



## **2018 International Learning in Networked Community (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, and international learning experiences to K-12 students and teachers around the world. Launched in 2002, ACA is currently hosted by the National University of Tainan under auspices of the Ministry of Education of Chinese Taipei (Taiwan). With its outstanding networked learning environment and high quality digital content, ACA has already attracted many international users. As of June 2018, ACA has over 20,000 registered learners from various corners of the world.

ACA hosts an annual, international, online contest program, which entitled “International Learning in Networked Community Carnival (iLINC Carnival). The approximate ten-week event for 2018 will start on September 16 and end on December 1. The contest program, which is dedicated to K-12 students specifically, is composed of two pieces: (1) How to Make the World More Inclusive and Sustainable? Striving for SDGs (UN SDGs), and (2) International Journalists. The UN SDGs is a team project and will only accept group entries. In contrast, the International Journalists is pertaining to personal efforts and accepts individual entries only.

The goals of the contest program are aiming at both fostering global competence and fertilizing UN SDGs among K-12 students. We encourage teachers around the globe to lead and facilitate their students to take part in the contest. It is our tacit goal that we want to demonstrate to the world with the contest program that young students could make a significant contribution to the world together with the exploitation of ICT.



## ■ **The Prerequisite Task**

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

## ■ **How to Make the World More Inclusive and Sustainable? Striving for SDGs (UN SDGs)**

There are several course units under this category. Which unit or how many units do you want to take part in? That is up to your decision! To enroll in any one of these course units, students need to form a team of 5 to 20 first. In all course units, participants have to take on weekly learning tasks, complete assignments collaboratively, and perform interpersonal interaction through ACA's communication tools.

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

## ■ **International Journalists**

Students are invited to play the role of local correspondents for their classes or schools and telling the world the intriguing stories of their communities. After applying and accepting as ACA international journalists, participants of the program need to try their best to tell stories using ICT, especially stories of their efforts on fulfilling 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 rubrics respectively. The winning teams and individuals will be awarded 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, 2019. Detailed information will be posted on ACA website.

## ■ **PLEASE COME ON BOARD AND JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!**

**For more details about the contest program, please visit the APEC Cyber Academy at <http://linc.hinet.net/apec/> or e-mail: [apec.best@msa.hinet.net](mailto:apec.best@msa.hinet.net)**