

**WELCOME SPEECH BY DONALD T. CHARUMBIRA, SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH, AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE
BOOK *YOUTH AND GLOBALISM : A PERSPECTIVE***

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

On behalf of the World Assembly of Youth, I would like to express our appreciation for your presence at this auspicious event, the launching of the book *Youth and Globalism : A Perspective*.

But before I say more about the book, it is perhaps fitting at this moment to congratulate a world youth leader who has recently led the ruling Barisan Nasional to a resounding victory in Melaka, none other than YAB Datuk Seri Hj. Mohd Ali Rustam.

YAB Datuk Seri is not only a man of words, he is also a man of action. His thoughts quickly resolve into words, which turn into actions and lead to successful results.

On behalf of the World Assembly of Youth, we are pleased to recognize that our President is an exemplary leader, who is a living example of excellence in governance and human development. His leadership of Melaka has put the state on the path to achieve development by the year 2010. We say congratulations to YAB Datuk Seri and all the leaders of Barisan Nasional who have achieved a well-deserved victory in the recent elections. We wish you every success in making Melaka a developed state by 2010, and sharing your model of success with the rest of the world.

Youth and Globalism: A Perspective is YAB Datuk Seri's view of the role of youth in creating a world of peace, justice and equity. When the World Assembly of Youth held its 13th General Assembly in January 2000, YAB Datuk Seri emphasized the need for the global community to live together in peace and harmony, as there are enough resources in this world for everyone.

After his re-election as WAY President, YAB Datuk Seri and the WAY Executive Committee adopted a Millennium Plan of Action, covering the years 2000 to 2004. The theme of that Millennium Plan of Action was *Towards a Global Community*. The vision was to inculcate in the younger generation, the desire for world peace, justice and equity.

The book authored by YAB Datuk Seri is a culmination of his thoughts and philosophies regarding the role of youth in building a better world for today and

tomorrow. The book is an authoritative guide to the history and background of the world youth movement, and the imperatives for a brighter and more prosperous future. It propounds a new ideology of Globalism, a sound and positive ideology which has global human development at heart.

Youth and Globalism: A Perspective is a call for an end to oppression and injustice. An end to unfair trading practices. An end to inequality and exploitation. An end to neo-imperialism and unipolarism.

We have all seen enough of the contemporary conflict-prone world, which is led by war-mongering, materialistic, capitalistic Western philosophy.

For all those sharing the same dream as YAB Datuk Seri, for a world of peace, justice and equity, then let us read *Youth and Globalism: A Perspective*, and embrace its philosophy and ideals.

To YAB Datuk Seri we say thank you for the philosophical offering that you are presenting to the young people of the world. We shall ensure that this book is disseminated to all corners of the world. We shall strive to propagate Globalism and to ensure that the young generation embraces it.

Let us move ahead, towards world peace, towards international justice, towards global equity, towards a Global Community!

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