

China-ASEAN Young Leaders' Growth Program Work Plan

I. Introduction

For the “China-ASEAN Young Leaders' Growth Program”, the election of young elites in the China-ASEAN region will be carried out every two years since 2024, and series activities for exchanges, including dialogues and survey tours, themed on key focuses and development trend of the China-ASEAN cooperation will be organized for them over a span of two years, providing a platform for the young leaders of this region to enhance communication, mutual learning and cooperation.

II. Organizational Structure

Hosts: ASEAN Secretariat, China-ASEAN Expo Secretariat

Supported by: ASEAN-China Center (ACC)

III. Content

Young leaders need to take part in Five-in-One institutional activities within two years. They include:

-Participating in a series of trade and economic events: Being invited to the CAEXPO and join in its opening ceremony, the Young Leaders' Roundtable, promotional seminars of ASEAN countries and industry-specific networkings, touring the CAEXPO pavilions. Through these activities, young leaders could broaden their strategic vision, engage with a wide range of enterprises, gain deeper understanding of different markets and share business opportunities in the China-ASEAN FTA 3.0.

-Participating in a joint research topic: Young leaders will visit China-developed AI projects suitable for ASEAN countries, having study tours and meetings there. Focusing on the theme - “building a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future”, young leaders shall conduct a joint research, write research papers and provide policy recommendations which will be submitted to relevant government departments of China and ASEAN as reference for policy-making.

-Participating in a Learners' Seminar: A series of learners' seminars will be organized online. Young leaders will take turns to share their practices in AI-empowerment for all industries, offer fresh perspectives and insights into China-ASEAN AI capacity building and inspire each other. They can make progress and grow together through mutual learning.

-Participating in a series of industry salons: Salons & dialogues on priority sectors and industries in China-ASEAN cooperation and FTA 3.0 will be organized throughout the year. Leading figures, well-known entrepreneurs and famous experts in digital economy, AI and green & low-carbon will share their perspectives on the development trends of industries, have exchanges of good experiences and carry out in-depth dialogues.

-Facilitating a small but beautiful project: By taking part in exhibitions and activities on digital trade and AI, and experiencing deep AI application in China-ASEAN trade and economic cooperation via interactive scenarios, a batch of replicable projects of digital trade and AI empowerment for economic cooperation are expected to be developed.

IV. Arrangement for Young Leaders' Program (Phase III) 2026

Digital Intelligence Empowers Future: Seminar on Digital Economy for the China-ASEAN Young Leaders' Growth Program

i. Time & Date: September 2026

ii. Place: Nanning, Guangxi

iii. Content

1. Attending the 23rd China-ASEAN Expo;
2. Attending the China-ASEAN Young Leaders' Roundtable;
3. Attending themed lectures in Nanning and have survey tours to other cities in Guangxi and its neighbouring provinces for learning about opportunities in China-ASEAN cooperation, thus to promote the coordination and alignment of BRI and national development plans of ASEAN countries, foster dynamism for innovative development with AI as a breakthrough and facilitate strategic synergy between our two sides. Joint efforts shall be made to advance regional economic growth and drive the China-ASEAN cooperation on digital economy to a new height.