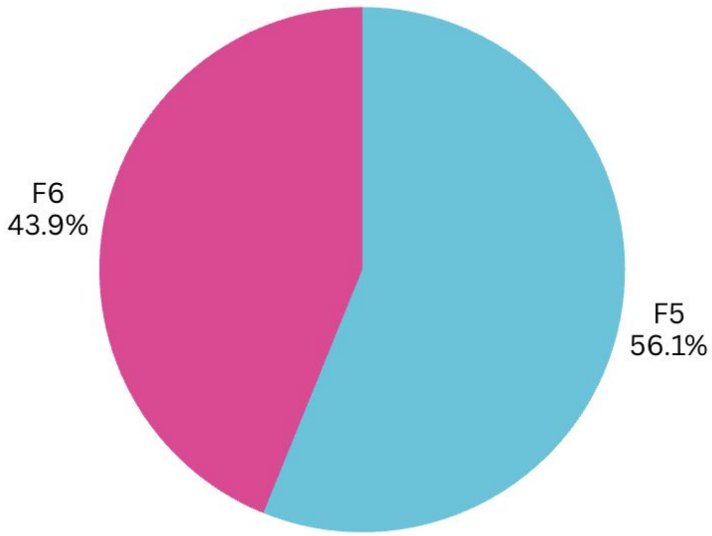


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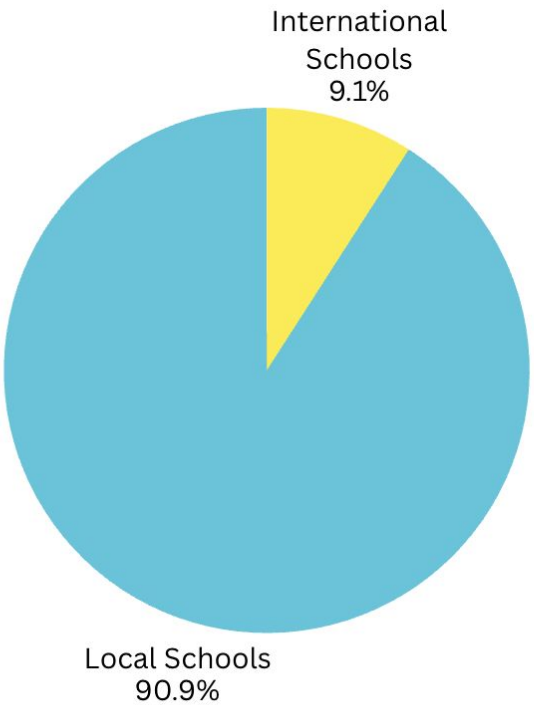
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Chinese International School
Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo No. 2 College)
Good Hope School
Heep Yunn School
Heung To Secondary School (Tseung Kwan O)
HKUGA College
Ho Fung College
Holy Trinity College
Hong Kong International School
Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section)
Methodist College
Munsang College
Our Lady of the Rosary College
Po Leung Kuk Ngan Po Ling College
Raimondi College
Sacred Heart Canossian College
Shung Tak Catholic English College
Sing Yin Secondary School
SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School
St. Mary's Canossian College
St. Paul's College
St. Paul's Convent School
St. Teresa Secondary School
Stewards Pooi Kei College
The True Light School of Hong Kong
True Light Girls' College
Tsung Tsin Christian Academy
TWGHs Yau Tze Tin Memorial College
United Christian College (Kowloon East)
Wah Yan College, Kowloon
Yew Chung International School
Ying Wa Girls' School

DELEGATE DEMOGRAPHIC

Education Background

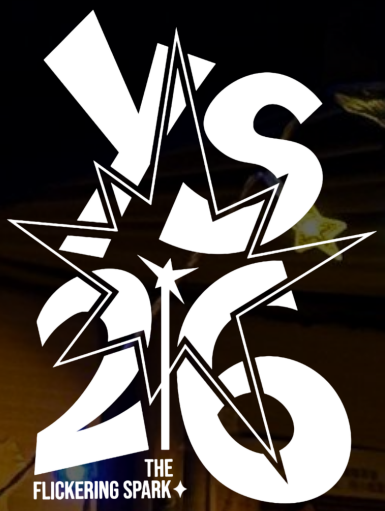


Secondary Schools in Hong Kong: Diverse Representations



THEME

The Flickering Spark



DATE

22nd, 25th-28th June, 2026 (5 Days)

VENUE

Hong Kong Baptist University

Spark refers to a small light that dims and fades, then relights from time to time. It often describes a light that is unstable due to both internal and external environments. While it may flicker, it also holds real potential.

We use the concept of the Flickering Spark for the **YS26 theme** because it resonates with today's youth. Some may feel that young people are getting worse, while others believe youth still have the capacity to grow and contribute. As a youth organisation, we consistently believe in youth potential. Through YS, we aim to create space for young people to explore themselves—understand their internal strengths and reflections—and also consider what they can become as a "little spark" for society in the future.

We focus on two areas: **internal growth** and **external engagement**.

- **Internally**, we provide opportunities for youth to explore what they truly like, and to recognise and develop their potential as young people within society.
- **Externally**, we further provide chances for youth to understand the external world—such as how corporations and NGOs operate, how the broader environment functions in society, and how youth can reflect on their roles. In doing so, youth can ask what they can do for themselves and for the community.

Through **YS26**, we hope to help youth **find their spark**, discover their path, and ultimately **make an impact on the world**.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

YOUTH FOR GLOBAL GOALS



SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Make Cities And Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient And Sustainable

SDG 11 is a UN goal to make cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable, by improving areas like housing, transport, public spaces, disaster preparedness, and environmental quality as cities grow.

