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✓ UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL 2019

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6 April 2019	International Day of Sports for Development	Melaka, Malaysia
7 April 2019	World Health Day	Melaka, Malaysia
12– 14 March 2019	Global Youth Service Day	Melaka, Malaysia
21 April 2019	World Creativity and Innovation	Melaka, Malaysia
22 April 2019	International Mother Earth Day	Melaka, Malaysia
23 April 2019	World Book and Copyright Day	Melaka, Malaysia
28 March 2019	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Melaka, Malaysia



✓ ANGOLA: MINISTER REITERATES COMMITMENT TO YOUTH CATEGORIES

Luanda, 1 March 2019 - SUPPORTING sports in communities involving children and adolescents will continue to be one of the priorities of the Angolan government, reiterated Thursday the minister of Youth and Sports, Ana Paula do Sacramento Neto.

The government official was speaking to the press at the end of an audience she granted to the former NBA player Dikembe Mutombo, who spoke briefly about his sporting trajectory and

philanthropic activities.

"We were talking about children with disabilities that can play sports, and how to get support for them. Mutombo has promised that he will help Angola to move in this direction", revealed the minister.

The minister said that the sporting and social success of Angola goes through the exchange of experiences with figures such as the Congolese-born basketball player who, shortly after

finishing his career, embraced philanthropy inside and outside his country.

"The development of communities involves the integration of the people who inhabit it, and sport plays a fundamental role in any part of the world. If we start with adolescence we'll have young people with a good guidance for life" she said.

Born in 1965, Dikembe Mutombo runs a foundation under his name, which

provides assistance to orphaned children and has founded a paediatric hospital in the DRC under the name of his mother.

The 2.18 metre-tall former NBA athlete began his career in the Denver Nuggets team and finished it in the Houston Rockets. He also played for the Philadelphia 76ers and Atlanta Hawks.

[Angola Press]

✓ MALAWI: MALAWIANS WIN AWARD AT AFRICAN FORUM FOR YOUTH INITIATIVES

Lilongwe, 9 March 2019 - THREE Malawian youth represented the country outstandingly at the 2019 African Forum for Youth Initiatives in Egypt where they won an award.

The three Malawian youth are Linly Dumuka, Foster Mafiala and Steve M'bayeni who attended the event from 1st March to 6th March, 2019 in Aswan, Egypt.

Speaking in an interview with Malawi24, one of the youth Linly Dumuka who is a hub coordinator at SRHR Africa Trust (SAT) said that the award is an aspiration to many people.

"The award is an inspiration to not only us as Malawi delegates but a mass of amazing young people championing different ideas in Malawi.

I know it will motivate many to take further steps in amplifying our Malawi youth voices in pushing for meaningful young engagement in the nation's

development programs.

"The award was about the initiators: best practices on advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights programs, championed by young people." Dumuka said.

She explained that the forum was not just about them showcasing what they do and wait for results from the judges but also a learning space from all other 19 countries that presented on Sexual and reproductive health related solutions to the common challenges that African adolescents and young adults are facing especially the African girl and woman.

"We got the chance to engage with the judges who assisted us with how we can sustain the project as they considered it one of those that should replicate in many countries in Africa.

"We received expression of interest from a number of fellow initiators willing to replicate the idea which I believe will continuously

offer a platform for learning and growing to contribute to the achievement of the nation's and the continent's sustainable development goals as well as the AU agenda 2063," she added.

Dumuka asked all youth who are working in various fields to be determined.

"I have worked with great teams of young people in many programs and I know the hunger that many Malawi youths have to change the narrative around youth employment, health and other social issues.

I would love to say to all who are championing different programs that the work will not be finished until we develop a strong collaboration among ourselves and much as we are in different platforms, let us not forget if we always work as one organised youth movement, we shall achieve more." She said.

Foster and Dumuka are young people who are leading a platform for a

diverse group who have great individual ideas.

Steve is currently managing U-Report Malawi, a platform which enables young people to speak out on issues that matter to them.

The forum was such a great learning experience for him to understand what youths and their desire to solve the current problems Africa is facing.

This will assist him to take U-Report to the next level by scaling up youth engagement but also adopting new approaches which will enable young people in Malawi to take action towards solving the problems.

[Malawi 24]



✓ MOZAMBIQUE: MAPUTO YOUTH AIM TO MAKE THE CITY SAFER WITH PHOTOGRAPHY

Maputo, 8 March 2019 - THEY say the camera doesn't lie, and young activists in Mozambique are using photography to speak the truth and make the streets of Maputo safer for themselves, especially women and girls in their communities.

Using a program called Photo voice an empowerment technique used across the world students are taking pictures of the places they consider unsafe.

It might be the vacant buildings they see on the

walk to school in the Ka Maxakene neighborhood, or the lack of lighting that makes the journey dangerous in Kamalhanculo.

"Sometimes I walk with friends," says one 13-year-old girl, who is using the images, art and social media to change the situation. "I don't feel safe in my city." Students discuss safety and gender-based concerns in the classroom, and they're making presentations to the community and government authorities.

"Because of the pictures,

this issue became more visible and issues are being responded to," said Fernanda Bernardo, project manager at UN Women Mozambique.

Small changes can have big impacts. In one case, Bernardo said, a school changed the location of toilets because they were not private or safe for girls.

In another, elected officials came to visit the site of an abandoned building after the images showed what the students faced each day.

There are some 2,000

students participating as part of the Maputo Safe City Program, supported by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation and the City of Madrid.

It was launched in 2016, with studies that showed that nearly seven out of 10 girls in Maputo had experienced some form of violence in public places.

[Africa Times]

✓ NAMIBIA: YOUTH URGED TO TAKE UP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Windhoek, 12 March 2019 - THE executive director in the sports ministry, Emma Kantema-Gaomas, has encouraged young people to take up leadership positions for their voices to be amplified.

Kantema-Gaomas was speaking at the Swapo Party Youth League's regional executive committee meeting in Kavango East over the weekend, where the youth's activities for the year were drawn up.

