



# REPORT

**YOUTH RUN: FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**18 APRIL, 2015**

**MELAKA RIVER SQUARE (DATARAN SUNGAI MELAKA)**

**MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**



**Global Youth  
Service Day**



## **ABSTRACT**

This report gives an overview to the awareness campaign conducted for the Youth Run: For Peace and Sustainability, attended by several stakeholders consisting of participants: youth and youth leaders from different countries; members of various NGOs and educational institutions; families; and others.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Youth Run: For Peace and Sustainability was organised by World Assembly of Youth (WAY). We would like to appreciate partners that collaborated in the organising of this event: Melaka State Government; Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah (MBMB); Melaka State Youth Council; Sahabat Belia Kerajaan Negeri Melaka; and various educational institutions.

We also would like to express our utmost gratitude to Youth Service America (YSA) for inviting WAY to partner this event in commemoration of the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), which took place 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.

This event was made successful with the support of various sponsors and contributors, such as: Melaka State Government; Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah (MBMB); Petronas Penapisan (Melaka) Sdn Bhd; ENE (Melaka) Sdn Bhd; Mahkota Medical Centre; Syarikat Air Melaka Berhad; Perbadanan Pembangunan Sungai dan Pantai Melaka; Menara Taming Sari Melaka; Bayou Lagoon Resort; Telekom Malaysia, Melaka; AIK Cheong Coffee Roaster Sdn Bhd; Ahrisaa Health and Beauty Center; Everts Balloon Sdn Bhd; and others.

Special thanks goes to the tireless and hardworking volunteers. Their effort in making this event a great success is priceless and memorable. They were the true promoters of peace and sustainability.

Last but not least, we would like to invariably and inestimably recognise the participants that dedicated their time and energy to promote peace and sustainability throughout the event.

Thank you!

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Youth Run: For Peace and Sustainability was organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), in collaboration with Melaka State Government, Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah (MBMB), Melaka State Youth Council, and several local NGOs. It is also an event planned in commemoration of the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), which took place 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015, around the world.

The event was officiated by Hon. Datuk Norpipah Binti Abdol, Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage, Melaka, who represented the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Bin Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of WAY. It started exuberantly with more than 350 participants and over 120 volunteers ready to take the streets and promote peace and sustainability.

Ms. Ediola Pashollari, the Secretary General of WAY in her welcome remarks said that: "Young people are the leaders of today and pivotal players in tackling global development issues and they should play a key role in the decision making processes, at all levels of society". The event was reckoned a resounding success by all who participated.

Hon. Datuk Norpipah Binti Abdol, throughout this event, believed that the passion that the youth have to bring about a unified commitment towards the eradication of dissonance is extraordinary. In her remarks she also stated that: "Young people in any country represent the future of that country. They have a vital role to play in the development of the country, a duty they must perform."

WAY also made it a point of commitment to all participants to sign the event Petition "I Ran for Peace! I Stand for a Sustainable and Inclusive Society!". The signing of petition was inaugurated by Hon. Datuk Norpipah Binti Abdol, Ms. Ediola Pashollari and partners. All participants, volunteers, sponsors and even tourists, signed their passionate interest for an inclusive society. They are all Ambassadors of Peace and Sustainability.

The event continued with lucky draws given to more than fifty (50) winners, followed by the award presentations to the winners of the Run categories. It was mentioned and understood that the run is not about competition to win a prize but a united deed for awareness and to bring about the message to the people.

Below are the lists of the winners with their finish time:

No.	NAME	BIB NUMBER	FINISH TIME
<b>5 KM (RUN FOR FUN) 1<sup>ST</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> PLACE RECOGNITION</b>			
1	Simon Rotich	A081	15.18.04
2	Godwin Kipruto	A114	15.19.21
3	Samson Kiplagi Tenai	A101	15.52.17
4	John Waithaka	A110	16.11.65
5	Ng Yong Siang	A014	16.43.60
6	Sarja Drammeh	A119	16.47.72
7	Rosnizam Bin Rosli	A142	16.50.29
8	Margret Wahgui Hjuguwa	A109	17.43.13
9	Benson Gicheru Kimaru	A106	17.45.15
10	Muhammad Tarmizi Zulfika Bin Ismail	A139	18.17.87
<b>5 KM (RUN FOR FUN) 1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> FEMALE RECOGNITION</b>			
1	Dina Hodanen Binti Ahmad Nazri	A088	23.42.69
2	Law Puay Fong	A044	27.21.46
3	Razalia Binti Ab Razak	A077	29.22.26
4	Evelyn Anne Amalanathan	A047	31.24.23
5	Ling Souk Jing	A066	32.59.06
<b>3 KM (UNITED RUN) 1<sup>ST</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> PLACE RECOGNITION</b>			
1	Nelson Kiptoo	B114	8.04.9
2	Charles Kipsang	B152	8.12.3
3	Jackson Kibet Kenei	B112	8.17.8
4	John Kipkoror Rutto	B121	8.38.7
5	Charles Thaiya	B159	8.42.3
6	Vijayan	B150	9.36.3
7	Jesen A/L Julian	B147	9.37.9
8	Nur Fadli Bin Nur Mohamed	B115	9.48.8
9	Syupian Abdul Samat	B161	9.52.1
10	Phon Tong Yee	B027	9.56.1
<b>3 KM (UNITED RUN) 1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE FAMILY RECOGNITION</b>			
1	Abmin Bin Mahjud	F007	12.12.26
2	Law Su Hwa	F006	12.12.57
3	Su Keng Chau	F004	14.21.94
4	Dewina Binti Abdullah	F002	16.46.91
5	Zaini Binti Abdullah	F001	22.47.94

WAY firmly believes that, taking every action necessary to increasing youth connectivity and harnessing the potential of their right to sustainable, peaceful and inclusive society, is the key to getting results and to stimulating social and economic benefits for the masses around the world. WAY calls out to its members around the world, and other stakeholders, to uphold the importance of sustainable development and armistice declaration.

## INTRODUCTION

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), for the past fifteen years, strategically tackled youth issues with a guided objective which was governed by three Millennium Plan of Actions (MPAC). The contents of these plan of action was delineated to ascertain and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), set by the United Nations. This year, 2015, WAY kicks off with its Fourth Millennium Plan of Action (MPAC-4) and it addresses 10 goals that are vital to youth.

In our world today, there are endless possibilities to what a person or a nation can achieve, as sustainability is a great issue in many areas for development. WAY recognises this fact and themed the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action as "*The Role of Youth on Sustainable Development*". This is with the realisation that until sustainable actions are taken, real development would be far from reach. We cannot settle for something we know that will not last. That is why a fight for sustainability is crucial for this generation and others to come.

The youth play a very key role in our society. They are the future of the community and the hope of a better tomorrow. There would be no other mind to exert the knowledge and purpose of sustainability except that of the youth. If the world thinks that it needs to be sustained and cared for, there is no other resolution than to start working on getting the youth acquainted with the understanding of what is at stake and the future we seek. They hold the key to whether a better world would be the way we wish for or not.

Two of the best ways to achieve this is by getting the youth involved in the solutions and craving for their opinions. Until the youth are involved in decision making, they wouldn't have that sense of belief that what they were taught was meant something, and they would end up not acting on anything. Creating a platform for youth is one thing, getting them involved in the platform is another thing.



Our world is getting 'smaller' each day; there would be differences and discords along the way, but that should bring us closer to our strength, and unified purpose. To talk about a sustainable development and the role of youth, we should consider four main factors: ecological, economical, political, and cultural factors.

WAY has taken it upon itself to dig deep into these matters and issues that affect the youth. This time in particular, youth should get more involved to play their roles on sustainable development of the world they desire and the future they yearn for. We believe that when those youth issues are tackled, the youth will be equipped to concentrate their potentials.

## BACKGROUND

One of the 10 (ten) goals set by WAY for the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action is to Promote Peaceful and Inclusive Societies. About 1.5 billion people live in countries affected by violent conflict, and the same amount of people live in fragile and conflict-afflicted areas. A bomb blast to one neighbourhood is a nightmare to another. When one youth is affected by violence, the whole world is affected. We should fight for a sustainable resolution at all times.

This event, *Youth Run for Peace and Sustainability*, sought to engage youth and youth leaders, at all levels, to stand in one accord to promote sustainable peace. This is with the notion that conflict can rise anywhere at any time. Therefore, we need to create awareness for the peace we seek, and the mind-set of a peaceful ending.

Those that take the streets are not just runners or athletes, but they believe that this road will lead to various good destinations. The ultimate destination, both local and international, is a peaceful and inclusive society. Those that run for peace and sustainability stand in the gap for the millions of youth that are denied of their peaceful state, and thousands that are perishing each year as a result of violence, and exclusive society.