In Hong Kong, SDG 11 applies by focusing on affordable and safe living conditions, accessible public transport, better resilience to typhoons and extreme weather, and cleaner, greener neighborhoods for everyone.

Arts and Culture

This track explores ways to strengthen the sustainability of arts and culture, while protecting and revitalising heritage. Participants discuss responsible practices that keep cultural expressions thriving for future generations.

Green Tech

This track focuses on low-carbon innovation and advanced technology solutions. Participants examine how green tech can reduce emissions, improve efficiency, and support a cleaner and more resilient future.

Waste Management

This track addresses waste challenges through practical strategies and systems thinking. Participants explore prevention, recycling, and responsible disposal, aiming to reduce environmental impact and build sustainable habits.

YOUTH SPEAK SURVEY (YSS)

The Youth Speak Survey (YSS) is necessary to better understand how the general public views youth, while also providing a structured platform for young people to express how they perceive themselves and society.

The survey is open to all members of the public. In our study, youth are defined as individuals under 24, while those aged 24 and above are grouped as the general public.

For youth respondents, the YSS enables them to rate their sense of self-understanding, their sense of belonging in society, and how positively they view society, including the impact they believe they can make.

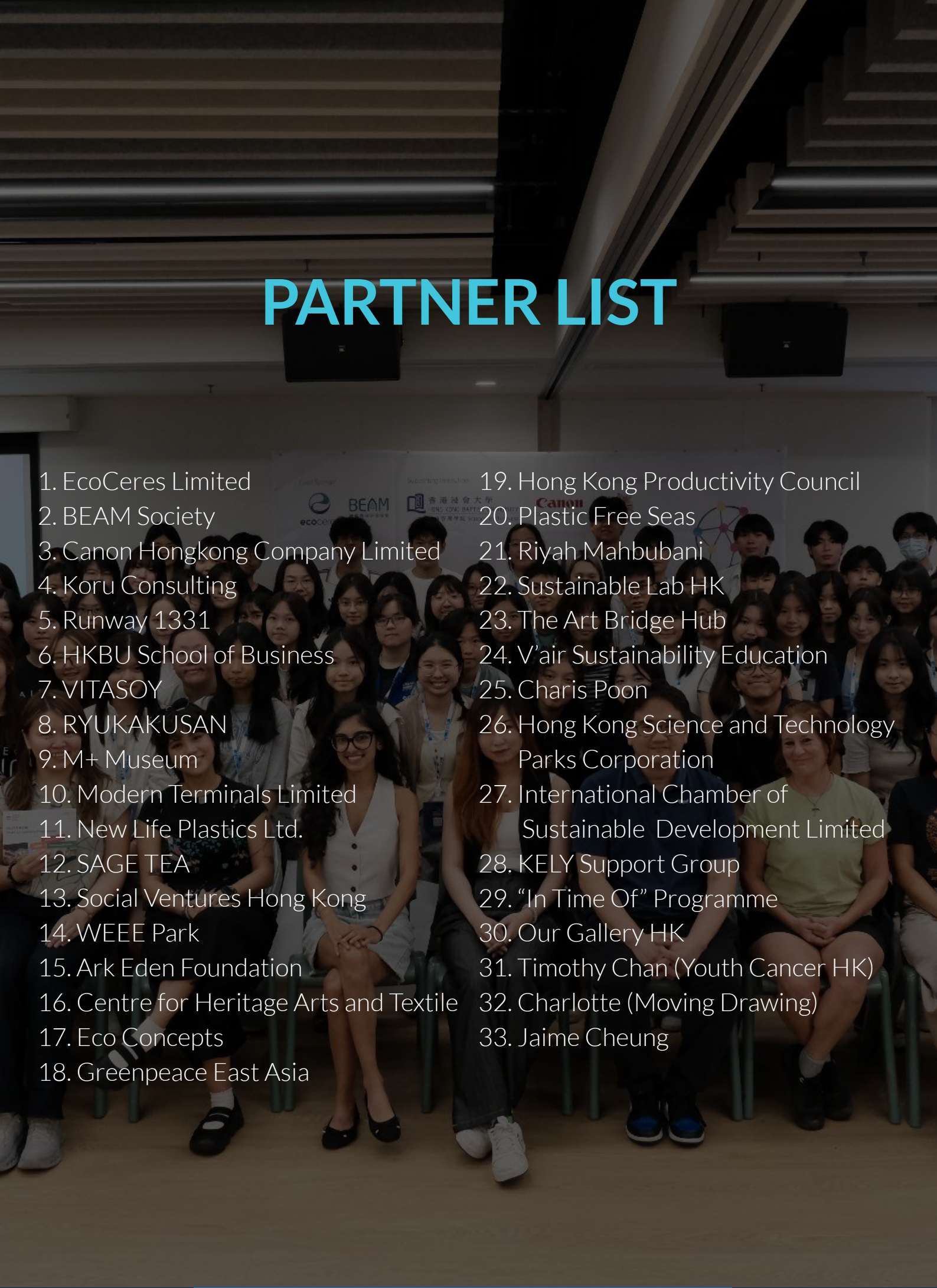
For non-youth respondents, the YSS aims to capture how the public perceives youth, such as the adjectives they would use to describe Hong Kong youth and how positively they believe youth contribute to society.

In total, we received **241** responses.

Overall, the survey results show that youth generally reported strong self-understanding and direction. Specifically, over 86.67% of respondents rated 7–10 for understanding themselves and also for knowing their path, indicating that a clear majority feels they understand who they are and have a sense of direction.

