*“I think Humanitarian Affairs has created such a wonderful platform for you to gather together to discuss leadership, to discuss your own actions, and to deal with humanitarian and development challenges that the world faces.”*

***Mr. Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary General, United Nations New York***

 **Humanitarian Affairs Asia** and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** will host the **9th University Scholars Leadership Symposium** at the United Nations, Bangkok, Thailand from the **1st to 7th  of August, 2018**. The theme of the Symposium is “**INSPIRING CONFIDENCE, INSPIRE CHANGE**”.

 We are expecting approximately 1,200 emerging world leaders from the United Nations Member States to participate in this event which focuses on developing leaders to bring about social change.

We are pleased to invite the **Easmus+ School of Sciences and Engineering** **to nominate** **10 Outstanding Student Leaders** from the University of Crete, to attend the United Nations Conference. To assist you in gathering interest from students, please disseminate this invitation to the student cohort. I am Greek-Australian, and I attended this Conference in 2014. At the USLS, I discovered things about myself that I did not think existed. It truly allowed me to walk in another pair of shoes, and to understand the world through a different light. The experience filled me with compassion to implement change in my community. To read more about my experience, please click [here](http://www.universityscholars.org.uk/delegates).

The USLS is a week-long Leadership Conference on social development for young leaders from all over the world. The purpose is to instill a sense of social responsibility as well as cultivate the attributes of selfless giving among our emerging world leaders. The participants will learn what it means to give back to the community and be challenged to respond to the needs of the marginalised with works of kindness and unconditional service. Delegates will have the opportunity to expand their professional network and to understand world affairs. They will be motivated to use their knowledge and leadership skills to impact communities in need. The USLS will be focusing on the following **Sustainable Development Goals: 2, 4, 6, 10 & 11**.

 Humanitarian Affairs is affiliated to United Nations Global Compact, World Association of Non-Governmental Organization, International Association for Voluntary Efforts and the World Alliance for Citizens Participation.  More information about the program, speakers and fees of the Symposium can be found [here](http://www.universityscholars.org.uk/).

 To view a short video of the previous 2017 USLS, please click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGcOqVX2cVA). Please do not hesitate to send me an email with any questions.

Thank you for your assistance, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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