



National Centre for Physics QAU Campus, Shashtra Valley Road, Islamabad

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Subject: Asian Science Camp (ASC)- 2014, Singapore, Call for Preliminary Nominations

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Asian Science Camp-2014 (**ASC-2014**) will be held at The Nanyang Technological University, Singapore from 24th to 29th August, 2014. The ASC-2014 is organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) at Nanyang Technological University with strong support from the Lee Foundation, the Ministry of Education and the National Research Foundation, Singapore. The National Centre for Physics (NCP), QAU Campus, Islamabad is the "**Focal Point** in Pakistan" for selection of Pakistan delegate to the Asian Science Camp and the undersigned is acting as "**Contact Person** in Pakistan" for the Program of Asian Science Camp-2014.

The ASC-2014 is 8th of the series, following successful Camps at Taipei (2007), Bali (2008), Tsukuba (2009), Mumbai (2010), Daejeon (2011), Jerusalem (2012) and Tsukuba (2013). In this regard, the organizing committee of ASC-2014 has invited talented student delegates from Asian Countries including Pakistan for participation in the deliberations of the Science Camp at Singapore. At ASC 2014, the student delegates can look forward to stimulating lectures by world-renowned Nobel Laureates and Eminent Scientists, Plenary Sessions, Parallel discussion sessions, poster presentations, social activities and sightseeing tours. The working language will be English. More information can be found at: <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/ias/asc2014>.

The ASC-2014 organizers have invited eight (8) students along with one accompanying person from Pakistan as delegates to ASC 2014. The students to be nominated for the ASC-2014 must be from High School/College (11th and 12th grade or 1st year & 2nd year students) and university (3rd year and 4th year students) *with age group: above 16 years & up to 21 years*; and who are outstanding in the natural sciences (including Physics and Chemistry). Strong proficiency in oral and written English along with genuine interest in Science and Research is a pre-requisite for all nominated students. They must also attain all the necessary permissions from their parents and educational institutions to attend the ISS-2014 event in Singapore. As the participation in ASC 2014 is through invitation only, there will be no registration fee charged for delegates and the organizing committee will provide the participants' living and local expenses associated with ASC 2014. However, please take note that the ASC-2014 committee *will not* support the round trip airfare for the participants (other than those on the ASC Fellowship) and *will not* be held responsible for any medical expenses incurred by the participant during the Camp in Singapore. All selected participants will be required to arrange for their passports at least four months before the event and purchase suitable travel and medical insurance in their respective country before departure. The participant's passport must be valid for at least six months

after the ASC-2014 event date. Nominees finally selected by the ASC-2014 Committee will also have to bear their Passport/Visa Fee (if any) in Pakistan. Please note that all selected students will have to travel by the same flight with the designated Team leader from NCP (Pakistan). Accordingly, the National Centre for Physics (NCP) intends to select at least **eight (8) Pakistani students** through a *screening procedure (test/interview)* for participation in the ASC-2014 event in Singapore. NCP has to submit the list of selected Pakistani delegates to the organizers in Singapore by **April 01, 2014**. Thus, the deadline for nominations is very close.

In this scenario, we **request you to kindly announce/ disseminate the above mentioned info to all concerned in your institute and submit suitable nominations of 1 to 2 most talented male/ female students of age group: above 16 years & upto 21 years** who are outstanding in natural sciences (with distinction in physics and chemistry and studying in High Schools/Colleges (11th and 12th grade or 1st year & 2nd year students) and in university (3rd year and 4th year students) and whose parents allow them to travel to Singapore with the Pakistani delegate and can also bear return air ticket for them. The list of nominees should include information as per following format:

Name of Student	Gender	Institution Name / Address	Grade or Academic Class	Date of Birth	*E-mail & Contact Phone No.
1. -----			(say 2 nd year or 4 th year student)		Email: Phone: Cell#:

* Contact phone of nominating teachers & parents is also required.

Please submit **nominations** (by fax and also by email) **along with their grade/academic report, permission letter from parents duly signed & stamped by the nominating institution to the undersigned on or before 15 March, 2014 positively**. While nominating students, please assure that the nominee will be available for travel between 22nd to 31st August, 2014 to attend ASC-2014 event in Singapore. The important dates in this regard are as follows:

- (i) **Deadline for submission of preliminary nominations** (through email and fax) by Principals/Heads of respective institutions to the undersigned: **March 15, 2014 (Saturday)**.
- (ii) **Display of list of short listed candidates on NCP Website** <<http://www.ncp.edu.pk>> on **March 18, 2014** (Tuesday afternoon) for screening test.
- (iii) **Screening/ Selection Test (written test and interview):** For Candidates from Islamabad (ICT), Punjab and KPK, written test/interview will be conducted on March **22 2014 (Saturday)**, at 10:00 Hrs. to 1330 Hrs. at the National Centre for Physics (NCP), Quaid-i-Azam University Campus, Shahdra Valley Road, Islamabad (please see NCP Route Map on our Website). Candidates from Sindh Province and Baluchistan Province will be informed of their time/place of written test and interview (via skype) through the Principals/Heads of respective institutions.

All nominees are required to bring with them copies of (i) CNIC (or NADRA Form-B), (ii) grade report, and (iii) copy of permission letter from parents duly signed & stamped by the Head of respective institution at the time of written test/interview at NCP. No TA/DA will be paid to nominees for written test/interview. Nominations received after March, 15, 2014 will not be entertained.

We do hope that students from your institution can participate in the ASC-2014 event and have a great experience. I deeply appreciate your assistance in advance, as it is essential for the success of our efforts to present the most talented Pakistani students at the ASC-2014 Forum in Singapore. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by email (riffat@ncp.edu.pk). For further information, please contact the undersigned or visit our website: <http://www.ncp.edu.pk/>

I thank you for interest and co-operation in subject matter. I look forward to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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