In addition, when asked about their outlook on Hong Kong's future, the findings show a mixed perspective: around 45% of youth hope for Hong Kong's future, while approximately 51% feel neutral toward future development. This suggests that while positive optimism exists, a significant proportion of youth remain uncertain or undecided, reflecting the need for clearer engagement, information, and meaningful opportunities to connect their views to real community and civic development.

Finally, in terms of youth agency and perceived impact, over 40% believe they can actually bring impact to Hong Kong, while 53.3% indicated a neutral response. This further implies that although many youth recognize the possibility of making a contribution, a large portion may still be developing confidence, understanding of how to act, or awareness of pathways for turning intention into real involvement.



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33. Jaime Cheung

Our Partners

Gold Sponsor
EcoCeres Limited

Thank you to EcoCeres for delivering the opening speech and sharing your insights on sustainable development, as well as hosting two mentorship sessions to guide students in building their projects.

EcoCeres is a global leader in the innovation and commercialization of renewable fuels and green molecules, accelerating the transition to a low-carbon future.

Incubated by Towngas and backed by international investors including Bain Capital and Kerogen Capital, the company is founded with a mission to address climate change by turning today's waste into tomorrow's new energy. EcoCeres has become a global innovation benchmark in converting waste into sustainable fuels and green molecules.

As an ISCC-certified decarbonization solutions provider, the company produces sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO), and bio-naphtha at industrial scale through its proprietary processes.

Gold Sponsor
BEAM Society Limited (BSL)

Thank you to BEAM Society for delivering an insightful keynote on green buildings and their practical application using the BEAM Plus assessment framework.

BEAM Society Limited (BSL) is an independent, non-profit membership organisation established in 2010 and developer of BEAM Plus, Hong Kong's leading green building rating system. Widely adopted across public and private sectors, BEAM Plus embeds sustainability into building design, construction, operation, and neighbourhood planning while driving market transformation through clear, performance-based criteria and tailored schemes for different project types. BSL also strengthens local green building capacity through professional training programmes (such as BEAM Pro and BEAM Affiliate), continuing education, and public outreach, helping mainstream sustainable practices across the entire building lifecycle.

Impact Partner
Canon Hongkong Company Limited

Thank you to Canon Hong Kong for providing the Instant Photo Shoot and Print Service at our Hong Kong Night event, as well as sponsoring the prizes for all of our winning teams.

In 1971, Canon Hongkong Co., Ltd. (Canon Hong Kong) was established as one of the first Canon offices in Asia. Canon Hong Kong is a Total Imaging Solution provider, providing professional pre-sales, marketing and after-sales services for all Canon products and solutions in Hong Kong and Macau. With the solely owned subsidiary Canon Business Solutions (Guangdong) Co., Ltd. established in 2018; the company continues to deliver intelligent total business solutions and professional services to Greater Bay Area. Canon Hong Kong adheres to Canon's corporate philosophy of "Kyosei", encouraging the company and staff to engage in social, charitable and environmental activities for the community. Implementing an internationally recognized management system, Canon Hong Kong has achieved ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 and ISO 27001 (Canon Digital Production Center) certifications.

Our Partners

Official Accommodation Partner
Runway 1331

Thank you to Runway 1331 for providing the venue and accommodation for our participants throughout the entire summit.

Runway 1331 is a dynamic youth development hub that integrates accommodation, art, culture, sports, and music within the former Kai Tak community isolation facilities, revitalising the area into a vibrant cultural and economic centre. By hosting public activities, workshops, and exhibitions, it encourages interaction, learning, and talent showcasing among young people. Named in tribute to the legendary 13/31 runway of the former Kai Tak Airport, Runway 1331 carries forward a spirit of exploration and aspiration, fuelling youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, and creative collaboration while helping to shape a new landmark in Hong Kong's cultural and innovation landscape.

Supporting Institution
HKBU School of Business

Thank you to the School of Business at Hong Kong Baptist University for providing the venues for our activities and sessions.

Established in 1956, the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) School of Business is a premier business school in the region, recognized among the top 1% globally with prestigious triple-accreditation (AACSB, AMBA, and EQUIS). It offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs designed to cultivate future-ready leaders. The school seamlessly integrates cutting-edge business practices with data analytics and financial technology, emphasizing digital innovation. Deeply rooted in its holistic "Whole Person Education" philosophy, the HKBU School of Business uniquely balances strict academic excellence, experiential global learning, and a strong commitment to corporate sustainability and business ethics.

Learning Partner
Koru Consulting

Thank you to Koru Consulting for delivering two Design Thinking Workshops for guiding our participants to brainstorm and design their projects throughout the whole summit.

Koru Consulting Limited is a Hong Kong–based training and facilitation company that uses games, simulations, and experiential learning to help organisations connect their people with shared values, goals, and purpose. Grounded in the Māori concept of the koru, symbolising strength, growth, and renewal, Koru supports ongoing change while preserving each client's core culture. Through modern, highly participatory programmes in training and development, conferences, virtual engagements, CSR and sustainability, and community connections, Koru designs purposeful play experiences that build skills, deepen alignment, and inspire teams to create better solutions to complex challenges.



AGENDA

DAY 0 - 4
Plenary



LTK

YS24 Human Library Guest
YS22 Session Facilitator
YS21 Homegroup Facilitator
YS20 Delegate

Plenaries serve as the start and closing sessions of each day, helping delegates consolidate the day's agenda while creating intentional space to reflect on learning, share experiences, and discuss relevant social insights.