"Despite the good general ranking in the global community, the presence of youth in leadership positions among those who are active volunteers is lagging," she said.

Kantema-Gaomas added that Namibia is ranked ninth and 41st in the world in youth political and civic participation, respectively.

She thus urged the young people to enhance the

visibility of the youth structures; to promote the participation of youth at different levels; and to be inclusive of various youth groups.

"In this way, we can guarantee the building of opportunities to develop and empower the future generation," she told the meeting.

Kantema-Gaomas also called on the youth to take up leadership positions in the party at district, branch and section levels.

"By getting into leadership structures and positions, your voices will be amplified," she stressed.

The executive director, who is originally from Kavango East, said successfully engaging young people in structures that can shape their lives and build their capacities as social actors can be a crucial factor in their positive development

as leaders.

This, she added, will further enhance the youth's role as active citizens.

"Comrades, how can we demonstrate that we are ready, that we are competent, if we are not prepared? How can the current leaders trust us to take over if we don't demonstrate our capacity?" Kantema-Gaomas asked.

She further advised the youth to give elders the respect they deserve so that generations after them can emulate the respect they portray.

[The Namibian]



✓ NIGERIA: ADDRESSING NIGERIA'S YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CHALLENGE

Abuja, 11 March 2019 - FOR a nation to move forward both politically and socio-economically, the leaders must demonstrate esteem for talents, actively encouraging able individuals, and honouring those who excel in their profession.

And encourage their citizens so that they can go peaceably about their business, whether it is trade, agriculture or any other human occupation.

To shed more light, Nigeria is a vast country with vast problems that disrupt its progress, namely, corruption, insecurity, unemployment, and lack of energy.

But I need not pause to know that the most pernicious of all these problems, in my views, is youth unemployment.

Although Nigerians have in recent past seen some job creation initiatives from the Federal Government with N-power, an initiative under the Social Investment Programme for the creation of employment and empowerment of Nigerians as most recent.

These widening strides notwithstanding, from the growing concerns and frustrations among the youth, it's evident that youth unemployment is rapidly on the increase and may not end suddenly unless something drastic and dramatic is done by the government.

Further providing a link to the above claim is the just concluded general elections

where jobless Nigerian youths flooded every political campaign grounds in their numbers for illicit electoral responsibilities while looking up to the crumbs that fall from their master's table.

However, these unruly behaviors by some youths do not in any appreciable means exonerate the government of the blame for the frustration and agonizing moments the youths are passing through.

As lack of political will to tackle the challenge from its roots, or seeing the urgent necessity to cease politics and turn outwards to look for constructive and creative channels to fight the enemy called unemployment in the country contributes to the ever increasing number of both the unemployed and the underemployed.

To explain; if the government has done anything substantial in this direction, Nigerians will not have to look very far to see the impact.

And my concern is not what the Federal Government intends to do or is capable of doing. Rather, my concern is about what they are presently doing, and if it's in the best interest of the Nigerian youth.

First, aside from the fact that youth unemployment has put us in a position of appearing before the world as a people that lack a plan for their future leaders, the situation impels the watching world to conclude that government is unmindful that youth unemployment comes with

challenges that cut across, regions, religions, and tribes. Of which such had in the past led to the proliferation of ethnic militias as well as youth restiveness.

Notably, this threat has become even more pronounced not just in the oil-rich Niger Delta region of the country with the chunk of the proponents spearheaded by the large army of professionally-trained ex-militants currently without a job.

Very instructive also, our leaders may be 'winning political positions' but their inability to turn these victories into better life for the youths through job creation and other social programmes is beginning to generate questions about their integrity.

It Is in the interest of the government and the nation at large to create jobs for the youth as a formidable way of curbing crime and reducing threatening insecurity in the country.

To get started, it will translate to great steps taken in the right direction if the Federal Government could overhaul agencies such as the Niger Delta Development Commission, the Presidential Amnesty Office to be more responsive in job creation and youth capacity building.

In the same token, getting both the nation's academic curricula and the National Youths Service Corp scheme to accommodate entrepreneurship and skill development with the like

of the National Industrial Training Fund and the National Directorate of Employment equipped to handle youth skill training with startup funds made available.

Very importantly also, creating a productive collaboration between the government, private organisations and civil society groups during this window of vulnerability that will act as both a crucial enabler as well as a means to an end should be another urgent task before the government.

To take one example of why such measures are necessary, consider the impact the recent decision by the Kukah Centre to introduce skill acquisition centres in the Northern part of the country where about 10 million Almajiri children will acquire vocations of their choice would make in solving the present challenge if other organisations come up with similar initiatives and supported by the government.

The youth on their part must recognise that 'the future is full of promises as it is fraught with uncertainties. That the industrial society is giving way to one based on knowledge'.

They must, therefore, learn to be part of the knowledge-based world.

[The Punch]



✓ BAHAMAS: YOUTH LEADERS ENCOURAGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE EMPLOYERS

Freeport, 28 March 2019 - GRAND Bahama During a graduation ceremony for Youth Leaders, graduates were told to not only prepare young people to be good employees, but also good employers and leaders.

These words of encouragement were given by the guest speaker for the evening, Senator the Hon. J. Kwasi Thompson, Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister.

There are a number of projects about to happen on the island, he said, and one

cannot wait until it happens to get prepared. "Now is the time to prepare the young people for these opportunities that lie ahead."

The youth need to focus, he said, on planning and preparation and added that they should encourage young people to have a relationship with God, as it makes a difference.

Held at the Grand Lucayan Ballroom on Friday, March 22, the Youth Leaders Certification Programme was sponsored by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture and hosted 82

graduates from Freeport and West Grand Bahama.

The group participated in the 15-week programme which was conducted on Tuesday evenings in Freeport, and Saturday mornings in Eight Mile Rock.

The programme has been designed to:

Inform youth workers on national standards for youth work and also mandatory reporting.
Provide formal training that provides an opportunity for training and National Certification.

Ensure specific and measurable outputs that meet the strategic goals of the Ministry of Youth.

Assist in bringing about a professionalization of the practice of youth development.

Encourage people to take advantage of further studies in the practice.

