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THE RT. HON. DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMED
THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

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today is for them,
for the youth who will inherit
all the things that have been created today.
The future is all about the young people.
I am glad that people like me have
contributed something for the
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world of future. ”*



WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award Trophy

FOREWORD



Youth and their organizations have been in the forefront of social and political changes. Unfortunately, the constructive work done by the youth organizations around the world is not recognized but often ignored. The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) has been working to promote the youth organizations participation in national development since 1949 and has several innovative initiatives to its credit.

Malaysia and its forward looking Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad are worthy alumni in the initiative and very kind offer of a trophy and his name for the trophy to be known as **WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award.**

The first World Youth Award ceremony took place in 1990 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and was a memorable event with 600 international guests and diplomats.

WAY has come of age with 43 years of experience and with a new world order, WAY looks forward to provide youth from North, South, East, and West a platform, a brotherhood in the year 2000 and beyond.

Youth contributes to the majority of the world population and I am confident that they will also provide new directions to the world in the years to come.

Shiv Khare
Secretary General,
WAY

WORLD YOUTH AWARD

BACKGROUND

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) on its 40th anniversary instituted the “World Youth Award” to encourage national youth councils or organizations to involve youth in nation building and to address themselves to social, spiritual and economic development of individual youth and also as a member of society.

The “World Youth Award” shall be awarded to the youth organization that has made deserving and effective contributions in social, spiritual and economic development. All aspects of the organization’s programmes and its impact and effectiveness will be considered.

SELECTION OF AWARD WINNER

The Award winner is selected on the recommendation of an International Panel of Judges.

The judges are prominent youth experts and officials of UN agencies. They Meet in Copenhagen to make the selection. Judges can also recommend a special prize for the youth organization conducting exemplary work as an incentive but do not qualify for the award.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

The award is open for all youth organizations irrespective of their views, ideology and affiliation.

The Panel of Judges consider the following points on the background of the organization:

- Leadership
- Organization
- Management
- Resources
- Membership
- Programmes and its effectiveness and impact on youth, society and country.

THE AWARD CEREMONY

The selected organizations are invited to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to receive the award. The Prime Minister Of Malaysia, Right Honourable Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad presents the award at the ceremony attended by representatives of UN and other international agencies and youth organizations worldwide.

THE AWARD TROPHY

The Award Trophy called the “Prime Minister of Malaysia Trophy” along with a certificate, is donated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Right Honourable Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad. The award will be presented every two years.

ORGANIZERS

This event has been organized by World Assembly of Youth (WAY) with the cooperation of the Malaysian Youth Council and the Ministry Youth and Sports, Malaysia.

CONCLUSION

The first World Youth Award was presented in 1990 and was attended by representatives of youth organizations from more than 35 countries and UN representatives. The winners were:-

Winner	:	Malaysian Youth Council
1st Runner-Up	:	Consenjo Central De La Juventudes Agrarias Cooperatives De La Association De Cooperatives Argentinas
2nd Runner-Up	:	Pakistan Crescent Youth Organization

WORLD YOUTH AWARD

OBJECTIVES

1. To evaluate the success achieved by the youth movements in youth movements in youth activities, spiritual and economic development.
2. Incentive to the youth organisation to work harder in achieving greater success.
3. Inculcate the spirit of self-reliance among the youth movements.
4. Encouraged youth and in attempting to solve as many of them as possible.
5. To accelerate the involvement of youth in constructive activities.
6. To encourage the participation of youths movement in all aspects of development.
7. To attract the mass youth to participate in the development programmes for the society and country.
8. To get the youth play on important role in nation building.



World Youth Award Certificate



The Prime Minister of Malaysia the Right Honourable Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad being greeted with traditional “Bunga Telur” on his arrival at Subang Villa, Kuala Lumpur.



Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mahamad being pinned with a corsage, accompanied by Datuk Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, Vice – President of WAY.



Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad being introduced to the Treasurer of WAY, Mr. Juneil C. Ryee.