This year, we are proud to welcome LTK as the facilitator of all 10 plenary sessions. Having been actively engaged with YS since 2020, she brought rich experiences that were highly relevant with the new generation. By sharing her own unconventional journey and courage it took to pursue her dreams in diverse ways, LTK told authentic stories to encourage delegates to defy social expectations, confront obstacles with resilience, and boldly shape their own paths. As our central facilitator, she guided delegates to connect what they have gained each day with how they think, feel, and grow—reinforcing both personal development and community understanding throughout the entire event.

Plenary provides a platform for speakers to share authentic personal stories. Through lived experiences, including moments of uncertainty, setbacks, and lessons learned, speakers guide delegates to view challenges from different perspectives, understanding our growth could be exponential. This year's theme aims to foster personal development and community connection, finding one's true goals and passions beyond future study or career plans, acknowledging that detours and failures can be part of the journey, and maintaining the mindset to follow one's passion and define one's own path.

Plenary discussions also highlight how individual passion and potential can contribute to society, while challenging social misconceptions and expectations. Ultimately, plenaries are not only about storytelling for youth to listen to, but about motivating delegates to pursue diverse paths, believing in their own potential, and actively contributing to their communities, turning personal growth into lasting community impacts.

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DAY 0
Opening Ceremony





Denise Escarmoso
Managing Director AIESEC Hong Kong Limited

The Youth to Sustainability Summit 2026 was officially launched with an inspiring opening ceremony. The event commenced with a speech by Denise, who introduced the rich history of AIESEC and its longstanding presence in Hong Kong.

Next, we were deeply honored to welcome Mr. Kenny Ng, Vice President of Feedstock Sourcing (China) at EcoCeres, who highlighted how EcoCeres contributes to urban sustainability in alignment with SDG 11.



Kenny Ng
Vice President of Feedstock Sourcing (China)

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Youth Speak Forum
Panelists of the Day



Charlotte Lui
Founder, Moving Drawing

Charlotte, as a local artist, uses her work to capture fleeting moments and preserve Hong Kong's cultural heritage. Through her creative journey, she reflects on her career choices and highlights how young people can contribute to society by expressing identity and stories through art.



Jaime Cheung
Singer

Jaime, as a local musician, views Hong Kong as a fast-paced and restless city shaped by youth redefining success. She encourages young people to embrace action over perfection, reminding them not to wait for the perfect moment but to start pursuing their goals at their own pace.



Timothy Chan
Founder, Youth Cancer Hong Kong

Timothy, as a cancer survivor and founder of Youth Cancer Hong Kong, shared his journey of turning adversity into purpose. He believes youth do not need perfection to create change, emphasizing that even in a judgmental society, meaningful impact comes through resilience and contribution.

Highlights of the Forum

The panel highlighted the common challenges they faced and the resilience required to overcome them. For instance, Timothy shared how he successfully established an NGO, ultimately creating impact and inspiring the community. The speakers also discussed the challenge of balancing artistic passion with financial realities. To maintain stability without giving up on her art, Charlotte pursued teaching, achieving a sustainable balance. Similarly, Jaime shared how she leverages her unique style to carve out a distinct space in Hong Kong's highly competitive music industry. The discussion further explored the characteristics of Hong Kong, concluding with the speakers offering advice to inspire the next generation of youth leaders.

Through these insightful sharings, the forum set the stage for an impactful and memorable five-day summit, empowering delegates to drive meaningful change within the community.

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Glow Trails HK

Hong Kong is the city we call home, but we rarely pause to reflect deeply on how its past and present have shaped it. In this session, delegates embarked on a city tracing, exploring Hong Kong to capture its unique spiritual and cultural specialties. After the exploration, delegates worked together to create a flipchart that describes the area combining drawings, instant photos, and written notes. Each group then delivered a 3-minute presentation to share their findings in any creative format they choose.

After the city tracing, many delegates shared that they just discovered a side of Hong Kong they had never imagined. Some were inspired by the city's inclusivity after seeing multi-language menus in restaurants at the West Kowloon Cultural District and Tai Kwun, while others were impressed by the growing pet-friendly community during their visits to Kai Tak Stadium, not to mention many gained a deeper appreciation for the historical importance of fishing in the past economy of Hong Kong after exploring Aberdeen. Through Glow Trails HK, delegates were empowered to explore the city in greater detail and embrace every part of Hong Kong.









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Mentorship Session 1

After a full day of exploring Hong Kong's unique cultural and historical landscapes, delegates shifted their focus from understanding the city's past to actively shaping its future. We were honoured to have 6 representatives from EcoCeres as mentors, who helped students develop a deeper understanding of specific sustainability topics and guided them in studying real-world solutions.

With their professional guidance, delegates identified key urban challenges. The mentors shared real-life examples to spark brainstorming. One example was EcoCeres' innovative approach to turning waste oils into clean fuel. They explored long-term goals that matched the Summit's sustainability vision, not just short-term fixes. This ongoing review of the students' thought processes greatly improved the feasibility and detail of their project ideas. In the end, mentors valued the younger generation's creativity, making this interactive session rewarding and enjoyable for everyone.

