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Partnering with the World Organization for Sustainability Leadership (WOSL)

2022 Covestro Cup “I Speak, I Act, I Impact” China Student Orator and Illustrator Contest begins

- **Oriented around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**
- **Shouldering social responsibilities and promoting quality education**

The 2022 Covestro Cup “I Speak, I Act, I Impact” China Student Orator and Illustrator Contest, hosted by the World Organization for Sustainability Leadership (WOSL), has been officially launched, focusing on the theme “Quality Education”, the fourth goal of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The China sector, organized by Wo Sou Education Science and Technology (Shanghai) and supported by [Covestro](#), is open to students from primary schools, secondary schools and universities across the country. It aims to inspire young people to express their vision of sustainable development and quality education through drawings and speeches either in Chinese or English. Winners of the China contest will move on to the WOSL 2022 global competition “I speak, I act, I impact”.

The UN SDGs outline 17 global goals which aim to comprehensively tackle social, economic, and environmental issues with targets to be achieved by 2030 for a sustainable future. WOSL, established in 2017, is the only UN-certified global cooperation and promotion organization for junior ambassadors (#SDGAction24826) in sustainable development. It aims to encourage the youth and coming generations to lead global change movement, guided by the 17 UN SDGs. It endeavors to work on current issues to align them with the sustainable goals by teaching and training students to learn scientific methodologies for empirical research. Through these efforts, the organization aspires to cultivate future leaders that advance our planet towards sustainable co-existence.



Dr. Paul Bogaardt, CEO of WOSL, said, “Quality education is the foundation for improving the lives of humanity and achieving sustainable development. And equity and inclusion in education is the key, as it invites in diverse thought that is necessary to develop innovative solutions for the challenges that the world faces today and tomorrow.” He further goes on to thank Covestro for their support in making this contest a reality, “Thanks to Covestro for its strong support of this contest in China, which provides a platform for teens and young adults to set initiatives for all of the younger generation to follow and create hope for a brighter future.”

Sustainability is a crucial tenet of Covestro’s strategy, as demonstrated by its ambitious sustainability targets. By 2025, Covestro aims to align 80 percent of its research and development projects spend toward meeting the UN SDGs. Additionally, the company aims for operational climate neutrality and net zero emissions by 2035.

“At Covestro, we want to push boundaries to make the world a brighter place by addressing the UN SDGs,” said Holly Lei, President of Covestro China. “Together with WOSL, we look forward to advancing the development of inclusive and equitable quality education, strengthening the young generation’s sense of purpose and responsibility, as well as inspiring them to create a sustainable future together. This contest marks yet another example of how Covestro is fulfilling its social responsibility.”

The 2022 Covestro Cup “I Speak, I Act, I Impact” China Student Orator and Illustrator Contest is open to students in two categories: Youth diplomats, welcoming students from primary school’s sixth grade to high school sophomores (Chinese language); and Junior diplomats for high school juniors to university undergraduates (English language). The contest will have a painting and a speech competition in either Chinese or English. The students will focus on the theme of “Quality Education”, and will explain or illustrate how they envision a better future of education. To participate in the contest, please follow WOSL’s official WeChat account and upload your work through the given link from May 1 to 20, 2022.

About World Organization for Sustainability Leadership:

World Organization for Sustainability Leadership (WOSL) is an international Non-Profit Organization, UN official website project number SDGs#24826 UN JUNIOR AMBASSADOR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SE4ALL. It committed to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) since its establishment in 2017. WOSL program connects teenagers from different countries to carry out scientific research and social practice in their



home countries or globally, covering four continents (including China, the United States, Ethiopia, Ecuador and other countries), and help teenagers connect future with reality and science.

About Covestro:

Covestro is one of the world's leading manufacturers of high-quality polymer materials and their components. With its innovative products, processes and methods, the company helps enhance sustainability and the quality of life in many areas. Covestro supplies customers around the world in key industries such as mobility, building and living, as well as the electrical and electronics sector. In addition, polymers from Covestro are also used in sectors such as sports and leisure, cosmetics and health, as well as in the chemical industry itself.

The company is committed to becoming fully circular and aims to become climate neutral by 2035 (scope 1 and 2). Covestro generated sales of around EUR 15.9 billion in fiscal 2021. At the end of 2021, the company had 50 production sites worldwide and employed approximately 17,900 people (calculated as full-time equivalents).

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