By successfully completing this programme, these youth leaders became nationally certified to work with young people.

[Bahamas Tribune]

✓ BELIZE: DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES LAUNCHES "YOUTH MAINSTREAMING

Belmopan, 28 March 2019 - MANY young people in Belize have fallen victims to gun violence; others have joined gangs while others find themselves jobless.

There have been several initiatives designed to attract young people and draw them away from crime.

The latest initiative is "Belize Youth Mainstreaming Strategy Consultation brought out by the Department of Youth Services.

Aida Escobar is the department's Communications Officer; she noted that "mainstreaming" is a new concept.

Aida Escobar Communications Officer Department of Youth Services: "Basically it's an all inclusive form of getting

our young people's attention, getting them heard and getting new opportunities for them and when I say all inclusive I mean we are looking at political aspects, we are looking at social aspects because we know that our young people are very social and we are looking at financial aspects that can all come together to help them.

At the end of these three days we are going to be looking together at the year plan and we want to accomplish having youth mainstreaming become the norm in Belize.

We want to see how we can reach out to our young people who aren't getting equal opportunities and youth mainstreaming at the end gives us equity not only for our young people but for how our young people and our adults in Belize can work together to create a better Belize."

The Minister of Youth, Patrick Faber, was also on hand for the launch and welcomed the new initiative.

Hon. Patrick Faber Minister of Youth: "Any opportunity that we get to bring together the stakeholders in youth work is I think a very worthwhile one and on this occasion we want to thank the CARICOM Secretariat as well as the Commonwealth Secretariat for being present here in Belize to engage with our young people so that we can understand what are best practices in the region as well in the wider Commonwealth but more importantly for us to gather together our young people and the workers in youth work here so that they can chart a path forward to ensure that we have good quality youth work going on in this country."

The "Youth

Mainstreaming" is being funded by the Commonwealth Secretariat with Belize being the second country to launch this initiative.

[Breaking Belize]



✓ BERMUDA: GIVING YOUTH A VOICE

Hamilton, 8 March 2019 - RYAN Robinson Perinchief got fed up with people talking about issues affecting Bermuda's youth without including them in the discussion.

He was determined to do something about it and launched Future Leaders Bermuda, a programme aimed at getting young people involved in finding solutions to the island's problems.

Two years on, the 22-year-old's efforts have led to him becoming the first Bermudian nominated for the Commonwealth Youth Awards For Excellence in Development Work.

"It's truly an honour, and not something that I take lightly," said Mr Perinchief, one of 16 "high-achieving contenders" shortlisted from 500 nominees this year.

"There are also many other young Bermudians out there who are doing great things in our community, so I am hopeful that this exposure will result in more Commonwealth nominees from Bermuda in the future."

The awards showcase Commonwealth citizens between the ages of 15 and 29 who are leading initiatives ranging from poverty alleviation to peace building.

"Poverty, gang violence, education and the environment are all issues that will impact the youth more than anyone else, but a lot of them either felt like they weren't being listened to or didn't know enough to

make a difference," said Mr Perinchief, a law student and former youth parliament member.

"I felt like I had to do something to help instill a sense of passion and ownership within the community. I felt that if young people were given a safe environment to not only talk about these issues, but learn about them hands-on and attach them to real people, they'd be in a better position to become leaders in the future and take action from an informed, empowered and youth-led perspective."

The approach has paid off for many, not least those who are closely connected to the challenges young people face.

"We've had a few young males who may live in areas that have seen the brunt of gang violence and other social issues.

"They often come into the programme not really wanting to be there, but every time, without fail, as soon as we start reading about the causes of gang violence, they switch right on.

"As soon as we start getting to the root causes it turns into empowerment and then from there they just can't get enough."

The programme also helps students learn about themselves as individuals, enabling them to formulate their own opinions and values.

"A lot of them also develop a better sense of confidence by the end of the

programme. Once summer ends, we try to keep them engaged in various activities which arise throughout the year with other organisations in the community."

The son of former cabinet minister Wayne Perinchief has not ruled out a life in politics.

"I want to be a leader who empowers others not based on my job title, but as a lifestyle," he said.

He was raised in Pembroke and attended the Bermuda Institute before graduating from the Berkeley Institute.

As a teen, he spent four summers with Johns Hopkins' Centre for Talented Youth, studying bioethics at Lafayette College, psychology at Roger Williams University, global politics at Princeton, and civic leadership at the University of California.

He is now in his final year of his law studies, at Durham University in Britain.

"My father taught me to be resolute. My mother taught me kindness. Both of them taught me integrity; I appreciated that from a young age.

"My parents exposed me to a lot of different things and gave me a lot of independence while still providing me with a wholesome upbringing. I still look up to them."

Discipline, focus and sacrifice have been the qualities that have got him where he is today, Mr Perinchief said. He hopes

that Future Leaders Bermuda will help do the same for others.

"Generally, a lot of the students go on to join Youth Parliament, the debate team, or simply realise what they want to be when they get older.

"Of course we can't take credit for everything, but we're happy to just do our part in giving young people a place where they can express themselves freely and not be ashamed about having a passion for learning."

Winners of the Commonwealth Youth Awards For Excellence in Development Work will be announced at a ceremony in London, England on Wednesday.

[Royal Gazette]



✓ CANADA: TEACHING YOUTH THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER CONSERVATION

Ottawa, 25 March 2019 - Earth is often thought of as the blue planet, with 71 per cent of the surface covered in water, but our supply of clean water is limited and that is a lesson environmental leaders want to instill within the younger generation.

“Most of the water is tied up in the oceans as salt water or frozen in the ice caps or locked too far in the ground,” said Gene Kent, environmental educator with the Lake head Region Conservation Authority. “So if we don’t care for the water we have, we won’t have it in the future.”

As part of Canada Water Week, Let’s Talk Science and Confederation College hosted a special event on Sunday to educate youth and families on how to conserve and protect water.

Various community organizations, including EcoSuperior, the Lake head Region Conservation

Authority, and Earth Care Thunder Bay had interactive booths on display with information about protecting the watershed, identifying invasive species, and water conservation.

