



WAY YOUTH SATELLITE EVENT

REPORT

YOUTH INNOVATION

“IDEAS OF TODAY, REALITIES OF TOMORROW”

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KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

REPORT ABSTRACT

This report details the presentations, discussions and conclusions held at the WAY Youth Satellite Event for the World Innovation Forum – Kuala Lumpur 2013 (WIF-KL 2013), attended by selected stakeholders consisting of youth and youth leaders from various universities, organizations, and delegates of WIF-KL 2013.

This report was compiled and published by the World Assembly of Youth.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the discussions, presentations and proceedings from the WAY Youth Satellite Event, Youth Innovation: “Ideas of Today, Realities of Tomorrow”, for the World Innovation Forum – Kuala Lumpur, held on Tuesday, 12th November 2013, Conference Hall 3 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The satellite event was organized by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), in collaboration with the WIF – KL 2013 organizing committee; the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Malaysia, Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM) as well as their strategic partners.

The event was structured as a forum, with each speaker carefully chosen to present, showcase, and deliberate in one of four predetermined sessions namely; Science and Technology, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Alternative Innovations. The participants were granted freedom to ask questions, and give their insights on the presentations, and were encouraged to discuss further amongst themselves.

The World Assembly of Youth, firmly believes that the youth should be at the epicenter of innovation, as they are the future custodians of today’s innovation and have a strong responsibility to advancing these innovations further, to the advantage of younger generations after them. Youth Innovation: “Ideas of Today, Realities of Tomorrow” was thus an undertaking, to offer young people an opportunity to share and gain knowledge and expertise with the key aim of highlighting the importance of experts and young innovators coming together to share experiences, discuss and deliberate topics and strategies on innovation for sustainable development.

This report provides details of the deliberations that took place at the satellite event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, encompassing several crucial topics including:

- Science and Technology
- Arts
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Alternative Innovations

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INTRODUCTION

The World Innovation Forum (WIF-KL) is jointly organized by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation Malaysia (MOSTI) and Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM), capitalizing on the successes of the KL Innovation Forum (KLIF) Series held in 2010 and 2011. WIF-KL provides an avenue to bring thought leaders and creative minds from all over the world to discuss and share their experience. It is the region's premier annual event on innovation that aspires to create a new culture of innovation, and is to be held at the epicenter of economic growth, emerging technologies and innovation in Asia, Kuala Lumpur. The event runs over three days and consists of conferences, expositions and several satellite events. Following the success of the inaugural forum last year, the organizers of WIF-KL 2013 expect to see about 1,500 delegates from over 25 countries, and over 10,000 visitors throughout the duration of the event.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) partnered with the organizing committee of WIF-KL to offer young people an opportunity to share and gain knowledge and expertise through an innovative WAY Youth Satellite Event titled Youth Innovation: "Ideas of Today, Realities of Tomorrow". Through this satellite event, WAY aimed to highlight the importance of experts and young innovators coming together, to share experiences, discuss and deliberate topics and strategies on innovation for sustainable development. The WAY Youth Satellite Event took place from 9:00am to 6:00pm on Tuesday, 12th November 2013 at the Conference Hall 3 in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

The primary objectives of the Youth Satellite event were;

- A. To create a platform for young people and experienced speakers to share and exchange ideas.
- B. To showcase and promote youth innovative ideas in a bid to motivate young minds.
- C. To pave way for opportunities in innovation development from the youth perspective.

ORGANIZERS

Towards bringing the satellite event to fruition, WAY partnered with the organizing committee of the World Innovation Forum – Kuala Lumpur 2013, the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOSTI) and Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM) as well as their strategic partners.



The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is the international coordinating body of national youth councils and organizations. The full members of WAY are national youth councils. WAY has 120 member organizations from all continents. WAY works for promotion of youth and youth organizations in programme areas such as: youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training.



Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) offer Malaysia the greatest opportunity to turn ideas and creativity into highly competitive business. At this critical phase of Malaysia's economic development, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) of Malaysia is responsible in championing scientific discovery and transform Malaysia into an advanced and high income economy driven by innovation through R&D planning, funding and commercialization. As the lead agency in science, technology and innovation, it has taken the holistic approach to strengthen the National Innovation System to increase productivity, competitiveness and the country's economic value chain. Recognizing the importance of science, technology and innovation as a tool in spurring economic growth and achieving sustainable development, MOSTI has taken greater effort in intensifying the promotion and applications of science, technology and innovation to cover all sectors of the economy.



Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM), or the Malaysian Foundation for Innovation, was established on 20th October 2008 and was approved by Malaysian Cabinet on 7th November 2008. The vision of YIM is to promote and inculcate creativity and innovation among Malaysian citizens, especially targeting children and youth, women, rural folk, people with disabilities and non-government organizations. With close support from the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation, YIM is entrusted by the Government to promote and champion innovation, and by doing so, to mobilize Malaysians to embrace and practice Creativity and Innovation. This could not have happened at a better time, when the nation is in need of a new impetus and catalyst to move it forward to a prosperous future.

PRE-EVENT STRUCTURE

Aware of the importance of ensuring a smooth transition towards the WAY Youth Satellite Event, and its efficient operation, the WAY secretariat carried out several preparatory meetings chaired by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, the Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, to discuss the structure of the satellite event, the delegation of tasks and duties as well as identify essential utilities and equipment to be procured before hand.

The WAY secretariat was later invited to a meeting on Monday, 23rd October 2013 alongside other satellite event organizers at the YIM offices to assess the progress of preparations and communicate further requirements from the organizing committee of WIF-KL 2013, inclusive of; branding guidelines, agenda schedules, registration deadlines, etc.

The WAY Secretariat, headed by the Secretary General, performed the following necessary functions, to ensure efficient preparation for the satellite event including the functions set out below:

- Preparation of the brochure, concept notes and registration forms to be disseminated to participants and co-organizers of the event.
- Formulation of the terms and conditions of registration and participation and any preceding legal implications.
- Preparation of the estimated expenses to be incurred by WAY for the organization and operation of the satellite event.
- Assessment of proposals and approbation of papers and abstracts submitted by interested speakers.
- Construction of a time sensitive agenda for the duration of the satellite event and allocation of time slots for the confirmed speakers.
- Maintenance of a list of registered participants and speakers and a list of WAY secretariat members, to be submitted to the WIF-KL organizing committee.
- Preparation of speaker invitations and letters of acknowledgement.
- Preparation of participant certificates and acknowledgement of attendance.
- Outlaying of contingencies in the case of last minute cancellations for both speakers and participants and the implications in terms of expenses and repercussions.
- Liaison with the WIF-KL organizing committee, to ensure asymmetric flow of information and notice of any changes to the agenda and additional requirements.

SATELLITE EVENT AGENDA

| Time | Agenda | Location |
|---------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 7:45 – 8:45 | Arrival and Registration | |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | OPENING | Conference Hall 3 |
| | <u>Opening Remarks:</u> Ediola Pashollari <i>Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth</i> | |
| 9:15 – 10:15 | SESSION 1: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | Conference Hall 3 |
| | Mod: Geoffrey Katiedzo Aligula (WAY Research Officer) | |
| | <u>Keynote 1:</u> Zulfadzli bin Haron <i>Head of Programs, Malaysian Astronaut Foundation</i> | |
| | <u>Youth Speaker 1:</u> Siva Kumar <i>Senior Lecturer at UTeM and Technology Specialist</i> | |
| | Q&A Session | |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | TEA/COFFEE BREAK | Level 3 East and West Wing Foyer |
| | | |
| 10:30 – 13:00 | SESSION 2: ARTS | Conference Hall 3 |
| | Mod: Kebareileng Matlhape (WAY International Relations Officer) | |
| | <u>Keynote 2:</u> Fariz Hanapiah <i>Co-founder and Executive Creative Director at Motiofixo</i> | |
| | <u>Youth Speaker 1:</u> Andre Muller <i>PHD Student at Universiti Malaya</i> | |
| | <u>Youth Speaker 2:</u> Tahmidul Bari | |
| | Q&A Session | |