Our Mentors



Ferrand Cunningham
Director - Corporate & Marketing Communications



Jay Lee
Assistant Manager - Market Intelligence



Judy Wong
Vice President - Sales & Marketing, Advanced Biofuels



Remy Li
Admin & Facility Lead Administration & Facility



Tian Cui
Officer - Environmental, Social & Governance

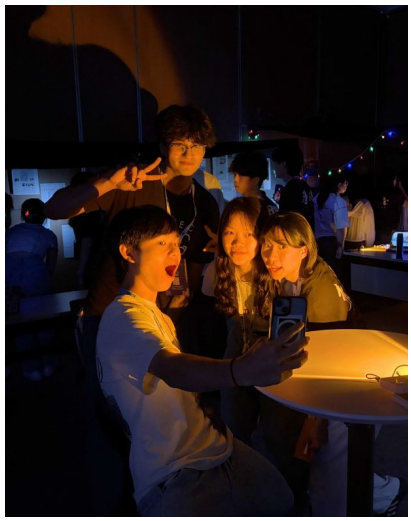


Yiyao Tang
Manager - Feedstock Strategic Planning

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DAY 1

Light Up Our HK



In the YouthSpeak Forum, City Tracing, and Mentorship sessions on day 0, delegates were given an initial opportunity to understand the city and their role within it, setting the stage for what lay ahead. Day 1 marked the true beginning of the four-day intensive journey, shifting the focus toward why this summit matters to each participant and why taking action for Hong Kong is essential.



Through six interactive booths, delegates explored different facets of this community and confronted challenging yet inspiring realities: pressures within the education system, rising concerns about suicide, rapid modernization, and a fading local culture. Despite its beautiful scenery and rich heritage, Hong Kong can at times feel unwelcoming, leaving individuals overwhelmed, disoriented, or trapped in a repetitive cycle. Instead of retreating into isolation and drifting further away, this is a moment that calls for introspection.



Acceptance does not always arrive from the outside first; it often begins with understanding. By rediscovering the spark that once ignited passion, embracing the complex love–hate relationship with this city, and holding on to a deep care for its future, meaningful change becomes possible. Amid the seeming chaos, it is the youth who emerge as the spark capable of reshaping Hong Kong together.



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Design Thinking Workshop

Led by James from Koru Consulting, the workshop introduced design thinking frameworks to help delegates identify and visualize targeted problems. James first introduced the four core stages of the framework:

1. Redefine the issue or opportunity
2. Discover possibilities
3. Decide & commit
4. Deliver your idea



Guiding delegates through this framework, James explained that the path is cyclical rather than linear. By identifying their personal interests within this cycle, delegates identified operational bottlenecks caused by gaps between what they *want* to do versus what they *must* do. To bridge these gaps, groups learned to lean into the stages they felt less comfortable with.



Next, groups used "How do we...?" and "How might we...?" prompts to consolidate their problem statements. They then mapped out their top stakeholders to ensure their final solutions aligned with what the stakeholders needed. Ultimately, this foundational workshop inspired delegates to maximize their takeaways from the upcoming field trip and strategically contribute to their final showcase.

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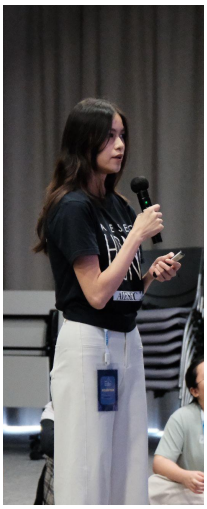
Spark The Dim



Our lives are influenced by social norms, but they are not entirely determined by them. This session invited delegates to question how much social expectations should define their identity, worth, and direction.

This expectation was challenged by a social experiment where all delegates were required to classify themselves into tiers with the good qualities they proposed. The delegates were questioned on the rationale behind their tier allocation, and delegates from different tiers expressed their reasons why they were classified as a certain class.





Afterward, two personal stories were shared: one speaker spoke about feeling ashamed after failing to meet high school expectations and public exam results, ending up in a major she wasn't passionate about, while another shared how overcoming secondary school bullying helped him rebuild his self-trust and excel in what he loved. This contrast between living under social expectations and breaking free from them prompted delegates to reflect on their own experiences with labels, considering how standards set by others had confined how they saw themselves.

It is difficult to change society, but we can take our own path. Delegates were encouraged to find their own individuality and embrace it and not let the world confine who they are after the session, so as to fully unleash their potential, showcase their true selves and become sparks of change on Hong Kong's stage.



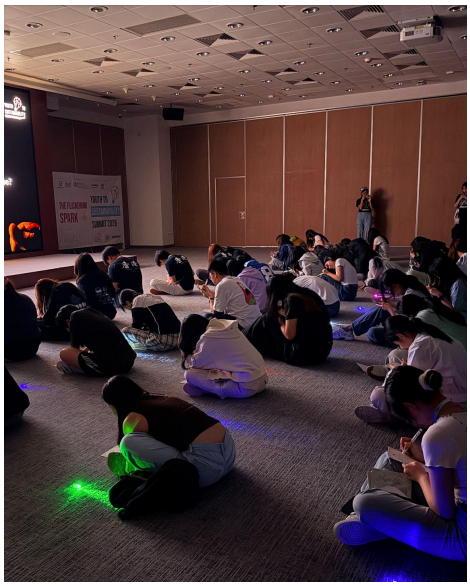
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After a long pause of flat heartbeat, they opened their eyes to find childhood photos the facilitators have prepared. They wrote letters to their younger selves, having an honest conversation about who they've become and what they once promised—a deeply emotional exercise in a safe, introspective space.

Tribe Time followed as a soft landing, with delegates gathered in a sacred circle, still holding their photos. Invited to share what surfaced—forgotten dreams, pressures that steered them off course, or quiet pride in their journey—they listened without judgment, finding their own stories echoed in others. What began as private reckoning transformed into collective healing, turning raw emotion into a powerful bond of shared vulnerability and connection.

