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Audrey Tang meets Benson Yeh: Highlights of the 2021 Global Youth Trends Forum

Youth across the world come together and start a new chapter of cooperation during the pandemic

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With the trend of globalization, how has the pandemic impacted youth across the world? The 2021 Global Youth Trends Forum, organized by the Youth Development Administration, Ministry of Education, will open in Taipei on November 13. Digital Minister Audrey Tang, Professor Benson Yeh, and Magdalena Basić of the World Youth Alliance are some of the speakers to be invited to address international youth organizations and help young people gain a more comprehensive understanding of the impact of COVID-19. The aim is for youth across the world to put their heads together and find ways to cooperate to overcome the pandemic.

The theme of the forum this year is “Global Partnership—The Impact of COVID-19 on Global Youth.” The agenda will go deep into issues closely related to youth, sharing the current worldwide situation and discussing related trends in areas such as education and learning, social innovation and employment, and mental health. Magdalena Basić, Regional Director of Operations of the World Youth Alliance Europe, has been invited to share her thoughts online. Basić has a master’s degree in psychology and has hosted numerous events, including roundtables on youth unemployment and mental health issues, conferences for emerging

leaders in Europe, and a European art forum. With her expertise in psychology and her wealth of practical experience, she will help attendees gain insights into the impact and challenges brought by the pandemic on youth in Europe.

Heavyweight speakers from Taiwan include Digital Minister Audrey Tang, who has been involved in technology-based epidemic prevention since the outbreak of COVID-19; and Benson Yeh, Professor at National Taiwan University, who has won the Presidential Innovation Award—the highest innovation award in Taiwan—and the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Award. Both speakers will share their thoughts on the impact of COVID-19 and how youth should respond.

In addition to international perspectives and professional analysis by renowned experts and scholars from Taiwan and overseas, the forum has also arranged for youth from different countries living in Taiwan to share the changes in their lives and the dilemmas they face during the pandemic. Howard Chien and Catherine Lu, hosts of the well-known Podcast *Morning Taiwan Glocal News*, will guide attendees to exchange ideas and deliberate on the impact of COVID-19 and how we can work together to bounce back.

Despite the severe impact brought by the pandemic to people's mental and physical health, humans have shown their ability to adapt, their resilience, and their capacity to come together to support one another. The forum will be livestreamed to break through borders and restrictions brought by the pandemic, allowing youth across the world to put their heads together to create new realities and jointly build happy and sustainable societies.

The 2021 Global Youth Trends Forum will be livestreamed in English with Chinese subtitles at 10:10 A.M. (UTC+8) on November 13. You are welcome to join us and jointly face the challenges brought by COVID-19

with youth across the world and work together with international partners for a better future. For the latest updates on the 2021 Global Youth Trends Forum, please check the official website (iyouth.youthhub.tw/gytf2021) and watch the livestream on Facebook (<https://pse.is/3n5jvy>) or YouTube (<https://youtu.be/TeSEBLcDs1c>).

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