

2025 Human Asia Global Student Paper Competition

Human Asia, established in 2006, is an NGO registered under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Korea. Human Asia aims to establish a human rights protection mechanism and contribute to the sustainable advancement of human rights in Asia. Under this goal, Human Asia has been holding the Student Paper Competition as part of its human rights education project since 2016. In the past Competitions, the topics addressed upon Technology and Human Rights (2024); North Korea and Human Rights (2023); Climate Crisis and Human Rights (2022); and COVID-19, Vaccines and Human Rights (2021). Human Asia aims to foster future generation researchers who will contribute to the advancement of human rights, and provide opportunities for students to grow as human rights leaders. This contest is hosted and organized by Human Asia and Korea University International Human Rights Center, and sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Korea, Jeongam Foundation, Ildong Pharmaceuticals, and DYPNF.

The 2025 Human Asia Global Student Paper Competition calls for papers on the theme of **‘Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in Asia’**. Asia has a wide range of aspects, including different economic development levels, political systems, social structures, and cultural backgrounds. This diversity creates significant differences in how each country understands and realizes economic, social, and cultural rights. The multifaceted and complexity of Asia further highlights the importance of discussions on realizing these rights in Asia.

In particular, the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) stipulates the obligation to realize such rights. Countries in Asia are making efforts to implement such rights, however many are still at a declaration level or lack practical measures for realization. We hope that this Competition will be an opportunity for students to explore academic and practical considerations for the advancement of such rights in the Asian region. We look forward to original papers embedding various research methods. Any new and creative perspectives are greatly welcomed.

We look forward to your participation and wish you the best of luck.

Changrok Soh
President of Human Asia
Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee

1. General Instructions

1.1. Topic: Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in Asia

1.2. Schedule

- 1) Registration: May 21st – September 7th, 2025, 23:59 (KST)
- 2) Paper Submission: May 21st - September 30th, 2025, 23:59 (KST)
- 3) Winner Announcement: November (Announcement on Human Asia Website)
- 4) Awards Ceremony: December (TBD, Online)

1.3. Eligibility

- 1) Undergraduates, graduate students who are currently enrolled in university or college (2-years).
*Including students who are on leave of absence, working on coursework, and expected to graduate.
**In other words, students affiliated with a university/college, and yet receive the degree of their highest level of education.
- 2) Individual or team entry (maximum of three students)
*All team members must meet all eligibility requirements.
**All team members must be affiliated with educational institutions located in the same region. (Refer to the table in the [3. Awards] for categories of the region.)

2. Registration and Submission

2.1. Registration and Submission Process

- 1) Registration (~ September 7th 23:59 KST): It is mandatory to complete the registration form before the submission: https://bit.ly/2025_paper_register
- 2) Paper Submission (~ September 30th 23:59 KST): Submit the paper files and certificate of your current academic status through the Link: https://bit.ly/2025_paper_submit
 - ★ Paper file name: Representative's Name_Paper Title
 - ★ Both **MS Word** and **PDF** files must be submitted.
 - ★ Changes and resubmissions are not permitted after submission.
 - ★ Papers will not be accepted after the deadline (We recommend submitting your papers well before the deadline).

- ★ Need to submit an official document from your educational institution, verifying your current academic status. (e.g., certificate of enrollment, leave of absence, expected graduation, etc). (One document for each applicant(s))
- ※ If the paper title is too long, you may use a shortened version for the file name.

2.2. Paper Format

- 1) Language: English
- 2) Format:
 - ① Size: A4
 - ② Margin: Normal
 - ③ Pages: 10-15 pages (excluding the References List)
 - ④ Font: Times New Roman, 12-point font
 - ⑤ Line spacing: 1.5 lines
- 3) Use a consistent citation/reference format, including APA, Chicago, Harvard style, etc.
- 4) The paper should include (1) Cover page (Title, Author's name, Affiliation), (2) Abstract, Keywords, (3) Body, (4) Conclusion (5) References List.

2.3. Notes

- 1) One paper submission is allowed per person.
- 2) All cited materials must clearly indicate their sources. If plagiarism is detected, the paper will be immediately disqualified from the review process, and any awards will be revoked.
- 3) Works that have been published in official publications such as academic journals, and/or have won awards in other competitions cannot be submitted. If such matters are confirmed, the essay will be immediately disqualified from the review process, and any awards will be revoked.
- 4) The content used in the submission must not be problematic for external use. If any problems are found with the use, such as infringement of copyright or portrait rights, defamation, leakage of personal information, or distribution of illegal information, or any related concerns, the essay will be immediately disqualified from the review process, and any awards will be revoked.
- 5) Entries that do not receive awards will be discarded within one month after the judging process. However, if there is a need to use any of the entries for purposes beyond the competition, the organizer will consult with the author separately to determine its further use.
- 6) The copyright of each submitted paper remains with the applicant. However, for winning papers, the copyright will be jointly held by the applicant and the organizers.
- 7) The organizers may use the winning papers for non-commercial purposes such as publishing them on the organizer's online and offline media

(including SNS and website), producing a collection of winning works, and promotional activities.

8) Entries will be disqualified from the review process if any of the following conditions are not met: failure to meet eligibility requirements, failure to submit the registration form, missing or falsified required documents, failure to comply with the Paper Format, or failure to fulfill any other conditions stated in the Guidelines.

3. Awards

3.1. Award details:

- A panel of judges will select a total of six papers, with the following awards.

Region	Awards Certificate	Signatory	Prize Money (*Before Tax)	No. of Papers
All	Grand Prize	Minister of Foreign Affairs	2,000 USD	1
Africa	Second Prize	President of Human Asia	500 USD	1
Asia-Pacific	Second Prize	President of Human Asia	500 USD	1
Europe	Second Prize	President of Human Asia	500 USD	1
North America	Second Prize	President of Human Asia	500 USD	1
Latin America and the Caribbean	Second Prize	President of Human Asia	500 USD	1

* One paper is selected for the Second Prize from each of the regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean (Second Prize: total 5 papers).

** Second prize will be awarded for each region based on the location where the participant's (team's) university/college is located.

*** The above prize amounts are before tax and will be paid after applicable tax deductions.

3.2. Awards Ceremony:

- 1) The awards ceremony will be held **online** in **December 2025** (Further notice will be announced later).
- 2) Winners must attend the awards ceremony and make a short presentation of their winning paper.
 - * Winners who fail to attend the awards ceremony without a valid reason will not be eligible to receive the prize money.
 - ** For team winners, at least one person has to attend the awards ceremony.

4. Judging criteria

- ① Topic Comprehension
- ② Contribution (theoretical, empirical, and/or policy implications)
- ③ Appropriateness of the research method
- ④ Validity and persuasiveness of the argument
- ⑤ Originality
- ⑥ Credibility and validity of the cited resources

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