We could all do more, but can start by taking the streets. **RUN FOR PEACE, FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY!**

### OBJECTIVES:

- a. To promote peaceful and inclusive society in the minds of young people and other generations;
- b. To bring about an unified commitment towards the eradication of dissonance;
- c. To create an emancipated atmosphere for armistice declaration, and sustainability;
- d. To share time and resources with other peers.

## ABOUT

This event was organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), in collaboration with Melaka State Government, Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah (MBMB), Melaka State Youth Council, and several local NGOs. It was half a day event that took place on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm.

There were two (2) categories for the runners: 5 kilometres (Run for Fun), and 3 kilometres (United Run). The venue of Youth Run: For Peace and Sustainability, for start and finish, was Melaka River Square (Dataran Sungai Melaka) in Melaka, Malaysia. The distance routes of mentioned categories were scheduled to follow a designated area. *(Please see the designated routes in the appendices)*

It was advised that this is a RUN event, not a marathon. A run that brought together different generations, both genders, and various stakeholders for a meaningful cause, to promote peace and sustainability for all.

## PROGRAMME

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE
18 April 2015	06:00 am	<b>Registration</b> - Collection of race kits	Melaka River Square  (Dataran Sungai Melaka)
	07:30 am	<b>Exercise / Warm up</b>	
	08:30 am	5 km (Run for Fun) Flag off time	
	08:45 am	3 km (United Run) Flag off time	
	10:00 am	Exhibition: - Exhibition - Collection of Certificates	
	11.00 am	<b>Welcome address by:</b> Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of WAY  <b>Remarks by:</b> Hon. Datuk Norpipah Binti Abdol, Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage, Melaka  <b>Opening Ceremony by:</b> Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Bin Haron, Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of WAY	
	11:00 am	<b>Lucky draw</b> - First session of lucky draw	
11:30 am	<b>Award presentations</b> - 10 <sup>th</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Finisher 5 km - 2 <sup>nd</sup> runner-up 5 km - 1 <sup>st</sup> runner-up 5 km - Champion 5 km		

12:15 pm	<b>Award presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Place Finisher 3 km</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up 3 km</li> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up 3 km</li> <li>- Champion 3 km</li> </ul>
12:45 pm	<b>Lucky draw</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Second session of lucky draw</li> </ul>
1:15 pm	<b>Gift presentations</b> Token of appreciation to partners and VIPs
1:30 pm	<b>Photo session</b> A group photo with the VIPs and the participants
2:00 pm	Lunch and Closing