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| 13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK | Ballroom 1 and 2 |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | <p>SESSION 3: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</p> <p>Mod: Rajasutha A/P Mahalingam (WAY Sponsorship Officer)</p> <p><u>Keynote 3:</u></p> <p>Dr. Khong Chee Weng <i>Head of Interface Design Department, Multimedia University</i></p> <p><u>Youth Speaker 1:</u></p> <p>Loh Chee Khoon <i>Athlete and Ambassador for Reebok Malaysia</i></p> <p><u>Youth Speaker 2:</u></p> <p>Muhammad Hisyam and Muhammad Aiman <i>Students of Mechatronics Engineering at UTM</i></p> <p>Q&A Session</p> | Conference Hall 3 |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | TEA/COFFEE BREAK | Level 3 East and West Wing Foyer |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | <p>SESSION 4: ALTERNATIVE INNOVATIONS</p> <p>Mod: Koosha Najmi (ICT Officer)</p> <p><u>Keynote 4:</u></p> <p>Vivian Toh <i>Editor in Chief of Cutout</i></p> <p>Q&A Session</p> | Conference Hall 3 |
| 16:45 – 17:15 | <p><u>Closing Remarks:</u></p> <p>Sharmila Mohamed Salleh <i>Senior Programme Manager, Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia</i></p> <p>Nouf Shamakh <i>Volunteer Coordinator of the World Assembly of Youth</i></p> | Conference Hall 3 |

OPENING REMARKS

The WAY Youth Satellite Event was declared open by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth. The following, is her speech, which was delivered by Mr. Louis Muhamiriza, the Programme Coordinator of the World Assembly of Youth;



“I am very glad to be here today for the launch of this satellite event which focuses on youth innovative ideas as per the theme “Ideas of Today, Realities of Tomorrow. It is of no doubt that many of the emerging innovative ideas come from young people and rightfully so.

The objective of this satellite event is to pave way for opportunities in innovation development from the youth perspective; showcase and promote youth innovative ideas in a bid to motivate young minds and finally, to create a platform for young people and experienced speakers to exchange ideas.

I am certain that; by the end of this event, we are all going to leave this hall with more knowledge and it is my hope that we all go out and utilize it to fuel our own innovations, be it in our daily lives or on a much larger scale.

I cannot even begin to mention the importance of innovation in our day-to-day lives. For our nations, innovation is an important driver of economic growth and improvement. And for private entities, innovation remains the difference between sustainability, and failure.

My intention is not to pre-empt any of the sessions of this event, but I would briefly like to comment on the important discussions to be had today.

Firstly, Science and technology in this era, remains one of the most important aspects of our day-to-day lives, hence we felt the need to explore youth innovative ideas based on this particular field.

Secondly we have Arts, a field that deals with is the expression of human creative skill and imagination and may very well be the embodiment of innovation.

We will then discuss Humanities and Social sciences, the impact of innovation in this field and the great role played by this field towards advancing innovations today.

Last but not least, we will explore the unique innovative ideas that are not bound to a specific field, and whose impacts span our daily encounters.

I cannot even begin to mention the importance of innovation in our day-to-day lives. For our nations, innovation is an important driver of economic growth and improvement. And for private entities, innovation remains the difference between sustainability, and failure.

I do hope that you find your time spent here today worthwhile. Network and use the exposure and knowledge that you acquire here to your best ability. You all have a long and bright future ahead, today is just one of those days that I hope will go a long way in your life.

I would like to thank the Ministry of Science and Technology, and Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia, the joint organizers of WIF- KL for facilitating this event and collaborating with WAY to bring us all together today.

Thank you to our esteem guests and speakers for joining us today and sharing what may very well be, the foundation of our tomorrow.

Thank you all for your participation and enjoy the event.”

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SESSION I: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

In light of the importance of science and technology in the world today, we felt the need to explore youth innovative ideas in terms of; bio-technology, green technology, ICT, and other service clusters in the industry.