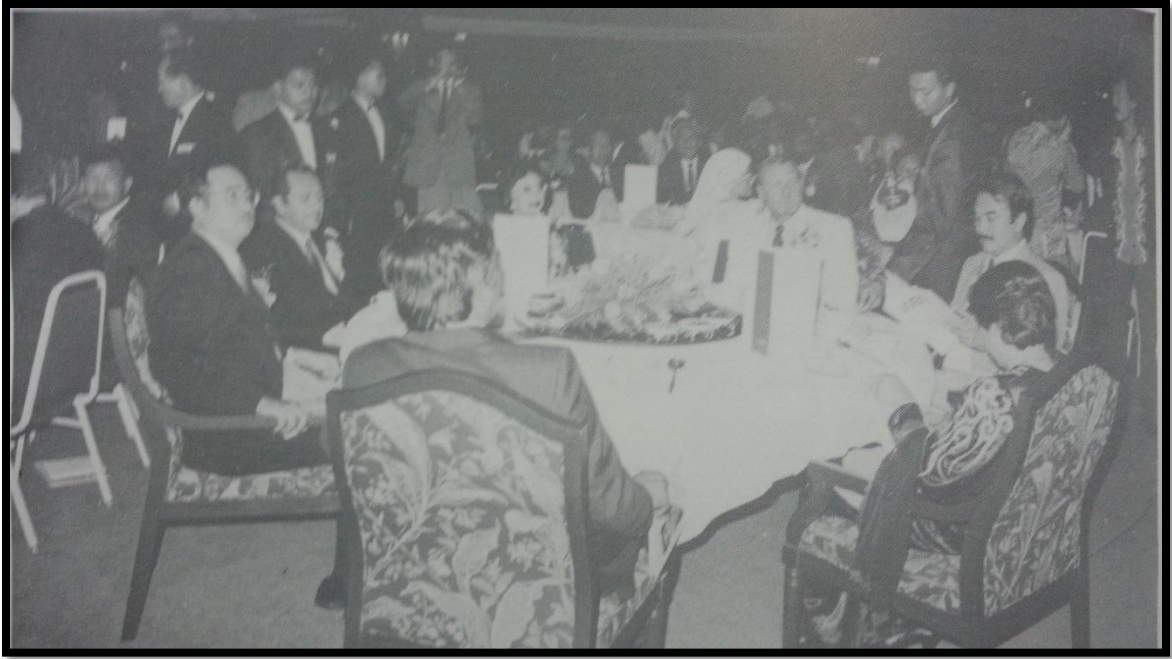
Vice President of WAY, Mrs Florence S.D. Gwazemba and Mr. Ronald Waard welcoming Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad.



Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad exchanging greetings with Deputy President of Malaysian Youth Council Mr. Fuad Hassan.



Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abd Razak, Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia, accompanying Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad into the Subang Villa Hotel Ballroom.



Guest – of – honour at the dinner table.



Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abd Razak listening keenly to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.



Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen and Datuk Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam at the occasion.



Ambassadors who turned-up for the occasion.



President of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen

**ADDRESS BY
MR OLE LOVIG SIMONSEN
PRESIDENT OF WORLD
ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)**

Madam Chairperson,

The Honourable Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad,
the Prime Minister of Malaysia and
Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali,

The Honourable Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak,
Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia,

The Honourable Datuk Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam,
Vice-President of WAY and the Organising Chairman
of World Youth Award,

Honourable Ministers,
Their Excellencies the Honourable Ambassadors.

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the President of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) and Chairman of the International Panel of Judges for the World Youth Award, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the government of Malaysia for hosting this inauguration ceremony. This landmark event will commemorate the 40th anniversary celebrations of WAY.

I would also like to thank the Right Honourable Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia for his contribution of the award trophy which will be bestowed tonight. This trophy will become a challenge trophy every biennial year.

We decided to name the award "The Prime Minister of Malaysia-World Youth Award" for a number of significant reasons.

Malaysia, under the dynamic leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has earned international acclaim as a respected voice especially on Third World issues.

The contributions by Malaysia towards global youth causes are widely recognised especially in its capacity as the prime mover of regional and international youth development and activities. The choice of Malaysia as the host for the ceremony of this award is therefore obvious.

Being a member of the United Nations Security Council reflects Malaysia's noble aspirations in the global arena.

We at WAY are pleased to be associated with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who has presented papers in several of our seminars during his younger days.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir is well regarded by many countries for his practical ideas which have fostered new perspectives in cooperation and understanding between nations at regional and international levels.

Thank you Datuk Seri, for your efforts as Chairman of the United Nations Drug Abuse Committee and on issues and problems especially of the younger generations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The idea of a World Youth Award was first mooted, discussed and unanimously accepted at the WAY Bureau meeting in Copenhagen in December 1989.

The purpose of this award is to recognise youth organisations and movements worldwide for their dedication and commitment in fostering youth and their participation in national and international development.