“Our goal here today is to teach kids and parents about ways we can protect our watershed,” Kent said. “We only have a certain amount of water in our world that we are able to use as humans.”

Tempest Revesz, a coordinator with Let’s Talk Science, said it’s key to reach out to the youth, even at a very young age, to provide them with the proper tools so they can continue to make changes to reduce waste and protect water.

“We really try to hammer home that these things are not changeable overnight, which is why kids are so important,” she said. “They have so much influence in their next steps. So

hopefully we will see those changes progress in the coming years.”

“We have not failed in taking care of the water but maybe started it too late,” Revesz continued.

“Knowledge is power, so if we are teaching the younger generation to be sustainable, protect the water, and understand why these things are important, then going into the future we will be better off.”

There are a number of simple steps everyone can do to help conserve water and protect the watershed.

From not leaving the water running, allowing water to properly run-off from buildings during the spring to an area where it can drain, not pouring hazardous chemicals down the drain, to not flushing the toilet as often.

“It uses so much water than people think it does,” Revesz said. “It is the

number one water waster in a household.”

“Our goal is to show them ways they can take care of the watershed by reusing, recycling, not using things that are hazardous to the environment, and taking that message home to their families,” Kent added. The Lake head Region Conservation Authority created a watershed report card and according to Kent, the water quality in the Lake head area is good. But water conservation is something everyone needs to continually work on.

“We all have to look for hazards that surround our water and we have to keep testing our water and we have to involve everyone out there in the public in helping protect our water,” he said.

[Tbnewswatch.com]

✓ JAMAICA: 91 YOUTH TO BENEFIT FROM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Kingston, 15 March 2019 - NINETY-ONE unattached young people from several communities in Kingston and St. James are to benefit from skills training under a \$50-million Youth Empowerment Training Initiative (YETI).

The initiative, being implemented by the Ministry of National Security and the Citizen Security and Justice Programme (CSJP) III, will engage the youngsters in intensive training over a 12-month period in the areas of mechatronics,

heavy-duty equipment operation, and landscape design and construction.

The training will be carried out by the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) through its Faculty of Advanced Skills and Professional Development.

National Security Minister, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, who brought greetings at the orientation exercise held on Thursday (March 14) at the CMU campus in Kingston, said that the initiative is part of the Government’s crime-

prevention strategy.

“This high-quality Intervention is in keeping with the Ministry’s strategic framework, which is pinned to crime prevention through social development,” he said.

He noted that the initiative will equip the participants with globally marketable skills and certification.

“As our logistics and port sectors expand, these young people will be able to find work in value-added busi-

nesses, near shore operations and a variety of industrial fields,” he said. President of CMU, Professor Fritz Pinnock, said that the programme is targeted at young people, aged 20 to 29, most of whom are males.

We have chosen areas that are linked to specialized skills. These areas are skills that are in demand and we have employers who are waiting for these graduates at the end of the programme.



We are integrating them into a programme that is certified and has currency globally,” he said.

Programme participant, Shannon Morrison, an apprentice engineer from the Waterhouse community in lower St. Andrew, told JIS News that he is hoping to matriculate to the CMU’s engineering programme following completion of the YEP.

“What I am looking to get out of the programme is to improve the set of skills I have now. It is important to us young men because it opens opportunities.

There are brilliant minds in the Waterhouse community. We just need the opportunity to go out there, develop our skills and better ourselves. My advice to my peers is to take the opportunities as they come,” he encouraged.

YEP is a CMU certificate programme aimed at increasing the number of young people benefiting from employment and professional development.

Meanwhile, a sum of \$60 million is being invested to procure simulation equipment for the establishment of a CMU off-campus training site in St. James.

This will assist in increasing training opportunities for unattached youth in the western section of the island.

*[Government of Jamaica,
Jamaica Information
Service]*

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✓ **BANGLADESH: FOCUS ON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, NEED-BASED EDUCATION**

Dhaka, 12 March 2019 - BANGLADESH has to focus on skills development and modernize the education system to cope with the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) to avert any potential job loss, experts said yesterday.

They stressed on industrial need-based curriculum and asked the students and job-aspirants to select subjects that match industry demands.

They came up with the remarks at a dialogue titled “Fourth Industrial Revolution: Future Jobs Skills Careers for Bangladeshi Youth” held in Dhaka on Wednesday.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in association with the World Economic Forum, organized the event in learning potential risks of the 4IR on Bangladesh labor market and ways forward to create new employment for youth as well as to learn the demands of industry,

“Bangladesh’s GDP is today about \$300 billion. It is the 48th largest economy of the world with an \$1,800 per capita income.

The journey to move people’s per capita income from \$1,800 to \$10,000 in next one and a half decade is the 4IR’s objective for the South Asian region, including Bangladesh,” said Samir Saran, president of India-based Overseas Research Foundation (ORF).

“How we increase wages, living standard and human

development indices of our region are the core issue now ” he also said. “To enhance wage earning capabilities and productivity, as well as mainstreaming the economy in the global value chain, there is requirement of many inputs.

The most important inputs are skill development and education, without which we will not be able to create value to improve people’s conditions,” he added.

He also said that Bangladesh has to invest \$60 billion every year to educate and train its 60 million people, whose ages range between 18 to 24 to make them capable of participating in the job market.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Moment said: “The good news is that unprecedented technological advances are opening new opportunities and potential for economies to improve productivity at a rate faster than our imagination.”

“However, the bad news is with the introduction of new and emerging technologies, many labor-intensive jobs are likely to be replaced or lost, while others may require re-skilling of workers to the new systems,” added the minister.

“Now the most important question is; whether our education and skill development system, particularly those in the developing countries like Bangladesh, are capable of preparing the workforce with the adequate skills and

knowledge to take advantage of new technologies in their workplaces or elsewhere,” Moment said.

Industry people opined that in making the people capable for latest technology, employers called for need- based education and trainings for industrial employment

“There are graduates but we cannot appoint them as they are not employable. This is because of the mismatch between the industry needs and education subjects,” said Rubana Huq, managing director of Muhammadi Group.

