



5th General Meeting
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Nurturing Future Water Leaders



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Background of the Situation

- There are millions of youth found in the Asia Pacific (45% amounting to 700 million youth)
- Indeed, young people across Asia and the Pacific are getting actively involved in volunteerism to promote the development of communities



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Issues / Challenges



Engaging and Empowering Millions of Youth in Asia Pacific

- Utilize the media where they most often use for interaction
- Speak in a youthful way
- Touch into their competitiveness and creativity
- Provide Mentorship
- Maintain positive communication-relationship with them

Mindset of Organizations

- Viewing youth as a risk to viewing youth as an opportunity
- Viewing youth involvement as an asset and not as a liability

Summary

- Consider a top-down and a bottom-up approach
- Learn to meet each other halfway