

International Relations Badge

Introduction: Helping our Brigaders to know and understand the cultures, living styles and traditional customs (Especially for teenagers) of different countries so that they can learn to respect, concern, notice and care non-local people (including their understanding about Christianity).

Course Outline

1. Stage 1 Badge

- i. Learning the skills needed for doing researches and presentation; for example: how to use the facilities in a library, making use of graphics, reports in oral and word forms etc.
- ii. Understanding the local cultures, living style and traditional customs including the climate, geographical environment, history, government structure, education, hygiene, social welfare, housing and transportation etc.(This part only aims at letting our Brigaders to know about our local society and learn about societies in other countries in these aspects; and thus, no detailed content is required. Basic information in the Hong Kong fact sheets is enough to meet the requirement. Brigaders can divide the work and exchange information for one to two aspects with each other.)
- iii. Understanding about BB Asia, to build the basic understanding about the nearby countries and the Boys' Brigade in these countries

2. Stage 2 Badge

- i. Learning about editing a piece of international news and enhancing the understanding about things happening overseas such as natural and human-made disasters, religious movements, economy and politics etc. and its impacts for our Brigaders.
- ii. Visiting or participating in international activities held locally or overseas such as international camping, film festival, food festival etc.
- iii. Making friends with teenagers in two different countries. It must be a member country in BB Asia for one of the chosen countries. Apart from communicating through letters, Brigaders can communicate with each other in any forms of communication.

3. Stage 3 Badge

- i. Visiting or joining two activities held by international support organisations (For example: Oxfam, Red Cross, World Vision) or mission organisations
- ii. Making friends with teenagers in two different countries for half years or above; Brigaders can communicate with each other in any forms of communication. The target group is mainly the Christianity uniform groups in the member countries of Global

Fellowship (For example: BBUK, FDF, PTK etc.). Our Brigaders can have a deeper understanding about the development of the Christianity uniform groups in different countries.

Assessment Criteria

1. Stage 1 Badge

- i. Introduce the living styles(including the activities held by the Boys' Brigade), cultures and traditional customs of Hong Kong and one country in oral form (It is recommended that member countries inside BB Asia to be chosen) and submit a report in word form with the information of making friends outside Hong Kong.

2. Stage 2 Badge

- i. Introduce a piece of international news in oral form and submit a report in word form with the reflection of the Brigader.
- ii. Compare the living styles(including the activities held by the Boys' Brigade), cultures and traditional customs of two countries in oral form (It is recommended that member countries inside BB Asia to be chosen) and submit a report in word form with the information of making friends outside Hong Kong.

3. Stage 3 Badge

- i. Introduce two activities held by international support organisations or mission organisations in oral form and submit a report in word form which includes the introduction for that organisation, activity record and self-reflection.
- ii. Compare the living styles, cultures and traditional customs, especially the similarities and differences for the Christianity uniform groups (For example: BBUK, FDF, PTK etc.) and teenager organisations of two countries (It is recommended that member countries inside BB Asia or Global Fellowship to be chosen) together with self-reflection in oral form and submit a report in word form with the information of making friends outside Hong Kong.

Notes

1. As overseas communication is time-consuming, a company can spend a longer period of time to finish this badge. (It can be conducted within six to nine months)
2. Brigaders can communicate with their friends outside Hong Kong in any forms like writing letters,teleprinting, photos or documents faxing, telephone communication, sending emails etc; all records have to be kept.