She asked students to become aspirants and groom themselves by selecting subjects based on the needs of industries.

“There is disconnection with the academia and if they cannot cope with the automation, people will miss the chance,” she added.

[Dhaka Tribune]



✓ INDIA: GOVERNMENT PLANS SKILL VOUCHERS TO MAKE YOUTH MORE SKILFUL

New Delhi, 3 March 2019 - THE government is considering issuing skill vouchers or skill wallets to incentivise youths to undertake skilling programme of their own choice.

The vouchers can be used to pay for skill training at any of the approved skill providers, a senior government official told

ET.
“The redeemable value of these vouchers/wallets will depend on the courses opted,” the official said.

This is against the existing system where trainers and employers are subsidised to impart skills training and apprenticeship.

The move is in line with the government’s plan to shift

from subsidy-based system to incentive-based Skill India mission.

The official said the ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship is deliberating on ways to incentivise India’s youth to take on skilling programmes and one of the ways of doing this is to issue vouchers/wallets that can be

redeemed by students after the skills training is imparted.

It is expected to empower the youth to opt for courses of their choices besides ensuring trainers impart quality training.

[Economic Times]

✓ NEPAL: YOUTH CAMPAIGNERS CALL FOR FREE HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Kathmandu, 7 March 2019 - YOUTH education campaigners have demanded that the government should make education and health services free.

Organizing a press conference here Friday, the campaigners argued that this was necessary to ensure that no citizen would be deprived of their fundamental rights as right

to education, health and employment.

“It is known to all that we have been consistently pressing for the fulfillment of this demand from the streets.

Our demand is clear very sensitive sectors like health and education should be made free so that all citizens have easy access to it,” reads a press release

distributed to the media on the occasion.

Campaigner Bijaya Thapa said that thousand of Nepalis are suffering due to the compulsion of going for medical studies abroad for lack of medical colleges in the country.

In this backdrop, the government should seriously consider making health and education

accessible and affordable to all, he added.

They have also drawn the government’s attention to thousands of Nepali students who have gone to Bangladesh, Australia, India and other countries for studies facing uncertainty regarding their education.

[setopati.net]

✓ PAKISTAN: COMMONWEALTH TO EXTEND COOPERATION TO PM YOUTH PROGRAMME

Islamabad, 10 March 2019 - THE Commonwealth has decided to extend its cooperation to Prime Minister’s Youth Programme (PMYP) in fields of education, health, employment and social engagements through different agreements. The initiative will create vast opportunities for youth in diverse sectors.

According to the source, in this regard common wealth and PMYP have inked various agreements to work on their education, health, employment and social engagements.

He said special assistant to PMYP Usman Dar and Secretary General Common Wealth Patricia Scotland have expressed their willingness to sign various

agreements for uplift of youth in the country.

He said it was also agreed that they would extend their cooperation to PMYP’s National Youth Counsel.

He said empowerment initiatives like common frame work would also be established between Commonwealth and PMYP.

He said Commonwealth was committed to make Pakistani’s youth as role model to contribute in the progress of the country.

He said it would be joint efforts of Common wealth and PMYP to facilitate maximum youth.

[The News International]



✓ QATAR: QATAR STRESSES ROLE OF YOUTH IN MEDIATION

Doha, 5 March 2019 -

QATAR is to host the Second International Symposium on Youth Participation in Mediation Processes 2020.

This came in a statement delivered by HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad al-Muraikhi, who is heading Qatar's delegation to the First International Symposium on Youth Participation in Mediation Processes, currently being held in the Finnish capital Helsinki, under the auspices of Qatar and the Government of Colombia, in co-ordination with the United Nations.

In his speech at the opening of the conference, HE al-Muraikhi called for benefiting from the dynamism of youth in resolving contemporary issues as the most innovative forces to bring about societal changes and achieve sustainable peace. "The State of Qatar sees the need to create a world that provides opportunities to nurture the potential of young people and to address the misconception that youth must not have a say in addressing global problems," the minister said.

In this regard, HE al-Muraikhi pointed to Qatar's efforts to resolve many conflicts and to attach great importance to the role of youth in this regard, noting that Qatar has been mediating in many conflicts starting with hosting negotiations that ended the political conflict in Lebanon in 2008, facilitating talks between the Sudanese government and the various rebel movements in Darfur, and ending with the ongoing Afghan peace

talks.

He stressed that all the mediation undertaken by Qatar dealt with the important issues related to the aspirations of youth and their role in building peace, and expressed pride in Qatar's proven track record in launching innovative projects initiatives in co-operation with youth organisations.

The minister highlighted the establishment of the Youth Advisory Committee in Qatar in 2017 and its complementary role in strengthening and empowering youth in society and implementing the Qatar National Vision, noting the launch of a youth version at Doha Forum.

Meanwhile, HE al-Muraikhi yesterday met with Finland's Minister for Foreign Affairs Timo Soini on the sidelines of the symposium in Helsinki.

During the meeting, they discussed the symposium's agenda, Qatari-Finnish relations and means to bolster them in addition to matters of mutual interest.

[Gulf Times]

NEWS



✓ AZERBAIJAN: NAR SUPPORTS YOUTH IN BUILDING SUCCESSFUL CAREER

Baku, 6 March 2019 - NAR continues to support young people in building a successful career.

The mobile operator participated in the "Career Week" traditionally held at the initiative of the ADA University Career Center.

At the fair held in order to support young people's career path, Nar organized a reception of documents for vacancies in marketing area. In addition, the mobile operator provided the university students and graduates with recommendations related to building a successful career.

Students who had an opportunity to have a direct conversation with company representatives have received information about the career opportunities and learned about how to participate in the company's internship programs. Interest to the

stand of Nar stand was significant.

More than 110 public and private companies took part in the career fair held on March 1 under the slogan of "A bridge between talents and career paths".

Nearly 2000 students and graduates have attended the career fair organized at ADA University for the 7th time.