With this in mind, the International Panel of Judges comprising,

1. Dr. Ibrahim Mamat, University Pertanian Malaysia.
2. Mr. Lawrence Martin, Project Director, WAY, USA.
3. Mr. Shiv Khare, Secretary General, WAY.
4. And myself as President of WAY.

Have developed a set of evaluation criteria to guide us in our selection process.

The criteria included the history of each organisation and its organisational structure; the track record of each organisation; the extent of their programmes and activities; the organisation's contribution to youth and national development; and its uniqueness.

We made our decision based on the information that was provided to us by each organisation in the form of a complete written report about their activities, their history and how they function within their individual societies.

There were altogether thirty two (32) National Youth Organisations that participated. There were representations from every continent in the world.

Out of the thirty-two, five were then shortlisted. From these five, there were chosen as finalists for the top three positions of 1. Winner 2. First Runner-Up and 3. Second Runner-Up.

However, due to the keenness of the competition in this inauguration year, we have decided to award two second runner-up prizes.

At this juncture, I would like to thank all the youth organisations that submitted entries. From the number of entrants received, it is reassuring to know that there truly is dedication to one of earth's most precious resources- its youth, and thus its future.

In announcing the results of the competition, I shall mention the do so n reverse order with the second runner-up being announced first and the winner being announced last.

(1) SECOND RUNNER-UP

(A) The Pakistan Crescent Youth Organisation (PCYO)

The Pakistan Crescent Youth Organisation is an organisation sponsoring many programmes that address the problems of drug abuse, environmental protection, rural development and provide study tours and cultural activities. They work with the Pakistani Ministry of Youth Affairs as well as the provincial governments. In addition, the PCYO has been very active in blood donations for the needy and in particular donated 6,000 bags of blood in the last two years. In the area of sanitation, they have installed 70 water pumps. They have consistently proven themselves in their dedication to youth in the twenty-two years of their existence.

(B) The Malawi Young Pioneers

The Malawi Young Pioneers is the largest youth organisation in their country with programmes in the fields of development health, nutrition, population, environment, drugs, aid, rural and community development and training. They have a staff of 60 people and are funded by the national government, UN agencies and other governments, and non-governments, and non-government agencies.

(2) FIRST RUNNER-UP

Consenjo Central De La Juventudes Agrarias Cooperatives De La Association De Cooperatives Argentinas

This Argentinian organisation is a cooperative youth organisation consisting of 95 affiliated organisations that are agrarian nature.

The programme involves approximately 5,000 youths throughout the country.

Their track record is very impressive by any standards, with over 46 years of active participation in cooperative movement for Argentinian youth.

All significant activities and achievements of the movement are reported in their journals which are distributed throughout the Latin American countries.

(3) WINNER OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA WORLD YOUTH AWARD

The Malaysian Youth Council (MBM)

The Malaysian Youth Council (MBM) has a proven record of success over many years. It has been in existence since 1948. Many national leaders throughout Malaysia began their leadership training by participating in MBM programmes and activities.

The Malaysian Youth Council sponsors a wide range of activities for youth. It has taken upon itself the role of an instrument of national integration of the Malaysian people, and has tried to further this ideal in Malaysian youths. MBM is the coordinating body for 33 national youth organisations and state youth councils which have 5,000 branches at the grassroots level with a total membership of 1.8 million youths throughout the country.

MBM plays a very important role in various international youth organization such as CAYC, AYC and WAY. Both AYC and CAYC Secretariats are based in Kuala Lumpur.

A major project which has been entrusted by WAY to MBM is the WAY Forum publication. This quarterly publication is the official mouth-piece of WAY and is distributed world-wide. The WAY Forum is a publication highlighting the activities of WAY and youth issues.

I am very pleased to announce that the latest copy of WAY Forum produced by MBM is now available and will be circulated to all present by mail within the fortnight.

It is obvious that MBM has been recognised and accepted at international level, and this secures the direction for future generations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In conclusion, I would like to thank once again the Right Honourable Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia and the government of Malaysia for hosting this programme. My special thanks to Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia, his staff and Malaysian Youth Council for making this programme a success.

In addition, we are very happy to see such a large response on the part of youth organisations throughout the world here, the first World Youth Award.

Thanks to all national youth organizations that have participated. We hope that the response and participation will be greater in the future as we all work together to provide the youth of the world with the skill they will need to lead productive lives as well as to be responsible for preserving the future of mankind.