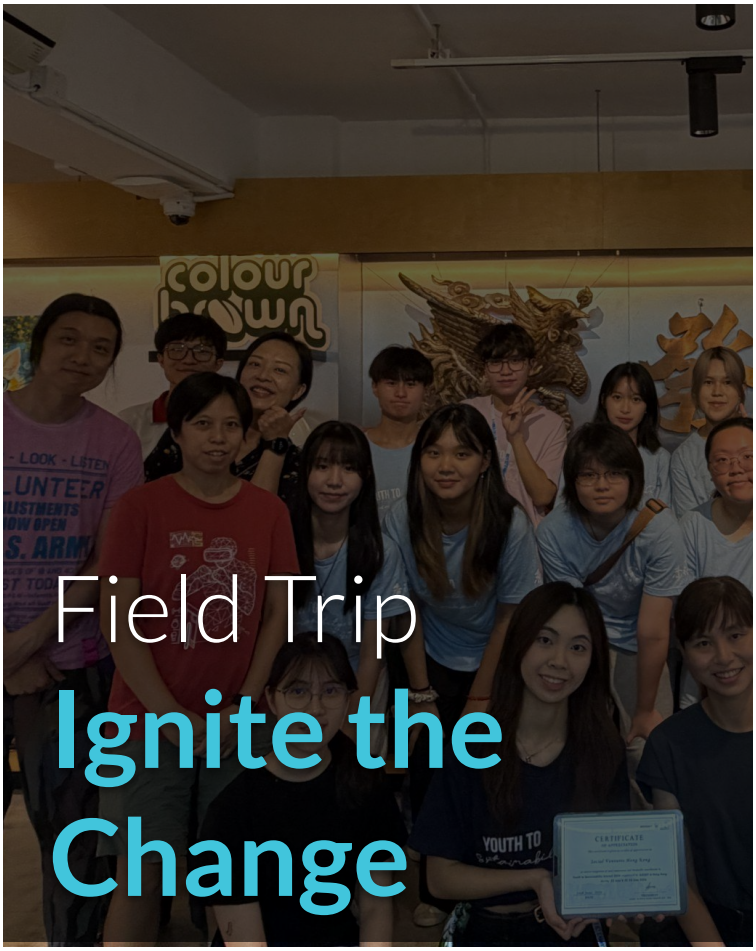
The session leads delegates to have a conversation with themselves. Delegates were first guided on a reflective journey that begins with their earliest memories — learning to speak, kindergarten, and writing about future dreams—before tracing how those aspirations were reshaped by grades and reality. The path moved forward through university, career, family, and retirement, culminating in a final moment where their whole life flashed before them.





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DAY 2



Field Trip
Ignite the Change

The field trip aimed to deepen delegates' understanding of how real organizations tackle community issues through sustainable operations and an entrepreneurial mindset. By visiting social enterprises and non-profit organizations, delegates experienced first-hand how missions, problem statements, and business models translate into daily operations. Delegates were able to see how complex social problems can be addressed step by step, even when there were no prior examples to follow. This immersive learning journey inspired them to see problems as opportunities and to envision themselves as future changemakers in this growing sector.







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Field Trip
Ignite the Change

Track 1: Arts and Culture



M+ Museum

M+ hosted a guided visit that introduced delegates to sustainability focused exhibitions, showing how upcycling can transform everyday “waste” into functional and artistic creations while also empowering underprivileged communities through creative reuse. The experience inspired delegates to see sustainability as a powerful artistic language and to reflect on Hong Kong’s evolving cultural landscape.

Social Ventures Hong Kong

SVhk identified a pressing need for innovative, cross-sector collaboration in response to the district's rapid demographic changes and commercial redevelopment. As the neighbourhood grew more diverse, the team launched SSP District CoLab as an intensive experimental sprint to pilot bottom-up efforts and collectively reimagine the neighbourhood's future needs and possibilities.

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Field Trip
Ignite the Change

Track 2: Green Tech

Modern Terminals Limited

Modern Terminals hosted a field trip at their Administrative Building followed by an tour of the terminals, demonstrating how they integrate sustainability and green technology into port operations. The experience inspired delegates to view eco-efficiency as an essential standard for global.

New Life Plastics Ltd.

New Life Plastics, Hong Kong's first food-grade-ready plastics recycling facility, transforme post-consumer plastic bottles into rPET flakes, highlighted advanced sorting, washing, and processing systems, showing how large-scale recycling supports waste management.

Track 3: Waste Management

SAGE TEA

SAGE TEA, as the smallest drink factory in the Asia Pacific Region, upcycles their unused leftover fruits to turn them into flavourful tea drinks stored in aluminum cans, which are one of the most eco-friendly and highly recyclable materials.

WEEE Park

WEEE stands for Waste, Electrical, Electronic and Equipment. They repair and donate unwanted electronics to those in need, while unfixable items after removing toxic chemicals will be reused. The tour showcases the process of these electronics turning back into useful materials.



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Spark Builders

This session placed delegates in an imagined doomsday scenario where they had been starving for days and were surrounded by zombies. They came across a supermarket and rushed in to find food, only to encounter a large zombie obsessed with Taylor Swift and Labubu blocking their way.



Delegates were asked to brainstorm individually, generating as many ideas as possible to obtain the food. They then passed their papers to group members one by one. Each had one minute to build details on the existing ideas instead of adding a new one.
Through brainstorming, building on ideas, sharing, discussion, and evaluation, delegates experienced the process of ideation. The ideas evolved over time, becoming more refined and often very different from the initial ones.



As they were preparing for their final showcase, this session helped them develop ideas and problem statements. It also emphasized the importance of focusing on the problem and its root causes first, while continuously evaluating solutions and revisiting earlier steps. This approach encouraged deeper thinking and helped address problems at their core pain points.

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Keynote from
BEAM Society Limited

YS26 was honoured to partner with BEAM Society Limited (BSL), the independent non-profit developer and owner of BEAM Plus, Hong Kong's leading green building rating system. BSL plays a pivotal role in embedding sustainability into building design, construction, and operations, while aligning closely with Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050 and SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities.



