

# 17<sup>TH</sup> MIYD

## MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE



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## BACKGROUND

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which brings together young people, youth leaders and relevant stakeholders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has convened on a wide range of topical issues. The MIYD has witnessed an escalating number of youth participants over the years willing to participate in the decision making process. With the view of building a stronger partnership between the youth and the society, the MIYD produces a declaration which serves as a guideline for youth to address the selected issues.



## INTRODUCTION

Juvenile Delinquency refers to criminal acts perpetrated by a young person, especially one below the age at which ordinary criminal prosecution is possible and who cannot be subjected to an adult charge or sentence. That is, a young person who has been taken into custody by the police, or committed to an institution, or otherwise disposed of by the court is likely to be defined as a delinquent by many people - parents, friends, neighbours, teachers, or employers. Certainly, variations in official handling of offenders, by age, sex, and other theoretically meaningful categories, reflect varying degrees of social concern with the behaviour of young people.

According to the report published by UNICEF “Cities Failing Children”, an average of 10,500 minors are being detained and arrested annually – about 28 children a day or more than one child every hour. The fact that today, minors are continuously involved in selling and distribution of several forms of abused and illegal drugs is distressing, let alone, the consideration that engagement in such activity could perpetuate into more extreme crimes such as: rape, homicide, and murder. Approximately half of all youth arrests are made on account of drug abuse, theft, disorderly conduct, assault, and curfew violations, with theft being the greatest cause of youth arrests.

Records dating as far back as 1990 shows that majority of the juvenile delinquents detained were actually faced with extreme forms of poverty. Further data collected on that subject suggested that 7 in every 10 children detained had poverty as one of the driving forces behind juvenile

delinquent behavior. In many regions, the root cause of delinquency has often been traced to problems in their family. Parental neglect over the activities of their children or failure to understand their needs during the rebellious phase of adolescence is often cited as the fundamental factors leading to juvenile delinquency. Moreover, other pertinent causes, such as: harsh disciplinary measures in educational system, migration, media's pressure or even peers' influence, were equally important in solving this issue.

Juvenile Delinquency is not without its consequences. The most extreme consequence is loss of human life, especially those of productive young people. If the victims of delinquent behaviors survive, they mostly suffer injuries or permanent disabilities. Furthermore, both the juveniles who have been involved in delinquent activities and their families will suffer from economic and psychological burdens. The continuous marginalisation and victimisation of these young people is having a serious impact of their social interactions and is only perpetuating and pushing them further towards committing more delinquent behavior and activities.

Various key stakeholders have shown their concern through promoting and directly contributing to many programmes, especially designed to minimise and/or solve juvenile delinquent behaviors. However, it is pivotal that before any attempt to tackle the delinquent activities carried out by youth, we need to firstly attempt to understand and then, deal with the causes driving them towards the said behavior. Therefore, it is essential to have intercultural platforms like the 17<sup>th</sup> Melaka International Youth Dialogue in order to gather all stakeholders in discussing relevant factors and matters on Juvenile Delinquency, and recommending solutions and contributions towards youth sustainable development.

## THEME

The theme for the 17<sup>th</sup> Melaka International Youth Dialogue '*Our Roles in Solving Juvenile Delinquency*' has been realised to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating both juvenile violence and solving delinquent behaviors. Moreover, the outcomes guided by this selected theme are expected to contribute favorably in youth development as well as betterment of societies as a whole.

An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth towards non-violence, peaceful and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society that they represent. Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, representatives from public and private sector, media persona, law enforcers and members of various NGOs and CSOs, will gather to call for action and

structure experiences on the issue of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Development. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards the attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## OBJECTIVES

During the dialogue all participants will gather to address and call for action on the following objectives:

- To promote awareness and analyse problems and inventories of programmes, services, facilities and resources available towards juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- To foster action and establish methods for effectively reducing the opportunity to commit delinquent acts among young people;
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, NGOs and others, in solving Juvenile Delinquency and supporting constructive youth development as well as youth leadership;
- To gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to solve Juvenile Delinquency;
- To distinguish well-defined responsibilities for the qualified agencies, institutions and personnel involved in preventive efforts;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the Juvenile Justice;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of Juvenile Delinquency;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## ORGANISERS

The MIYD is organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia), Melaka State Government, Asian Youth Council and Malaysian Youth Council.