## APPENDICES:

**DESIGNATED ROUTES: 3km – United Run**

**START / FINISH  
MELAKA RIVER SQUARE  
(DATARAN SUNGAI MELAKA)  
JALAN QUAYSIDE, 75000,  
MELAKA**

**GPS COORDINATE:  
2.191999N, 102.246591E**

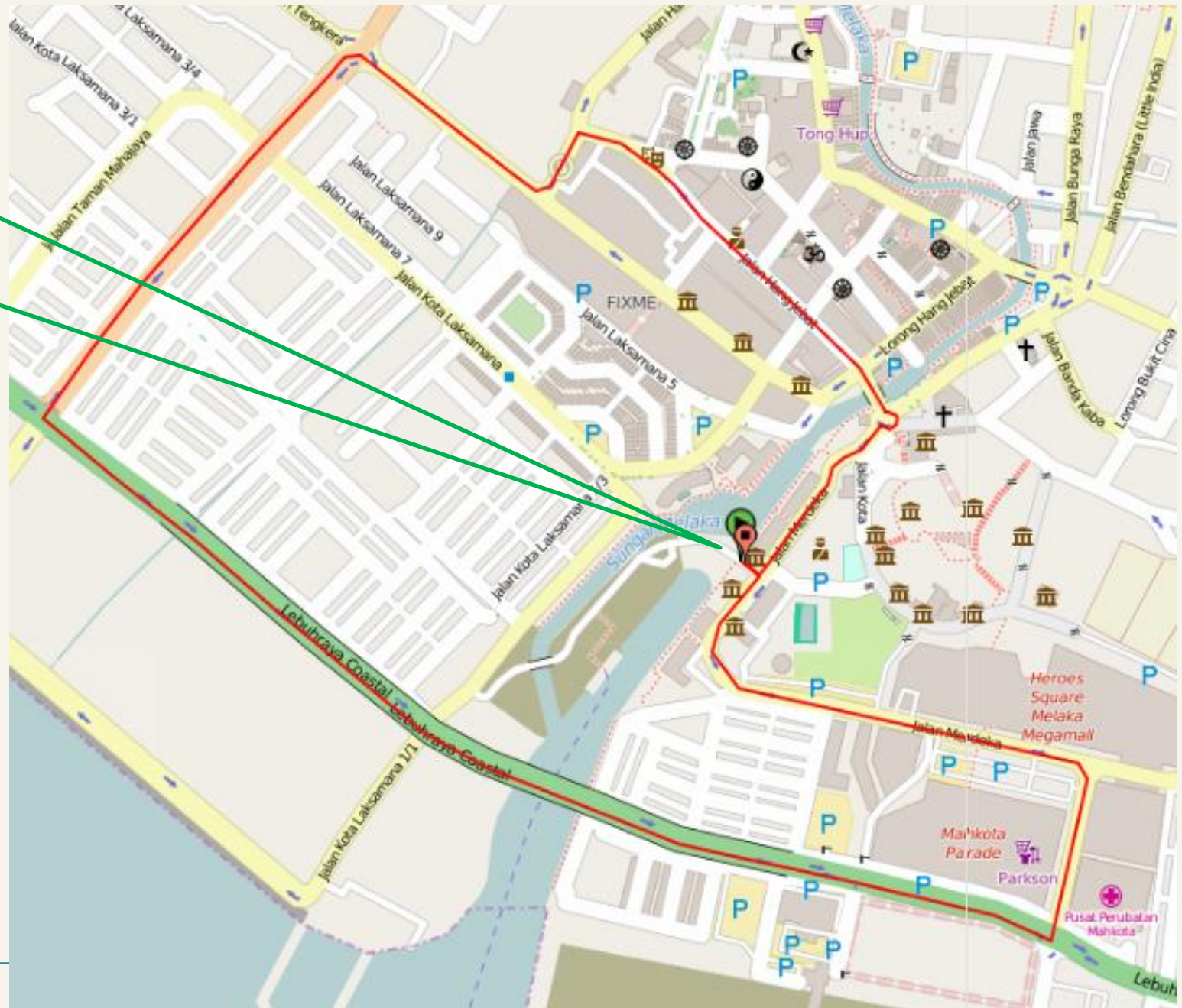




5km – Run For Fun

**START / FINISH  
MELAKA RIVER SQUARE  
(DATARAN SUNGAI MELAKA)  
JALAN QUAYSIDE, 75000,  
MELAKA**

**GPS COORDINATE:  
2.191999N, 102.246591E**





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*Peace, non-violence, human rights and the environment -  
if only everybody saw these as the seamless whole that  
they are' - Jonathon Porritt*



**PHOTOS:**













**PETITION: I RAN FOR PEACE! I STAND FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY!**



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
YOUTH RUN FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABILITY  
DATE: 18 APRIL 2015**

**Melaka, 18th April 2015** – THE day marked a remarkable occasion for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), in collaboration with Melaka State Government, Melaka State Youth Council and several local NGOs as over 300 highly passionate participants gathered for the Youth Run, which took place in River Square Melaka, Malaysia.

The theme of the event, “Youth Run for Peace and Sustainability” was intended to promote peaceful and inclusive society in the minds of young people and other generations; to bring about a unified commitment towards the eradication of dissonance; to create an emancipated atmosphere for armistice declaration, and sustainability and to share time and resources with other peers.

The categories were as follows two (2) categories for the runners: 5 kilometres (Run for Fun), and 3 kilometres (United Run). The venue for start and finish was in Melaka River Square (Dataran Sungai Melaka).

The Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of the event, ‘Youth Run for Peace and Sustainability. She welcomed the participants to the event and thanked all the sponsors and everyone who contributed their time and made themselves available for the event.

It was an honour to have the remarks by Hon. Datuk Norpipah Binti Abdol, Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage, Melaka shared on the importance of youth and the reason why the event was good for young people and people in Melaka. She went on to talk about the event as a tool to promote peaceful and general society in the minds of young people.

The day began with the collection of race kits, warm up exercise, 5km flag off time, 3km flag off time, exhibition, collection of certificates and the welcome addresses by Ms Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of WAY. This was followed by the remarks from the Hon. Datuk Norpipah Binti Abdol, Deputy State EXCO for youth Development and Heritage, who also officiated the opening

ceremony representing the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri. Idris Bin Haron, Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of WAY.

It was then concluded with the presentation of the 1<sup>st</sup> lucky draw, 5km awards, 3km awards, 2<sup>nd</sup> lucky draw and the VIPs Gifts Presentation. Photos were also taken with all the participants, VIPs, partners, sponsors, volunteers, and WAY staff. After that, the day was continued with lunch and then the closing of the event. It was indeed a day to remember.

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