In the keynote session, Ms. Irene Leung shared BSL's vision for a carbon-neutral community and introduced the BEAM Plus assessment framework as a practical tool to drive healthier, more resilient cities. She highlighted how green buildings can improve air quality, community well-being, and long-term climate resilience for future generations.



Mr. Kelvin Tang then turned to youth and career development, outlining clear professional pathways in the sustainable building sector. He explained how green accreditation and programmes such as BEAM Affiliate can enhance employability, open doors to interdisciplinary roles, and position young people to lead industry best practices in ESG and sustainability. Through practical advice and an engaging Q&A, the session empowered delegates to see green building not only as a public good, but also as a meaningful and attainable career direction.



Hong Kong Night



On Hong Kong Night, we took everyone back to the game booth days and enjoyed different booth games. The Night was a fun-filled evening as we transformed the venue to bring back the classic vibes! Delegates were dressed in iconic Hong Kong styled wears and enjoyed the vibe and sounds of the games through our live performances and carnival surroundings.





A huge shoutout to our incredible sponsors, Vitasoy and Ryukakusan, for keeping us fueled with delicious treats! We also indulged in local favorites like authentic Wonton noodles, truly celebrating the best of HK culture.



To top it all off, we would like to thank ***Kawing*** for joining us with a live performance. It truly elevated the atmosphere, bringing high energy and creating the perfect backdrop for a night filled with laughter and celebration.



Special thanks to Canon Hong Kong for capturing these priceless memories with their Instant Photo Shoot and Print Service during the event, as well as sponsoring the prizes for all of our winning teams.



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DAY 3

Human Library

From Spark to Mission

The Human Library aimed to give delegates a candid, behind-the-scenes look at different changemakers' journeys while fostering a deeper understanding of sustainable design and social impact. In a relaxed, small-group setting, secondary and university students rotated between guest speakers in timed rounds, listening to short personal sharings before joining focused Q&A sessions on real projects and lived experiences.



Delegates were encouraged to bring in their ongoing summit projects, ask specific questions, and seek advice on challenges they were facing, turning the space into a live "consultation corner" anchored in SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. Through this interactive format, participants gained new professional perspectives, refined their ideas with external input, and built confidence to continue developing their solutions beyond the session.











Human Library

Track 1: Arts and Culture



Demi Herder
Founder
The Art Bridge Hub

Demi shared how they create art spaces for individuals to express themselves without pressure. Through these spaces, they emphasised genuine connection, self-discovery, and community based change as key to sustaining arts and culture.



Riyah Mahbubani
Travel/Lifestyle
Content Creator

Riyah, who uncovers hidden gems in Hong Kong, shared her inspiring journey from being discouraged to content creation. Her story deeply empowered youths to pursue their passions, prioritizing curiosity and process over outcome.



Eugenia LAW
Associate Curator of
Learning and Community
CHAT

Eugenia, Associate Curator at CHAT, shared how they weave heritage, arts, and textiles into community workshops and tours. Through these initiatives, the public's awareness on reducing clothing waste can be continuously raised.

Track 2: Green Tech



Andy Chu Kong
Program Manager
Greenpeace East Asia

Andy shared his experience in campaigning and attention capturing in social issues. He also shared his unique perspective and encouraged teams to consider the unique selling point of their solutions.



Jennifer Cheng
Sustainability &
Communications Manager
New Life Plastics Ltd.

Jennifer shared how its pioneering eco-plant uses advanced technology to process post-consumer PET and HDPE bottles into high-quality recycled flakes, effectively enabling a local "bottle-to-bottle" circular economy loop.



David Lo
Head, Environmental
Intelligence and Excellence
HKPC

David shared his experience in supporting projects through AI applications, funding and real-life application, including a project involved in robotics water tank management.

Human Library

Track 3: Waste Management



Lammei Lam
Education Senior Officer
Plastic Free Seas

Lammei, represents a local organization that has raised environmental awareness across schools for thirteen years. She shares their actions, like recently collecting and recycling over 125 kg of plastic waste at a single event.



Jenny Quinton
Founder
Ark Eden Foundation

Jenny shared with delegates how they conduct large-scale worm composting to upcycle organic waste and teach ecological restoration. Delegates got the chance to hold the worms during the session.



Phoebe Wong
Director
Eco Concepts

ECO Concepts, a provider of ESG focused sustainable products and circularity services, shared how their innovative solution uses smart tracking and fast, chemical-free onsite dishwashers to turn single-use waste into a thing of the past.

General Track



Kayley Leung
Founder
Sustainable Lab HK

Kaylee shared how her homegrown environmental consultancy makes climate action approachable through exhibitions, workshops, and community talks. She highlighted how hands-on upcycling and storytelling can turn everyday awareness into practical, people-centred action for a more sustainable Hong Kong.



Arthur Yeung
Co-Founder
V'air Sustainability Education

Arthur from V'air, a youth-led sustainability organization founded after COP21 work centres on place-based experiences, public education, policy advocacy, and youth empowerment . He highlighted how they empower schools and the public through tailored eco-tours, experiential programs, and impactful climate advocacy.

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Design Thinking Workshop 2

The second design thinking workshop kick-started with a couple of questions to the delegates regarding their choices of how they would approach puzzling situations—specifically, whether they lean toward high-risk, high-reward ideas ("out-of-the-box" creativity) or disciplined, incremental improvements ("in-the-box" creativity). This led delegates to realize that a successful team needs both styles to balance innovative impact with execution, highlighting the need for a bridge between the two.