Mr. Zulfadzli Haron is currently the Head of Programs at the Malaysian Astronaut Foundation. Since 1989 he has been a school teacher, curriculum officer at the ministry of education, knowledge director at ZulDesign Autotronic and the derivatives technology consultant at Solexel Inc. His field of expertise is vast as it stretches from innovative idea analysis to a consultant to industrial intelligent advisor and to thinking theorist and beyond. He has published various papers including Innovation in Islamic Nation, Development of R&D in Malaysia and he has also published a book in 2008 entitled Reformasi Minda Guru (Reformation of Teachers Mind).

Mr. Zulfadzli focused his topic on the meeting point where science meets technology. He attempted to broadened the participants' understanding of innovation. He examined the six different steps of the thinking spectrum and went on to explore the scientific thinking process in creating technology, with innovation as an intergral part. He highlighted and commended the government's mission via innovation to penetrate the world market by producing and exporting high technology products.



Mr. Siva is an active researcher in E & E, consumer electronics and industrial automation with a good track record of successful collaboration with industries in a number of research projects and consultancy works for the past 7 years with more than 12 patents filed and more than 20 copyrights for his inventions.

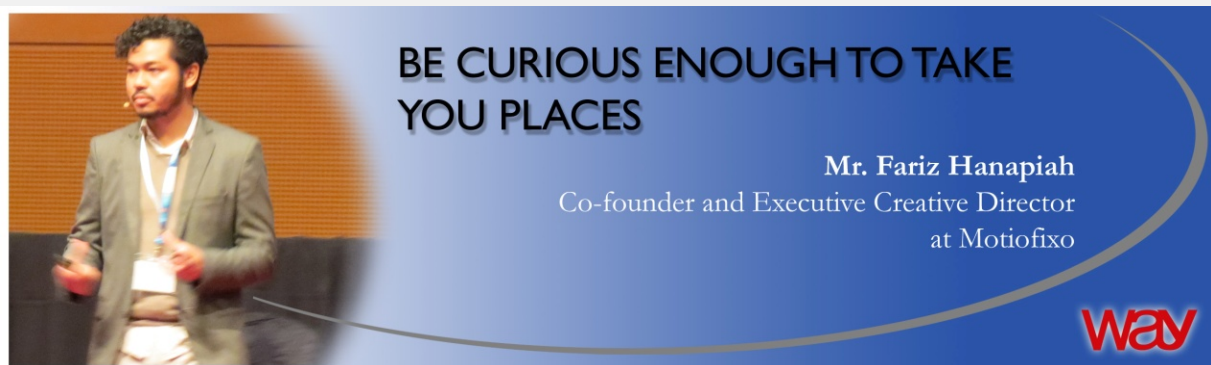
He was involved in various projects through his career as an academician and researcher which has rewarded him several innovation awards in both National and International competitions around the world. In total Engr. Siva Kumar has won more than 60 awards throughout his career.

Mr. Siva's presentation was one that involved both sharing insight on innovation and showcasing some of his innovative work to further stimulate the delegates understanding of technological innovation. Integral to his presentation was pinpointing the difference between invention and innovation, before elaborating on the 6 main strategies towards innovation.

He then went on to share his innovative experiences and the numerous awards he received for his innovative work, before finally concluding with a discussion of the three levels both in commercialization and success paths.

SESSION II: ARTS

Art is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination. Throughout history, art has been, and continues to be an industry defined by the innovative and creative ideas of young minds. The industry encompasses; linguistics, poetry, music, sports, archaeology, architecture, theater, television, radio, culinary arts, fashion and design.



Mr. Fariz Hanapiah is the co-founder and executive creative director at Motiofixo. For the past 4 years He has worked on numerous commercial projects ranging from Music Videos to TV commercials. Clients include Honda, Volkswagen, MasterCard, Samsung, and many more. On collaboration basis he had worked with D-FUSE, TheLightSurgeons and Yusuf Islam based in the UK and also local artists such as Hujan, Yuna and Pop Shuvit. His current interest lies in generative art production and exploration on the projection mapping technique.

