

WELCOME ADDRESS

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**“Yesterday’s Youth Leaders – Today’s Nation
Leaders”**

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Right Honorable Datuk Seri Mohd. Ali bin Mohd. Rustam, President of
World Assembly of Youth,

Datuk Datuk and Datin Datin

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the World Assembly of Youth I would like to welcome each and every one of you to this Appreciation Dinner entitled “Yesterday’s Youth Leaders - Today’s Nation Leaders”. It is a great honor and a delightful privilege for me to commence this special night.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank all of you for joining us and make this night more festive.

As you may know, The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is an international coordinating body of national youth councils and organizations. The full members of WAY are national youth councils. WAY currently has 120 member organizations from all continents.

WAY was found in 24 August 1949 and has general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and works in close cooperation with several UN agencies including UNAIDS, UNEP, ILO UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO.

WAY works for promotion of youth and youth organizations in program areas such as: youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are gathered here tonight to thank those whom dedicated themselves to youth and the youth welfare. It is because of these warriors that today we are still reminded of our duties as novice youth leaders.

We have amongst us a collection of fine mentors who contributed to youth in state, national, regional and international levels. Of course, the gesture of this award is not distinguished by geographical affection but by the time and energy they have spent over the past few years in upholding essential rights for youth and eradicate issues concerning the youth all around the globe.

Their leadership has enlightened our path and their dedication has inspired our souls.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again on behalf of the World Assembly of Youth, I would like to thank all of you for being here tonight and wish you all a pleasant evening as you made ours.

Thank You!