

~ Leadership Training in Japan ~

IATSS FORUM

Application Booklet

The 57th & 58th Forum, 2017



~ Fostering Young Leaders from Southeast Asia ~

International **A**ssociation of **T**raffic and **S**afety **S**ciences

Application for the 57th & 58th IATSS Forum Program in 2017

1. Period:

57th IATSS Forum: *May – July, 2017 (57days)

58th IATSS Forum: *September – November, 2017 (57days)

* Schedule is subject to change.

* We can not guarantee which season's forum you will be able to participate in

2. Participating Countries:

Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

3. Allocation:

The 57th IATSS Forum

Total number of participants: 18

Cambodia	2	Indonesia	2	Laos	2	Malaysia	2
Myanmar	2	Philippines	2	Singapore	2	Thailand	2
Vietnam	2						

The 58th IATSS Forum

Total number of participants: 18

Cambodia	2	Indonesia	2	Laos	2	Malaysia	2
Myanmar	2	Philippines	2	Singapore	2	Thailand	2
Vietnam	2						

4. Eligibility:

- Applicants must be from one of the above mentioned countries and possess the physical and mental capabilities necessary to participate fully in program activities.
- Applicants should be **35 years old or younger** at the time of the closing date of the application.
- Applicants should have **at least 2 years of full-time professional job experience** at the time of the application and be eligible for **reinstatement to his/her current position** after completing the program.
- Applicants should have sufficient English skills and cultural adaptability to live and study abroad.
- Applicants must travel to Japan unaccompanied.

5. Application Procedure:

- 1) Applications are accepted once a year.
- 2) Basic application period: **from February 1st, 2016 to June 30th, 2016.**
- 3) Application documents: All documents are to be sent to the applicant's Country Committee Secretariat.
 - IATSS Forum Application Form
 - 2 Photos (4 cm x 3 cm, name on the back)

- 2 Recommendation Forms (A4) (One of them should be from your direct supervisor at your present job)
- 2 Essays (A4 size)
- Certificate of English Proficiency (if possible)

6. Selection:

There are two screenings and an interview.

1. Initial Screening : (July, 2016)
Examination of application documents by the IATSS Forum Country Committee
2. Second Screening: (August-September, 2016)
Examination of application documents by the IATSS Forum Steering Committee in Japan
3. Final Interview: (November to December, 2016)
Interview with prospective applicants by the IATSS Forum Steering Committee and the IATSS Forum Country Committee, in their country

7. Other terms and conditions:

1. The IATSS Forum Steering Committee retains the right to make the final decision on participation in the program.
2. Only those applicants who have successfully passed screening at each stage will be contacted.
3. The IATSS Forum Steering Committee will specify participant arrival and departure dates.

※ For more information please refer to our IATSS Forum brochure or our website:

<http://www.iatssforum.jp/en/>

Instructions for Application

I. Application Requirement

You need to submit the following documents in order to apply for the IATSS Forum.

1. Application Form for 57th and 58th IATSS Forum in 2017

⇒ Fill out the attached application form **clearly in English with a black pen (Do not use cursive styled writing).**

2. Essays

⇒ Attach two short essays on the given topics.

⇒ Refer to the explanation section in the next page.

3. Recommendation Form

⇒ Attach 2 letters of recommendation from your employers, professors, or teachers. One of them should be from your direct supervisor at your present job.

⇒ Use the attached recommendation form.

4. Two Photos (4cm×3cm)

⇒ One recent photo (no more than 6 months old) should be pasted (not stapled) to the application form.

⇒ Write your name on the back of the photos.

5. A Copy of a Certificate (if you have any)

⇒ Attach a copy of a certificate indicating your level of English proficiency, if you have one. (TOEFL, TOEIC etc.)

II. Submission of Application Documents

Submit the required documents (explained above) to your IATSS Forum Country Committee Secretariat. (As for the address, check the final page of this application booklet.)

III. Instruction for Essay Preparation

Please follow the instructions below:

1. Read the concept of the IATSS Forum in the IATSS Forum brochure or website.
2. Based on your understanding of the IATSS Forum's concept, write 2 essays on the following topics.
3. Follow the required format.

Essay Topics:

1st Essay:

We are interested in how you deal with difficult challenges. Please outline one of the most difficult challenges that you have faced (either in your personal or professional life) and explain clearly how you approached it and what you learned from this experience (This should be written from your own perspective, rather than that of your group, company or country).

2nd Essay:

If you participated in the IATSS Forum program, how would you contribute to your community or your field when you returned to your country (taking into consideration the experience and knowledge you attained during your time at the IATSS Forum).

Required Format:

- 1) One A4 page for each essay
- 2) Within **500** words for each essay
- 3) Typed in Microsoft Office Word
- 4) Single-spaced
- 5) Font size: 11
- 6) Font: Times New Roman
- 7) Write the essays in English

Note: If your essay is longer than ONE PAGE per each essay, it will not be evaluated.

FAQ regarding the IATSS Forum

<Eligibility for participation in the IATSS Forum>

Q1: What are the qualifications required to participate in the IATSS Forum?

A1: Basically, anyone who is 35 years old or younger at the closing date of the application can participate in the program, if she/he has two years of full-time professional experience, can communicate with others in English, and has a mind to think and learn together in cooperation with other participants.

Please refer to “4.Eligibility” (page2) on the application form for more details about qualifications.

Q.2-1: I am a student. Do I have the proper qualification requirements?