Mr. Fariz had an early start with innovation, creating his own website at the tender age of 16 and awarded for excellence by Dr. Mahathir himself. His presentation centered around exhibiting innovation in the creative process and accordingly, he spoke about his studies to become an illustrator and the challenges he faced creatively throughout his tertiary years. He highlighted his obstacles with introversion, and the joy of sharing his work with others while at university. Mr. Hanapiah initiated his career by selling graphic designed t-shirts branded Bangkit and went on to expand his business further by selling out his t-shirts at the Indie Youth Fest '09.

He familiarized the delegates with his company "MotioFixo", established by himself and a group of young designers, lamenting that one of his proudest moments as an Executive Creative Director was designing a music video for the international artist Yusuf Islam and also Local Talents like Yuna and Shila Amzah. In conclusion, he showcased some of the videos he had worked on, which energized the delegates and fuelled discussion on his creative work.



Mr. Andre Muller obtained his Bachelor and Master degrees in the field of Sport Science from the University Magdeburg, Germany, where he also gained practical experience in health coaching as well as developmental work. From 2012 to 2013 he served as an international guest lecturer in the College of Physical Education at the University of Suwon, South Korea. He has carried out extensive research in the fields of sport sociology, sport psychology as well as sport & health. To date, he has presented his research in Germany Greece, Italy, Malaysia and Korea. Additionally, he published scientific articles and is co-author of the book “Teaching English through Sports” that will be published in Korea by 2014.

Essential to his discussion, he identified peace, health and education as central to the very function of society. He proposed a unique approach to attaining these, through sport! He highlighted the success of peace building efforts through sport, the integral role played by sport as a uniting factor in assimilating vulnerable minorities like migrants, and the less fortunate into society. Mr. Andre went on to cite examples of scientific research, pointing to physical activity, as the most viable non-pharmaceutical way to prevent and fight diseases. In finishing, he went on to challenge the delegates, to draw from their childhood memories and how essential sport and physical activities were to them learning some of the most important concepts in their lives.

“Close your eyes and envision a tool that has the capacity to bring about peace, health and advancements in learning. Imagine this wonder thing is accessible to everyone, at any time, in any place for almost zero cost. Open your eyes and you will see people chasing a ball. Innovation, in motion.”



Mr. Tahmidul Bari Faiaz is a highly motivated young student at the Islamic university of technology. He is also an active debater and currently holds the position of logistics officer in IUT debating society. He has participated in various regional debate tournaments including United Asians Debating Championship held in Malaysia. He has a passion for singing and music and aspiring writer and composer of poetry.

Mr. Tahmidul Bari in his presentation described culture, stating that it is the stage of the expression and intermingling of the young human creative and innovative minds. He went on to explore the concept of multicultural collaboration and stressed on its importance and the reason why it's prominent. To further elaborate on point of view, he listed the guidelines to be followed to reach multicultural collaboration. He then listed down the steps, in his opinion, that help to build multicultural collaboration.

Lastly, before he concluded he mentioned the benefits and functions of multicultural collaboration, some of which included:

- Sharing our own cultural views, ideas, creativity with each other beyond any limitations.
- Effective communication through knowing each other empathically
- Versatile ways of communication.

WELCOMING REMARKS

To officially welcome the participants, Dr. Mazlan Khamis, the Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM), delivered a brief remark, welcoming all participants to the WAY Youth Satellite Event. He then gave a brief introduction to World Innovation Forum 2013 and what the event aims to achieve.



He also urged all participants to attend the entire 3 day event in order to benefit from expert's point of view on Innovation. He highlighted the importance of Innovation as a tool for young people and how it determines the future in which they will live in.

Dr. Mazlan highlighted that approximately more than 1000 delegates had taken part in proceedings of the day and thanked them for contributing to the success of World Innovation Forum – Kuala Lumpur 2013.

He then thanked the World Assembly of Youth for organizing the Satellite Event and how wonderful it is to see young people taking interest in the future they desire.

