



Connecting Yale to the World

The Internationalization of Yale

Twenty-first century Yale strives to be a global university. Under the leadership of President Richard Levin, Yale seeks to attract students and faculty from around the world, share and adopt best practices from abroad, and exchange initiatives with leading educational institutions of other nations. The Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) complements these efforts through YaleGALE.



Australia
2008



Japan
2009



Turkey
2010



China
2011



Israel
2012



United
Kingdom
2012

The Changing Role of Alumni

At Yale, as at many institutions of higher education in the United States, alumni volunteers play a significant part in the life of the institution. They recruit students, employ graduates, provide social and volunteer opportunities, promote the institution, and provide philanthropic support. In other countries and cultures, alumni have taken different paths to become involved with their universities, particularly regarding admissions, alumni relations, and fundraising. The AYA has much to learn from its counterparts abroad, and much to share.

What YaleGALE Does

YaleGALE partners with leading universities and fellow members of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) to conduct alumni leadership exchanges around the world. Delegations of 50-100 Yale alumni, who have served as volunteer leaders in AYA, travel with their families to host countries where they share ideas on alumni relations in conferences, seminars and workshops. They also visit significant cultural landmarks and institutions, and build lasting friendships between Yale alumni and alumni leaders of premiere global higher education institutions.



YaleGALE conference in Beijing 2011

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Why Yale Alumni Participate

Yale alumni participants volunteer their own time and pay their own way to participate in a YaleGALE exchange. They do it to give back, because Yale has given them so much – so much more than just an education. At Yale, they have learned, taken to heart, and enriched their lives with ideals of service to others. They have gained lifelong friends, and sometimes even spouses or partners. For these leaders Yale is family – and participating in a YaleGALE event deepens these family ties.