It should be noted that the purpose of the fair is to introduce the young people to the career market, provide them with a direct contact with the representatives of HR departments of various companies and to give the companies an opportunity to present their job vacancies. It should be noted that in order to support the young people, Nar has extensive co-operation ties with ADA University.

These activities include cooperation with the ADA University Foundation to support students demonstrating outstanding results, partnership with ADA Innovation Center supporting startup projects, offering career and internship opportunities for ADA students and graduates, and involvement of Nar employees to university's professional development programs.

"Azerfon" LLC (Nar trademark) started its operations on March 21, 2007, and within a short period of time became one of the leading companies of the telecommunications and mobile communication industry of Azerbaijan.

The 'Nar' brand name was selected as the symbol that resembles the cohesion of the rich cultural and historical heritage of Azerbaijan with the modern life.

Being the first operator in the country to introduce the 3G technology, Nar provides the customers with a wide 4G network coverage.

With a large network of over 7400 base stations, covering 97% of the country's territory (except for the occupied territories), Nar provides more than 2.2 million subscribers with the highest quality services.

[AZERTAC News]

✓ BELGIUM: YOUTH FOR CLIMATE LAUNCHES PLATFORM TO GATHER CITIZEN IDEAS

City of Brussels, 23 March 2019 - THE movement at the root of the so-called pro-climate "school strikes", Youth for Climate, is launching an online platform, intended for compiling citizen ideas to limit global warming.

The solutions proposed will be submitted to the authorities, "the idleness" of which youngsters are denouncing every week in the streets.

Flowing from the demonstration this Thursday, the fourth organised in Brussels by Youth For Climate, the

collective has unveiled its new platform. "We will continue our demonstrations until we are sure that we have been heard.

However, we also wish to give people who are not (yet) engaging in climate initiatives, the opportunity to make their voice heard," indicates the collective. "It is not simply youngsters' ideas any longer, indeed everyone can post suggestions there," states the French-speaking coordinator, Adélaïde Charlier.

The deadline for the submission of ideas is fixed

as 31 March 2019.

These will be analysed by a committee which will assess their given feasibility.

Internet surfers will then be able to vote for those which, in their view, must be the priorities for the next parliament.

The most successful ideas will be submitted to the authorities. "We hope that politicians will be inspired by some of these ideas," adds Dries Cornelissens, of Youth for Climate.

On Thursday, some 12,500 youngsters, once again,

demonstrated in the streets of the capital demanding significant political measures to fight climate change.

Although less numerous than last week, youngsters nevertheless continued to demonstrate. "The movement is not crumbling as such but it is dispersing," states Adélaïde Charlier.

For example in Liège, more than 15,000 students also walked through the streets.

[The Brussels Times]



✓ BULGARIA: 7% OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH HIGHER EDUCATION ARE UNEMPLOYED

Sofia, 12 March 2019 - 7 % of people with higher education are officially unemployed, BNR reports.

The employment rate of the graduates is over 80%, announced the Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Policy Lazar Lazarov at the opening of the Youth Career Forum "National Career Days".

"Digitization, globalization, lead to other processes that we call employment polarization. Many people, highly qualified, will have

to take jobs that do not meet their qualification," Lazarov warned.

Lazar Lazarov pointed out that in the near future nearly 30% of the work environment will be mechanized and automated. Today and tomorrow at the National Palace of Culture in Sofia is held the biggest career forum "National Career Days - Good Career, Good Life".

Since its inception 18 years ago, 45,000 young people have found a job in the

labor market.

The largest forum for student internships and work in the country is already established as the place where the career of thousands of ambitious young people begins.

At this year's event, staff will look for more than 170 Bulgarian and international companies from different business sectors.

Thus, the forum responds to both the needs of young people to enter the labor

market and companies to find the qualified staff they need.

Within a month, the forum will tour eight academic cities in the country, with Sofia, Varna, Burgas, Rousse, Svishitov, Veliko Tarnovo, Gabrovo and Burgas.

[The Sofia Globe]

✓ GERMANY: YOUTH BETWEEN MARGINALIZATION AND CONTRIBUTION

Berlin, 18 March 2019 - THE Don Bosco Forum in Bonn provided a platform for more than 400 guests to discuss social marginalization of youngsters.

"It is our goal as Don Bosco to get youngsters out of isolation" emphasized the managing directors of Don Bosco Mondo (Christian Osterhaus) and of Don Bosco Mission Bonn (Nelson Penedo).

Hundreds of young and long-term members of Don Bosco institutions worldwide, interested parties and representatives from politics and society attended the meeting at the University of Bonn. At the end of the Don Bosco Forum the participants of the prior scheduled International Youth Conference presented the results on the topic "Marginalization". 40 teenagers from Europe and the Middle East were searching for ways out of radicalization. They presented the Forum

with a video pleading for more tolerance and peace. In addition, their dancing performance served as an impressive testimonial of the meaning of marginalization.

The teenagers experienced the encounter with participants from diverse countries as enrichment. One female attendee concluded: "the more we know about each other, the more tolerant we become."

Father Thomas Koshy (SDB), Director of the Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (YAR) with headquarters in New Delhi, is aware of the meaning of marginalization of the young. Roughly ten million children live in the streets in his home country India. For decades he has been promoting the welfare of street children.

Education is an important key to success.

The caste system constitutes a major problem in India

demanding a strict separation of social classes.

Accordingly, the so-called "untouchables" are excluded from society being forced into doing menial work such as toilet cleaning and trash disposal. Fr Koshy laments a culture of exclusion preventing progress.

There are also many youngsters in Germany who are marginalized encountering rejection. "There is one form of emotional marginalization which leaves young people heavily scarred", Simon Härting (SDB) stated, the educational director of the Don Bosco Youth Aid Center in Sannerz close by Fulda.

We had one boy with us who was rejected by his parents, grandparents, by his entire family. Nobody wanted to be in contact with him.

As a protective measure, he built armor, also physically. We did not manage to

establish a relationship with him for a year, this being the most important factor we must build up a relationship with the youngster." "Sometimes we reach our physical limits when the youngsters become aggressive or offensive which can hit us also physically.

It is important to be well protected and to keep the focus on what is doable and what not. Regardless, Don Bosco always facilitates a fresh start over.