Thank you very much.



Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen delivering his welcoming speech.



Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia Dato's Seri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abd Razak

**ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE
DATO' SERI MOHD NAJIB BIN
TUN HAJI ABDUL RAZAK
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AND
SPORTS, MALAYSIA**

Madam Chairperson,

The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia,
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President of Malaysian Youth Council,
Dr Abang Yusop bin Abang Haji Abdul Razak,

Honourable Ministers,
Their Excellencies the Honourable Ambassadors,
Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed an honour for me to address such an inspired and public spirited audience tonight. I would like to start by saying thank you to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his gracious wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali for having so kindly consented to be with us tonight.

It is the generous donation of the trophy from the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that has made this memorable evening possible. On behalf of the youth of Malaysia, I would like to record my heartiest thanks to the Prime Minister for this donation.

I would also like to thank the World Assembly of Youth especially the President, Mr Ole Simonsen for giving Malaysia the honour of hosting the ceremony for the first presentation of the World Youth Award.

I understand that 32 youth organisations worldwide strived for this award. This overwhelming response, to me, represents the active role played by the youth organisations of the world in the nation building process in their respective nations.

I fell extremely honoured that the Malaysian Youth Council or more widely known as MBM has been chosen as the first recipient of the Malaysian Prime Minister's World Youth Award.

At the same time, I am entirely surprised that Malaysia has emerged the winner because Malaysia has always played comprehensive and important roles for the developing countries. The triumph of the Malaysian Youth Council is the victory of every youth organisation as well as a victory of every youth in Malaysia.

As the saying goes "nothing succeeds like success", our victory today is yet another feature in Malaysia's wealth and this can help consolidate and reinforce Malaysia's increasingly important and dynamic role in the international political arena.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Malaysia, under the effective and charismatic leadership of Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been getting honour with an unprecedented role in international affairs whether in the Commonwealth, in the South South Movement, United Nations Security Council or within ASEAN. The Prime Minister has always spoken his mind.

He always delivers frankly and straight to the point and he has gained admiration from supporters. No one can dispute that Dr Mahathir is the most worthy recipient of the title – 'The hero of the 3rd world' that was bestowed upon our Prime Minister in Venezuela recently.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The tasks we face after the 2nd World War was to stop communism. The job on hand during the 70's was to help bring about a just order in the world. As we go about developing our respective economies, now as we begin the final decade of the coming 21st century, the challenges we face are increasingly more difficult both in terms of complexity and inherent crisis.

The youth of today must strive together whether on the international front or within our respective national boundaries to understand precisely what it is that constitutes the challenges they face, rationalise the problems, decide the appropriate responses and above all we must have the courage to resolve and improve our own well-being and that of the whole world.

The war against poverty must be continued in whichever part of the globe it still persists. We must continue the crusade against apartheid, violence and terrorism, and we must strive for the preservation of basic human rights and liberty.

We must not forget the poor Palestinian children and youth, who do not have their own homeland and the youth under the racial government in South Africa who do not have the rightful human dignity. For many years, our struggle has been that of achieving the basic physical and political needs of men.

Ours must be seek a rewarding and fulfilling life, hence the pursuit of the quality of life, to fulfil our intellectual and spiritual needs. We need to be concerned with setting our goals in life. Excellence or the conscious of excellence must be our concern, the pursuit of quality must be our concern, the pursuit of quality must be our way of life.

As we face the computer and information age, we must equip our youth today with the right values and attitude of the rapid development and changes that are taking place. We must learn to adapt, otherwise we will be extinct like the dinosaurs during the ice age.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

World organisation can contribute immensely by responding to the needs and aspiration of youth organisations in Africa, Asia Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean with appropriate programmes in the field of education and development of the human resources and research exchanges of information and experiences.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

One cannot agree more with the late Robert F. Kennedy's remark at the 5th General Assembly of WAY and I quote, "there is practically universal agreement on the importance of education in the development process. The most importance development is always the human resource development."

As, we, the government members or individuals in the respective NGO's travel down the road towards attaining national goals, we should and must be more enlightened from our experiences.

Someone once said that youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret. But as we get wiser, we need not blunder as a youth. We can enjoy the fruit of our labour during our manhood and when we reach old age we need not regret. Instead we should be able to look back during our old age while in our rocking chair and say I gave my best.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Malaysia is indeed fortunate and blessed by the government. We have abundant natural resources, a well diversified economy and stable political leadership under the present government, the Barisan Nasional, we have made some giant steps, not increment but quantum leaps in our development efforts.

