

Fact Sheet: The “Dragon 100” 2026 — Cultural Exchange Trip for Ethnic Chinese Youth to Hong Kong and Yunnan, China

Are you a passionate ethnic Chinese youth looking for a unique exchange programme? This is your chance to join outstanding peers from around the world for an unforgettable, immersive experience in Hong Kong and Yunnan(雲南), China.

1. What is the “Dragon 100”?

The "Dragon 100" is a prestigious annual programme that brings together a cohort of 100 ethnic Chinese future leaders. For one week, you'll explore cutting-edge sustainable projects, engage with experts, and build a powerful global network, all while deepening your understanding of Chinese culture and development.

2. Why You Should Apply: The 2026 Experience

- **Theme: Heritage in a Changing Economy** (文化傳承與現代產業) – Explore how culture, diversity, and innovation thrive together in Yunnan.
- **Travel & Learn:** Immerse yourself in **Kunming (昆明), Dali (大理) and Lijiang (麗江)** – where history, nature, and rapid development meet.
- **Go Behind the Scenes:** Meet intangible cultural heritage, visit minority villages, and learn from Yunnan’s innovative green and inclusive development projects.
- **Make a Difference:** Reflect on identity, development, and global responsibility; discover your role as a youth leader.
- **Build Your Network:** Forge lifelong friendships with a diverse and ambitious group of peers from across the globe.

3. Key Itinerary & Dates (2–8 August 2026)

- 2 August: Hong Kong - Commissioning & Seminar, Exploration Activities
- 3-8 August: Yunnan – Corporate/university visit, intangible cultural heritage experience, and review of multi-ethnic culture.

4. Who We're Looking For

Eligibility: Ethnic Chinese aged 18-40.

Selection criteria include

- Outstanding academic results or strong professional background;
- Demonstrated leadership excellence and non-academic talents;
- Track record of community service and extracurricular achievements is an advantage.

5. Original Programme Fee: HK\$6,000.

Discounted Prices

- **HK\$4,500**, for **Early Birds** who complete registration by **31 May**.
- **HK\$2,800**, for those who reside in **Asia** other than China.
- **HK\$2,000**, for those who reside in **other parts of the world** (Europe, North America, South America, Oceania, Africa).

Payment should be settled after our selection process. We will notify successful applicants. The fee includes:

- Hong Kong: allowance for meals and public transportation;
- Chinese Mainland: all main meals, domestic transportation;
- Whole Trip: all shared-room accommodation and activity costs.

Participants are responsible for covering their own costs on: transport to and from Hong Kong; travel insurance for the entire trip; visas, data cards and all other necessary travel and health documents where applicable.

How to Apply

This Programme requires a nomination. Please submit the **nomination form** by email to info@dragonfoundation.net.

Your next steps:

1. **Find a Nominator:** This is typically a **professor, faculty advisor, or university administrator; your supervisor at your company; your coordinator of your volunteering organisation** who knows you and your qualifications well.
2. **Talk to Them:** Share this fact sheet and explain why you are a perfect candidate for this Programme. Ask them to support your application.
3. **Submit Your Application:** Use the link below. Ensure you have your nominator's details ready.

Application Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/xNQ6A1SuHS>

Deadline: 16 June 2026 (11:59 PM HKT)

About The Dragon Foundation

The Programme is organised by The Dragon Foundation, which was set up in Hong Kong by the then Home Affairs Bureau, the then Home Affairs Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups in 2000. The Dragon Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organisation with a long-term commitment to nurturing young people of Chinese origin worldwide as leaders of tomorrow. Website: dragonfoundation.net.

Previous programme reference:

“Dragon 100” 2025 –
Drops of the Future: Sustainability



The Commissioning Ceremony was officiated by:

Ms Annie TAM, Honorary Secretary, The Dragon Foundation;

Mr Geoffrey TANG, Deputy Executive Manager, Mainland Affairs, The Hong Kong Jockey Club;

Mr HO Kai-ming, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare;

Ms HSU Siu-man, Director of The Dragon Foundation;

Mr Lester HUANG, Chairman, The Dragon Foundation;

Mr Vincent CHEUNG, Acting Deputy Director, Hong Kong Talent Engage;

Mr WONG Yi-yeh, Deputy Division Chief, Department of Youth Affairs of the LOCPG in the Hong Kong SAR.

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Drops of the Future: Sustainability



Canadian delegate Skye thanked Mr Clarence Leung, Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, for sharing the government’s vision and roadmap for youth development, as well as engaging in an insightful exchange of views and listening to young people’s feedback and perspectives.



Delegates visited Visit Tai Po Water Treatment Works to learn about the 60-year Dongjiang Water Supply Project.



Delegates actively shared their insights at the Act Now! Design Thinking Workshop.

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Prof Julie Li, Vice President of City University of Hong Kong (Dongguan), warmly received the delegates and shared insights on the Role of Higher Education in Green Talents Nurturing.



Delegates exchanged views with student representatives (City University of Hong Kong (Dongguan)), fostering solidarity among ethnic Chinese youth.



Delegates visited the Dongguan Binhai Bay Hong Kong & Macau Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Base. Dr Samson Tam Wai-ho, Founding Partner of Zebra, shared insights on future innovation and sustainable development.

Previous programme reference:

“Dragon 100” 2024 –
Charming Hangzhou - Discovering the Classic and Modern Culture of Hangzhou



Mr Clement WOO, Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, officiated at the Commissioning Ceremony.



The delegates visited Cainiao to learn about e-commerce and logistics transportation.



The delegates visited Mango TV and learnt about the development of Gaming Industry.

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The delegates visited the Zhejiang Intangible Cultural Heritage Museum to learn about historical culture.



Mr Terence LAU Ming-Tak, Director of Zhejiang Liaison Unit of Hong Kong Government, greeted delegates at the Dinner Reception.



The delegates performed group cultural performances and had a farewell dinner.