We adhere by our familiar quotation, "In case of a doubt, we grant a tenth chance."

[The Guardian]



✓ ROMANIA: BANCPOST SENDS YOUNG ROMANIAN IT SPECIALISTS

Bucharest, 6 of March 2019 - BANCPOST sends the most talented IT specialists from Romania to the competition "Beyond Hackathon" dedicated to young IT specialists (software developer, designer, marketer, business developer), an event to be held between 17-19 March 2017 in Athens.

The Bank supports thus the IT industry, offering young talents real chances to national and international recognition.

The competition aims to promote innovative ideas and projects which can make a difference in the field of financial services and products and can thus influence the future of banking.

Beyond Hackathon is now at its second edition and is organised by Eurobank Group in a partnership with Foundation M.P. and The Cube Workspace M.I.K.E. and with Eurobank Group subsidiaries in the region Bancpost SA (Romania), Eurobank Bulgaria AD and Eurobank Cyprus Ltd.

This year's novelty is that start-ups may also participate in the competition companies in this field with maximum 5 years' experience.

During three days IT specialists - programmers, software developers, designers and business developers - will participate in workshops held by international leaders in FinTech and will have the opportunity to interact with experts in various fields

(business, design, technology and communications).

The final objective is to generate innovative ideas which can materialise in future banking products and services.

First 10 Romanian specialists registered in the competition will benefit from free participation (within the limit of 500 Euro/participant), according to terms and conditions of the campaign „Bancpost sends you to Beyond Hackathon”.

In the end participants will be able to present their ideas before a jury, and the first three projects will be granted money awards (€5,000, €3,000 and €2,000 respectively), as well as the opportunity to implement the projects with Eurobank support.

[The Daily Star]

NEWS



✓ AUSTRALIA: AUSTRALIA NEEDS A VISION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Canberra, 23 March 2019 - YOUNG Australians are coming of age at a time of tremendous change.

The job market is growing more competitive and fragmented, people are expected to attain higher levels of education than ever before, and globalisation and technologies are transforming our lives.

As a nation, we are becoming more diverse and mental health is a topic of rising concern.

In regional and rural areas, young people are at the forefront of action on these issues.

In Victoria, Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) activators are generating ideas, such as Josh Baker's "Let's Life" program to create greater access to education for young people from rural and regional areas, which are vital to our nation's future.

In YACVic's consultation with young people for #vicyouth2020, a plan to ensure young people can strive to live their best life, we found that young people want a real voice in major decisions affecting their community.

And we know how powerful their voices can be -the 2017 Marriage Equality bill passed with a record number of new enrolments from young people. Last week's student strike for climate change was huge, with students from regional and rural Victoria travelling for hours to attend rallies across the

state. Past federal elections have swung from the impact of younger, less predictable voters who the major parties struggle to understand.

But all too often, federal politics ignores or actively excludes young people.

Australia has no federal youth minister, no federal mechanism for engaging with young people, and no national youth policy framework.

We need a national vision for young Australians, and we need it now.

As a nation, we've been shocked and disappointed by the behaviours of individual politicians who risk encouraging cynicism and apathy amongst the next generation.

Things have to change, and we have a chance now to petition aspiring federal politicians on their commitment to our young people and our future.

In the lead-up to the 2019 federal election, YACVic is calling on all candidates to commit to taking the following steps and give young people a real voice in the decisions that affect their country.

A federal minister for youth needs to be appointed.

There should be someone in cabinet driving change to benefit young people and speaking up for young people's interests right across government.

A new mechanism needs to be launched to give young

people a direct voice into federal government.

A federal youth engagement mechanism would empower young people to become engaged with change, inform government policy, and build their own skills.

This new mechanism should engage young people from diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and from rural, regional and remote Australia.

A whole-of-government strategy needs to be developed to build the best Australia for young people.

This strategy should address the big issues shaping young people's lives, including employment, housing affordability, mental health and wellbeing, and civic engagement.

It should be informed by current data and research, and developed with young people and the services which support them.

There should be adequate resourcing attached to bring about real change.

Funding for National Youth Week needs to be reinstated.

At this annual celebration, young people showcase their talents, celebrate their achievements, express their ideas, attend live events and entertainment, and have fun.

Unfortunately, while state governments continue to support Youth Week, federal funding ended in 2017.

Funding should also be allocated for a national peak body to give young people and youth support professionals a strong, independent voice.

The Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) formed in 2002.

It promoted the rights and participation of young Australians, represented young people's interests to federal government, and worked to build an expert and coordinated youth services sector.

Unfortunately, federal funding to AYAC ceased in 2014.

All Australians want to pass on a better future for our young people.

Providing the opportunities for young people to participate in designing and developing and improving their future is the best way to do that.

[The Islander]



✓ FIJI: ANZ SUPPORTS FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR FIJI YOUTHS

Suva, 6 March 2019 - GOODNEWS for youth leaders across Fiji as they will be part of a program that will help instill in them a culture of saving.

This will be delivered to young people across the country through a new partnership between ANZ and Ola Fou where they will be given the opportunity to be part of Money Minded and Business Basics which is ANZ's financial literacy

program. Ola Fou, which means new life, empowers young Pacific leaders to work for positive change in their communities.

ANZ Fiji Country Head, Saud Minam says as part of their initial 3 year partnerships, ANZ will provide Ola Fou with training and accreditation to deliver both Money Minded and Business Basics. He adds that this program

have been successful in improving financial literacy and will add value to the great work Ola Fou is already doing in communities in Fiji.

Minam says that around 12,000 people in Fiji have already taken part in Money Minded program.

Ola Fou Fiji Chairman, Geoffrey Nainoca says that they are pleased to partner with ANZ to deliver Money

Minded in the villages and settlements that they support across Fiji. Nainoca stated that their footprint will extend to Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and PNG, so there is opportunity to grow their partners in the future.

