2020 International Carnival on Learning in Networked Communities
(2020 iLINC Carnival)

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Introduction

APEC Cyber Academy (ACA, http://linc.hinet.net/apec/) is an international networked learning environment designed specifically for K-12 students. The primary goal of ACA is to provide learner-centric, collaborative, ICT-rich, and global learning experiences to K-12 students and teachers around the world. Launched in 2002, ACA is currently hosted by the Pathfinder Networked Learning Lab at the National University of Tainan and is under auspices of the Ministry of Education of Chinese Taipei (Taiwan). With its outstanding networked learning environment and high-quality digital content, as of April 2020, ACA has already attracted more than twenty thousand international users from various corners of the world.

ACA hosts an annual, international, and online contest program, which entitles “International Carnival on Learning in Networked Communities” (iLINC Carnival). The approximate ten-week event for 2020 will start on September 6 and wrap up on November 10. The contest program, which is dedicated to K-12 students specifically, is composed of two pillars: (1) How Can We Make the World More Inclusive and Sustainable? Striving for SDGs (UN SDGs), and (2) International Journalists. The UN SDGs are team-based projects and will accept group entry only. In contrast, the International Journalists is pertaining to personal efforts and accepts individual application only.

The goals of the contest program are aiming at both fostering global competence and fertilizing UN SDGs among K-12 students. We invite teachers around the globe to lead and facilitate their students to join us in this contest. It is our tacit goal that through the contest program, we want to demonstrate to the world that our young students are able to make a significant contribution to the world together with the exploitation of ICT.
The Prerequisite Task

Before taking part in the iLINC Carnival, all prospective participants are required to pass a prerequisite task, which is the Survivor Online. The Survivor Online is a game that allows participants to learn about online safety and proper etiquette. Each participant must pass the game before being able to proceed to the contest activity of the iLINC Carnival.

How Can We Make the World More Inclusive and Sustainable?

Striving for SDGs (UN SDGs)

There are four course units in project-based learning genre under this category. To enroll in any one of these course units, students need to form a team of 5 to 20 first. Participants should take on weekly learning tasks, complete assignments collaboratively, and perform peer evaluation or interpersonal interaction through communication tools provided by ACA inside course units.

For encouraging students to work together across boarder and demonstrate their collaborative skills with ICT, teams that are initiated by students and composed of members from different countries will be awarded with bonus points in the final evaluation.

International Journalists

Students are invited to play the role of local correspondents for their classes or schools and tell the world the intriguing stories of their communities. After applying and accepted as ACA international journalists, participants need to try their best to tell stories on how to put up their efforts to fulfill UN SDGs in their local communities.

Awards and Prizes

The performance of each team or individual participating in the contest will be evaluated based on evaluation guideline respectively. The winning teams and individuals will receive both certificate of merit issued by ACA and certain prizes. ACA will host an award gala and conference for contest participants in Taiwan around March, 2021. Detailed information about the gala and conference will be posted on ACA website by the end of January 2021.

PLEASE COME ONBOARD AND JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!

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