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow and let us make the national Youth policy a success. Let us work together hand in hand and cooperate with the government and youth everywhere to build a new generation of Malaysia, which is stronger in character, full of self-esteem, confident, and full of knowledge and skill, and above all, committed and dedicated to make Malaysia a greater Malaysia.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I take this opportunity to congratulate Datuk Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, Vice-President of WAY, for what I understand moulded this idea to organise the World Youth Award.

I thank the World Assembly of Youth once again for giving Malaysia the honour of hosting this ceremony and I would like once again to congratulate the Malaysian Youth Council for winning the first World Youth Award.

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all the youth organisations who have come all the way to Kuala Lumpur to represent their respective countries at this historical and meaningful ceremony.

I would like to thank the youth divisions, the staff of Ministry of Youth and Sports for working so diligently to make this occasion a success. I hope that this meeting in Kuala Lumpur is the beginning of better things to come in the arena of youth world wide.

Thank you.



The Prime Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

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THE PRIME MINISTER
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Madam Chairperson,

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am happy that Malaysia is able to contribute this award called the Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award. I would like to stress here that this is not a personal award from my part but rather an award from the government of Malaysia.

I hope that this award will create a spirit of competition among youth organisations all over the world. These youth are the people who are going to be adults of tomorrow, the leaders of tomorrow and these are the people who will shape the world of tomorrow.

What we do today is for them, for the youth who will inherit all the things that have been created today. The future is all about the young people. I am glad that people like me have contributed something for the people who will inherit the world of future.

When you are old, you feel that you know a little bit more than young person. When I was young, I thought I knew more than that old people. This conflict between youth and older people will go on forever. All youth when they grow up and get older will always think that they are young, but then they don't have the chance to be young again which to me is rather unfortunate. I wish I could be young once again so that I can use all the experience in a more beneficial way.

Of course we would like old people to advise young people because we think we know a lot which young people do not know. Unfortunately, the youth always disagree with us. They always think that they can do a better job. These youth will inherit the responsibilities and positions of the older ones.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We live in an age where a lot of rapid changes. There are many challenges and there are many things which can affect our young people. There are many fortunate things that we have to face.

One of the major problems is the spread of drug abuse. When I was young, opium was legalised for people who claimed they required opium to enable them to work. The government made a lot of money by selling opium to opium smokers who were old people.

After finishing work, they went to the opium dens or the old houses to smoke opium. Less crime was committed because they slept after smoking. This did not reflect a good image of the government which depended on an opium monopoly as a financial resource in those days.

Today, drugs are consumed not by the old people but by the younger generation, thus destroying their lives. They are unable to live to a ripe old age as much as we would like them to. The extent of drug abuse is severe and youth are prepared to do anything to get them.

This results in a lot of drug related crimes. This problem is universal and has to be tackled throughout the world internationally. Today's youth are drug victims and drug users and they must be the one to fight back.

It is advisable then, that young people join clubs and organisations to keep them constructively occupied. These organisations and clubs are beneficial for their member mingle together and will carry out conscientious efforts to 'profit' the society.

They will be too preoccupied doing good things for society and this will curb the drug problem. Hence, we must guide the youth of the world towards a better life for they are the future leaders of tomorrow.

I sincerely hope that this award will be a motivation for youth to develop ethical values that will contribute towards the betterment of the world.

Thank you.



Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad delivering his speech during the function.



Dr Abang Yusop Abang Haji Abdul Razak on behalf of Malaysian Youth Council receiving the World Youth Award trophy from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.



Mr Dometrico Bondrex on behalf of Consenjo Central De La Juventudes Agrarias Cooperatives De La Asociacion De Cooperatives Argentinas receiving the first runner-up World Youth Award from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad.



Mr. P.S. Malive on behalf of Malawi Young Pioneers receiving the 2nd runner-up World Youth Award from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.



Mr Tariq Haleem Chaudhary, on behalf of the Pakistan Crescent Youth Organisation receiving the 2nd runner-up World Youth Award from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.