[Fiji Sun Online]

✓ NEW ZEALAND: \$65K FOR 640 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wellington, 30 March 2019 - SEVEN youth sector organisations will share a total of \$65,000 funding to help them provide new youth development opportunities for around 640 young people, Youth Minister Nikki Kaye announced today. "This funding is about supporting more leadership, volunteering and mentoring opportunities for young people across New Zealand," says Ms Kaye.

"The opportunities cover a broad spectrum, from supporting young people to reduce online bullying and move away from at-risk behavior, to enabling them to explore potential career paths and support young disabled people and those living with cancer.

"It's great to be able to support the many organisations out there doing fantastic work for our young people, and enabling them to provide hundreds more opportunities at the same time.

"There are new opportunities created from Northland to Otago, and these will enable more young people to develop their own skills and leadership and also contribute to other young people and their communities."

The organisations and initiatives benefitting from this funding are: Sticks 'n Stones - \$12,000 to support 150 young people in Otago to become ambassadors for 'responsible digital citizenship', by running community events and activities for other young people to address the issue of online bullying.

Central Otago REAP - \$12,000 to support 40 rural young people from Central Otago to receive one-on-one and group mentoring, to help them reduce at-risk behaviours by building positive relationships and skills such as resilience and decision-making.

Phab - \$10,000 to support 100 young disabled

people from Auckland to become leaders who act as advocates and supporters for other young people living with a disability.

CCS Disability Action \$7,000 to support 40 young disabled people from Northland to be part of a youth steering group and contribute to the goal of ensuring that those living with a disability are involved in decision-making and 'in the driver's seat' of their lives.

Tauranga Youth Development Team \$10,000 to support 100 Bay of Plenty young people to be part of a project developing a series of local youth events, including workshops, team building and social events. Canteen - \$7000 to support 140 young Aucklanders to become leaders and mentors supporting young people living with cancer.

Taranaki Futures - \$7000 to enable 70 young people living in the Taranaki region to participate in the

Accelerator programme, which partners young people with business mentors and provides actual workplace experience to help formulate potential career paths.

The new opportunities announced today are part of a focus on increasing youth development opportunities from 50,000 to 70,000 annually, and increasing the funds targeting disadvantaged youth from 18 to 30 per cent.

"A leadership, mentoring or volunteering opportunity can turn young people around and open up new directions and possibilities.

This is about giving more young people the chance to develop their skills and build a path to a successful future," says Ms Kaye.

[Scoop.co.nz]



✓ PAPUA GUINEA: LITERACY VITAL FOR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT

Port Moresby, 10 March 2019 - LITERACY is a word that has multiple meanings behind it. Every individual will have their own definition of what literacy is and how it affects societies today.

Generally, literacy can mean anything that is recognised, read or even just being understood by an individual.

Without literacy the world would fall apart and everyday tasks would be impossible to be completed because it is the ultimate superpower that should be attainable by everyone but is not used to its full potential.

One of the most influential parts of literacy is the lives of individuals in the literacy events that occur in everyday situations such as doing shopping, chatting with friends, going out for a ride or party, literacy will always be prompt.

Literacy can also bring the world to its knees or to another level with the help from the communication around the world because it contains power that can build or destroy a person. Without literacy, a country's society can be razed through the struggles and hardships that lead to high crimes whereas with literacy, it can make a country soar with technology and a thriving economy.

For a developing country like Papua New Guinea, illiteracy is one of the most daunting challenges and main drivers of tribal fights, crimes, violence against women, drugging and home brew activities which have lured the lives of many unemployed youths, abandoning education as the fundamental source to a better life.

According to a literacy report in 2015, youth

literacy is low at approximately 63 per cent and covers the population between the ages of 15-24 years.

An estimated 60 – 70 per cent of our population consists of youths and only 20-30 per cent has acquired decent education.

The good news is that one of the objectives of the national governments in the Millennium Development Goal is to achieve 70 per cent literacy rate by the year 2025 including addressing adult literacy.

If the people are illiterate, they will never know how to look after themselves and live a healthy lifestyle. They will lack respect and common understanding.

For example, your ethnic background can also be a major contribution to the amount of acceptance and your views on the society.

Having the ability to be well educated gives you the advantage on how to change the views of others and the ethnic group in which you belong to.

Literacy teaches you on how to be independent, confident and being true to yourself. It also broadens one's knowledge to differentiate right from wrong.

Although there are occasions where literacy is not as important as it seems, being well educated is a crucial thing in order to make you stand out and be able to navigate through your community because in a world like this, it is what you need in order to be successful.

[Post-Courier]

✓ SAMOA: SAMOA'S YOUTH HONoured WITH INTERNATIONAL WETLANDS PRIZE

Apia, 20 March 2019 - IN May this year, Samoa's Youth in Climate Action Network (Y.C.A.N.) learned they had won a Ramsar Wetland Conservation award of US\$10,000 (T\$26,609).

President Samantha Kwan, still very much taken aback by the win, travelled to Dubai yesterday to accept the prize.

The group has been hard at work since 2015 replanting and restoring mangroves and rehabilitating coral reefs on Samoa's borders.

"Most of our members live

on the coastline," Ms. Kwan said.

With the Ramsar prize, the group will reach more youth to enable greater action against an unliveable planet. More funding means more training and capacity building, not only for youth to know how to restore mangroves or plant more trees, but understand why, and how to pass on that information on to their communities, Ms. Kwan said.

The Ramsar Conservation is an award for Young Wetlands Champions. Ms. Kwan said it's great to see youth in particular being honoured.

As a conservation officer at the Ministry of Resources and Natural Environment, Ms. Kwan said she used to see the voices of youth ignored in the conservation policy space or brought in as tokenistic gestures.

"But there has definitely been a huge shift since we started Y.C.A.N.," she said. "We're actually a partner to M.N.R.E. to implement the National Environment Sector Plan for 2017-2020 because they see the work we do on the ground."

Y.C.A.N. is a three-year old youth group working on defending Samoa's coastal

areas from pollution, reef degradation, species loss and more.

The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards were established in 1996 to recognise and work to promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

Ramsar is the oldest of the modern global intergovernmental environmental agreements and was negotiated through the 1960's. It was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975.

[Samoa Observer]

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