A.2-1: No. If you are a student, and not working full time you are not qualified to apply to IATSS Forum. Please apply it after you have gained 2 years of professional experience.

Q.2-2: I am a student but I have 2 years of professional experience and I am not working now. Do I have the proper qualification requirements?

A.2-2: No, because we need to get a certificate of reinstatement from a company/ organization that you belong to.

Q.2-3: I am working but I go to school while working. Do I have the proper qualification requirements?

A.2-3: Yes. If you can be reinstated to your current position in your company/organization after completion of the program, as well as meet the other qualification requirements you will be able to apply to IATSS Forum.

<Application & Screening>

Q3: From what point of view does the IATSS Forum do the screenings?

A3: In the interview, IATSS Forum appreciates applicants' ability to express their opinions clearly. Also, we focus on whether the applicants are open-minded towards other points of view and able to contribute on both an individual and a group level. From this point of view, we try to select people from a variety of backgrounds and fields to avoid homogeneous groups.

Q4: I am Malaysian, and living in Singapore at the moment. Which country committee should I apply to, Malaysia or Singapore?

A4: Please apply to the Malaysian Country Committee. If you have passed the second screening, you will have a final interview in Malaysia as well. This is because participants will be selected as representatives of their nations.

<Programs>

Q5: As the IATSS Forum is organized by IATSS (International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences), do the contents of the program only focus on traffic related issues or any specific field?

- A5: No. The IATSS Forum program has a general theme of *society with high mobility*. However, we do not only focus on traffic or safety issues. We aim to give participants many opportunities to broaden their knowledge in a variety of fields, and offer them a chance to tackle a variety of issues. Q6: I have heard that the IATSS Forum provides a leadership training program for promising young people from ASEAN countries. Could you please tell me a little more about this program?
- A6: The IATSS Forum fosters the development of participants leadership skills which can “produce new value from diversity.” The IATSS Forum considers a “leader” to be “a person who, in striving towards a goal, is capable of bringing out the strengths of a group to their fullest.” Therefore, “leadership” is “the ability to maximize a group’s potential by effectively applying its strengths to their utmost, leading to the attainment of a goal.”
- Q7: What is your teaching methodology as regards the Leadership Program?
- A7: We believe in learning through experience and as such we provide participants with opportunities to obtain leadership skills naturally, on their own. We do this through a variety of programs such as “Group Study,” “Seminars,” “Field Study” and “International Exchange Activities.” The role of the IATSS Forum is to empower young professionals from ASEAN countries to cultivate leadership knowhow, by giving them a place to practice it. Our motto, “Thinking and Learning Together,” has served as the core concept of the Forum since its foundation. It is our hope that participants will be able to actualize this motto through engaging in these programs where they will have the opportunity to act, take in new information and learn on their own. We believe they will be able to make many new discoveries through their experiences and observations and, in the end, come to a mutual understanding on matters through discussions with other future Asian Leaders.
- Q8: I have heard that, at the IATSS Forum, there are no tests to complete the program, nor a declaration of ranking regarding the participants’ performances. Why is that? In that case, will no one be evaluating or giving advice for improvement? Will the performance of the participants not be reported to their supervisors?
- A8: IATSS Forum does not evaluate participants or rank them. Because the purpose of IATSS Forum is not to obtain knowledge or information, we do not have tests to check how much knowledge or information the participants have acquired. IATSS Forum is a place where participants cooperate with each other. Moreover, IATSS Forum does not report anything to the participants’ supervisors. Participants can evaluate themselves on how deeply and broadly they have thought through a lot of discussion in seminars or Group Study. During the IATSS Forum program, the participants will have a lot of opportunities to think and discuss issues in meeting their ASEAN neighbors and Japanese people, touching on Japan’s current situation, and tackling various ASEAN issues from a global perspective. The objective of IATSS Forum is to deepen participants’ understanding by thinking and discussing things together on the basis of knowledge or information.

<Others>

- Q9: After completing the IATSS Forum program, I would like to visit some places before leaving Japan; may I have permission to do so?
- Q10: On the way back home from Japan, may I drop by some other countries? Of course, I do not mind paying the necessary expenses.

A9&10:No. Participants must return to their home country by the designated date, on the designated airline. Your training visa permits you to stay in Japan only during the program period. In addition, your primary purpose should be to participate in the program, and after that to be reinstated to your current job, to put what you have gained at IATSS Forum into practical use. From this point of view, the IATSS Forum requests that you return straight home right after the program.

Q11: Who bears the expenses related to the IATSS Forum program?

A11: The IATSS Forum pays for the round trip airfare, participation fees for the program, accommodations, and almost all food expenses, etc. Participants need to pay for their personal expenses and part of their food expenses. More detailed information regarding the burden of expense is written in the "Letter of Agreement" which will be given to successful candidates after the final screening.

Q12: After completion of the IATSS Forum program, will participants be involved in any particular activity?

A12: After completion of the IATSS Forum program, Participants will join the IATSS Forum alumni association in their home country. These organizations offer a place to continue sharing a wealth of experience through networks of alumni that span a broad range of ages and occupational fields. Active alumni associations in each country provide opportunities for alumnus to get together and exchange the latest information from various fields. Alumni activities also include informational sessions for prospective applicants and NGO-type community services, such as English lessons or traffic safety education for disadvantaged children.

★On this sheet, only frequently asked questions are written. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your country committee secretary at any time.

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