Designed to prepare delegates for the upcoming public showcase, the session gave groups a fast-paced taste of pitching. In just 30 minutes, teams mapped out their problem statements, target audiences, solutions, and execution plans on flip charts, before delivering 3-minute presentations followed by 1-minute peer Q&A and feedback. After the exercise, delegates refined their ideas through reflection and feedback, leaving the session with stronger solutions and newfound pitching confidence.





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Mentorship Session 2

As the final presentation was approaching, delegates entered a critical phase to finalise their ideas. We were very grateful to have 4 representatives from EcoCeres return as mentors, helping students understand track specifics and prompting them to explore from different perspectives.

Backed by years of business experience, mentors encouraged teams to go beyond basic brainstorming and focus on practical execution. They urged delegates to back their ideas with data, define target audiences, address safety concerns, and evaluate financial viability. The session also delved into marketing and communication, with mentors sharing practical pitching advice on engaging judges and delivering a clear, impactful message. This reality check proved immensely valuable, turning rough ideas into polished, well-rounded proposals and boosting students' confidence as they prepared to take the stage.

Our Mentors



Ferrand Cunningham
Director - Corporate & Marketing Communications



Judy Wong
Vice President - Sales & Marketing, Advanced Biofuels



Sally Ho
Project Officer - Technology, Research & Innovation



Sukie Lau
Vice President - Human Resources



To close all sessions in YS26, the final space was designed as a self-reflective journey that compared navigating life to walking through a maze. The session began with delegates physically passing through a maze, evoking uncertainty, fear, and finally a sense of relief upon reaching the end.

The Flickering Spark



Afterward, the facilitator shared her own "maze" as a high school student choosing future studies. From feeling overwhelmed when she did not enter her dream university to eventually enjoying her current major, she realised—through her AIESEC experience—that she values emotional connection and hopes to support others through law.

This story reinforced the message that everyone can eventually find a way through their maze, and that each twist and setback can still lead toward a personal spark. The session encouraged delegates to remain resilient and optimistic when facing adversity, trusting that, over time, their paths will align with who they are and what they care about most.



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DAY 4
Public Showcasing

The Youth Impact Showcasing was undoubtedly the highlight of the entire Summit. This event provided a platform for the homegroups to present their innovative ideas, developed after five days of intensive exploration and understanding of various social issues in Hong Kong.

Following the presentations, teams received feedback from the judges, offering valuable insights on how to further elevate their ideas. The Showcasing featured three awards. The track winners were selected by the judges, while the most innovative award was sponsored by Canon Hong Kong. The most popular award was a special recognition, where all the delegates and public visitors had the opportunity to vote for their favorite idea after visiting the different booths.

The judging criteria were based on four areas. They are creativity, dedication, social impact, and teamwork. The pitches were judged by the group's storytelling methodology and the solution itself. How well the groups understood the problem space and how sustainable the solutions were some of the main focuses for the judges to rate the groups' ideas.

The Youth Impact Showcasing was not just a competition, but a celebration of hard work, innovation, and collaboration. It was an inspiring display of the delegates' commitment to creating positive change in their communities, demonstrating that everyone has the potential to make a significant impact, regardless of age or the size of the action they take.



Public Showcasing

Judges of the Day



Hou Chung Ming, Louis
Executive Director
KELY Support Group



Him Lo,
Chief Curator,
"In Time Of" programme



Charis Poon,
Teaching Fellow,
PolyU Communication and Social Design



Emily Kwong
Engagement Director
International Chamber of Sustainable Development



Jonathan Choy,
Associate Director,
Talent & Career Advisory,
HKSTP



Candy Mau,
Director of Corporate Communications and General Administration,
Canon Hong Kong



Kenny Ng
Vice President of Feedstock Sourcing (China)
EcoCeres



Phoebe Wong
Director
Eco Concepts



Michael Ching
Head of Climate Technology and Innovation
HKPC

Winning Projects



Best Arts and Culture

Group A3 - FairMatch HK

Ryan, Jessie, Ethan, Chloe, Lisa, Valerie, Barsha

This project aims to provide a prevention-first digital platform that improves workforce integration for ethnic minorities in Hong Kong. Users can utilize an automated job-ad scanner to identify unverified language requirements and connect with inclusive employers. This initiative aims to reduce pre-employment discrimination, promote transparent hiring practices, and empower young job seekers to secure sustainable career mobility.



Best Green Tech & Best Innovation Award

Group G8 - Furnify

Matthew, Rikisha, Bosco, Jasmine, Abby, Aidan, Vienna

This project aims to provide flexible and eco-friendly home solutions to urban residents when they are moving apartments. Users can use the Furnify app to directly configure, expand, or trade in their modular furniture, and large-scale 3D printers will print or melt down the pieces using upcycled bio-composites. This could eliminate modern furniture waste in landfills and provide high-quality, lifelong design to households.



Best Waste Management

Group W9 - Rethread Hong Kong

Jovanna, Julia, Kathy, Bernice, Cherry, Hilary, Karina

This team aims to tackle the growing issue of fast fashion by transforming discarded clothing into valuable resources. Through a large-scale process of collection, systematic recycling, thorough sanitisation, and material extraction, used garments are given a second life. Instead of ending up in landfills, these textiles are carefully processed and remade into new, wearable clothing.



Best Popular Award

Group W11 - Waste 2 Luxury

Kelly, Dayton, Ellie, Charlene, Lenna, Serena, Ian

This project aims to transform everyday plastic waste into luxurious diamonds. Through a comprehensive collection process and using high tech machines, creating guilt-free diamonds that allow consumers to consume without worrying about the unethical mining process behind a diamond.

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