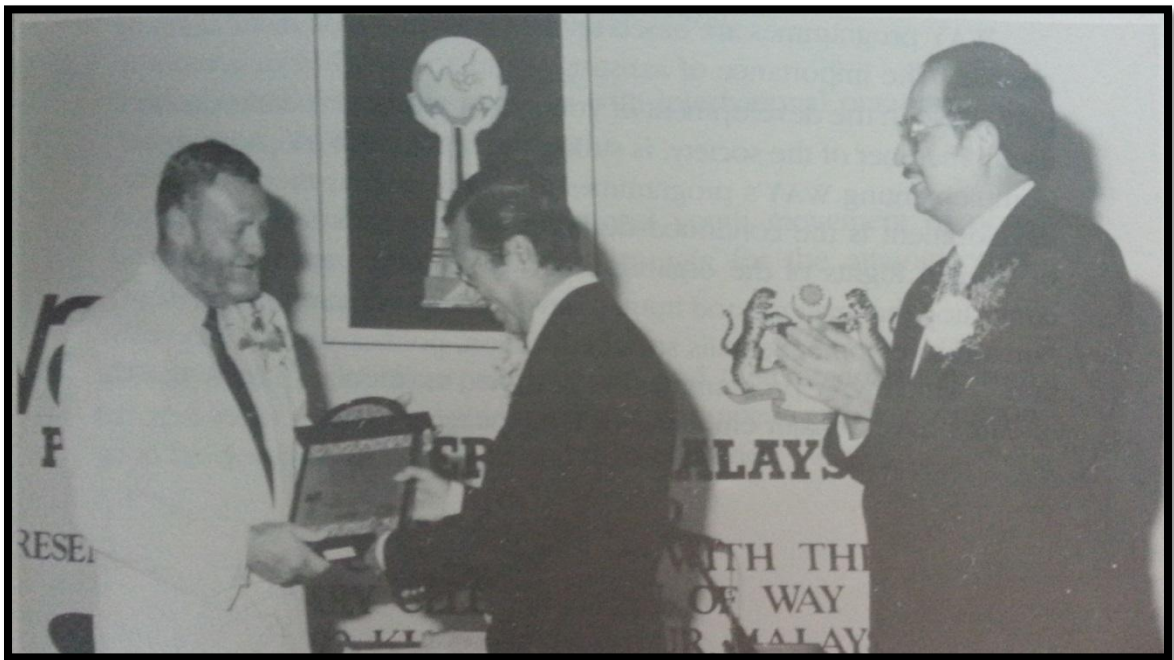
Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen cutting WAY's 40th anniversary cake while Datuk' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak and Datuk Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam look on.



Choir from Sekolah Rendah Subang Jaya singing 'We Are The World'.



Guests-of-honour from left: Datuk Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abd Razak.



Mr Ole Lovig Simonsen presenting souvenir to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad while Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abd Razak looks on.

THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is an international coordinating body of National Youth Councils and National Youth Organisations from around the world. WAY was founded in 1949 in England. Since then, WAY has worked for the promotion for a democratic, pluralistic youth movement devoted to national development.

WAY has consultative status “I” with the United Nations system and has official relations with the following UN agencies:

WHO, UNFPA, UNESCO, UNEP, UNDP, FAO, ILO and UNICEF.

WAY membership consists of national youth councils, composed of principal voluntary, democratic youth organisations in each country. WAY has always stressed its multi-tendency nature, representing a great variety of interest and ideologies, yet striving to promote objectives common to all young people.

WAY programmes are based on the needs and aspirations of young people. The importance of assisting youth and youth organizations to play a role in the development of youth, as a responsible individual and useful member of the society, is strongly reflected in WAY programmes. Complementing WAY’s programmes for youth participation in national development is the continued dedication to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the organization. WAY programmes rest on the conviction that material and human development are inseparable. Thus, human development entails social education, political and social evolution which WAY programmes are designed to stimulate. Training and research have a major emphasis in WAY programmes.

OBJECTIVE

As stated in the WAY charter, WAY shall seek to:-

- * Increase inter-racial respect and to foster international understanding and co-operation.
- * Facilitate the collection of information about the needs and problems of youth.
- * Disseminate information about the methods, techniques and activities of youth organizations.
- * Promote the interchange of ideas between youth of all countries.
- * Assist in the development of youth activities and to promote, by mutual aid, the extension of the work of the voluntary youth organizations.
- * Co-operate in the development of National Consultative Committees of voluntary youth organizations.
- * Establish and maintain relations with international organizations, both voluntary and governmental
- * Support and encourage the national youth movement of non-selfgoverning countries in their struggle for the attainment of self-government.

WAY is a unique platform where youth and their organisation from different social, cultural, religious background come to gather a common good i.e. development of youth and their countries.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
(1988-1992)**

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