## PARTICIPANTS

Expected participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35, gender balanced groups representing their respective National Youth Councils; Youth Organisations; Ministries of Youth; Ministries of Education; Law Enforcers; Organisations that address Juvenile Delinquency; Youth Development as well as Youth Rehabilitation related organisations; international organisations; and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 250 from at least 80 different countries.

## REGISTRATION

All willing participants must fill in the enclosed application form, which is also available in our website and submit the filled form to the organising committee via the email of [miyd@way.org.my](mailto:miyd@way.org.my). Deadline for submission of application is set for **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**. The admission of each application will be determined within 3 working days from the submission.

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The dialogue will commence on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 until Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017. **The participants are expected to arrive on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and depart on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

The Dialogue agenda comprises of the following components:

- Plenary sessions compose of introductory speeches and papers; local, regional and international views and approaches; and personal experiences on the MIYD theme;
- Workshops are brainstorming sessions for participants. In this session, emphasis is made that there is no debate, no criticism, and no crosstalk. Instead, all participants call for suggestions and action towards the theme and present them to the rest of the participants. At later stage, the drafting committee prioritises the list of recommendations and draft the MIYD declaration;
- Meetings and networking dinners;
- Field trips and / or cultural tours.

## REGISTRATION FEES

The MIYD participation fee of USD 200.00 (Malaysian RM900.00) inclusive of registration fee, accommodation, food and local transportation shall be levied on all participants. Accommodation shall be based on twin sharing basis. The Dialogue organisers will **not** provide accommodation, meals or transportation **before or after the mentioned dates**. For any other preferences there shall be an additional fee therefore, kindly contact the Organising Committee.

For bank transfer, kindly remit the fee in advance to our bank account as follows and provide proof of payment of transfer;

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>: World Assembly of Youth</b>
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>: 5040-1282-8298</b>
<b>Bank Name</b>	<b>: Maybank</b>
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<b>City</b>	<b>: Melaka</b>
<b>Country</b>	<b>: Malaysia</b>
<b>Swift Code</b>	<b>: MBBEMYKL</b>

WAY accepts payments upon arrival. Payments by cash, kindly indicate on the application form for official acceptance on arrival. For other modes of payment kindly contact the Organising Committee.

Sincerely,

### **Organising Committee**

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## PROGRAMME

The programme for the MIYD shall be as below. Specific details on Speakers and Facilitators shall be provided in due course.

Date	Time	Agenda	Venue	Dress Code
9 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA/KLIA2- Hotel	Casual
	1900HRS	<b>Ice Breaking Session</b>	Hotel	Casual
	2200HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
10 <sup>th</sup> July	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	<b>VIP Press Conference</b>	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Formal
	1045HRS	<b>Plenary Session 1</b>	Hotel	Formal
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Smart Casual

	1400HRS	<b>Plenary Session 2</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1545HRS	<b>Plenary Session 3</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	1800HRS	<b>Cultural Performances</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual/ Traditional Attire
	2000HRS	Dinner	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	0800HRS	Breakfast	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	0900HRS	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	<b>Workshop (Continues)</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	<b>Workshop (Continues)</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual

	1545HRS	<b>Workshop: Group Presentations</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	1900HRS	Dinner	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	2000HRS	<b>City Tours</b>	<b>Melaka</b>	Casual
	2130HRS	<b>Drafting Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	0800HRS	Breakfast	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	0900HRS	<b>Presentation of 17<sup>th</sup> MIYD Draft Declaration</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	<b>Adoption of 17<sup>th</sup> MIYD Declaration</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	1400HRS	<b>Field Trips</b>	<b>Melaka</b>	Casual / MIYD T-shirt
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	2000HRS	<b>Farewell Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Formal/Traditional Attire

13 <sup>th</sup> July				
0800HRS	Breakfast		Hotel	Casual
All Day	Departures		Hotel - KLIA/KLIA2	Casual