SESSION III: HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Humanities and Social sciences involve the study of human society and of individual relationships in and to society. The disciplines encompass but are not limited to; economics, education, history, entrepreneurship, philanthropy, sociology, psychology, anthropology, philosophy and political science.



Dr. Khong Chee Weng is an experienced scholar, currently serving as the Head of Interface Design Department in Multimedia University, one of the greater institutions of higher education in Malaysia.

He has carried out extensive research on interface design, ergonomics, man-machine interface (MMI), human-computer interface (HCI), rapid prototyping and total quality management (TQM) in design and education.

In introduction, Dr. Khong familiarized the delegates and participants with Multimedia University and the department of interface design, the work they do, and how they do it. He went on to examine innovation and creativity in detail, and spoke briefly about the innovative means they as a department have devised, to inspire their students. He spoke of transforming the student-teacher relationship to a more conducive mentoring relationship. He spoke of the need to nurture student confidence as a means of sparking their creativity and innovation. Furthermore, he spoke of the importance of teamwork in the innovative process and went on to emphasize the difference between theoretic and real world applications of innovation.

Dr. Khong shared on several programmes and contests his students had participated in and lamented on the awards and rewards they had received for their hard work. In conclusion, he emphasized the importance of innovating to the greater benefit of society, and giving back, and believed, that innovation is more effective as a communal effort and undertaking.



Mr. Loh Chee Khoon is a young Software Designer and Engineer from Malaysia and also a passionate athlete. He has participated in 21 running events since November 2012 including a full marathon in Goldcoast Australia sponsored by FitnessFirst.

Since then he has become one of the Reebok Malaysia's brand ambassadors. He has courageously overcome his disability and embraced it by actively participating in running events and also holding full time jobs related to his field of expertise.

His presentation was one that was very light-hearted and full of humour, rich in inspiration, motivation and enthusiasm. Mr. Loh, spoke of his struggles with self-esteem stemming from his disability which spiralled into weight complications. Mr. Loh spoke on innovating in his lifestyle as a means of overcoming his esteem issues through running and exercise. His aim was to get fit, healthy, release stress and gain a sense of accomplishment, which in turn would hopefully inspire others.

He went on to showcase living with disabilities, as well as commend the organizations that sponsored him and were supportive of his situation. He also showcased several innovative products and facilities that may simplify day-to-day life for those living with disabilities. In conclusion, he advised the participants on ways they could adapt their behaviour and actions to be more supportive of people living with disabilities including; changing body language, minding the language and tone used, as challenged the participants to inspire themselves, before inspiring others.



Mr. Muhammad Hisyam Bin Idris is 23 years old student studying Mechatronics Engineering at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), the main inventor of the android-based smart glove system. Born at Paka, Terengganu Darul Iman, and currently finishing his final year study at UTM, he feels his since-childhood-ambition-to be engineer is closer to become reality. Mr. Muhammad Aiman bin Ismail, born in Shah Alam, Selangor is a final year students in Electrical (Mechatronic) Engineering is the co-creator of the Smart Glove System.

Stemming from a very technical field, our two presenters gave a very detailed description of their unique innovation in what was a touching and enthralling exhibition. They pinpointed the differences in modes of communication for regular people and those that are mute. The presenters drew attention to the obstacles faced when communicating between the two groups.

Their innovation the “smart glove” aims to combine sensors that combine sign language into text and voice, which signals are n transported by Bluetooth to regular mobile phones.

Their ultimate goal is to be able to translate sign language gestures into text and voice, and allow others to understand sign language gestures easily, as well as simplify the sign language learning process for all.

SESSION IV: ALTERNATIVE INNOVATIONS

Besides the above themes, there are many more innovative ideas and initiatives that merit recognition beyond the boundaries of specific industries.



Ms. Vivian Toh is a young entrepreneur, radio host, international speaker and editor-in-chief of her independent design magazine called CUTOUT. She serves on the board of the Graphic Design Association of Malaysia (wREGA) as vice president, where she champions causes for youths and the protection of copyright.

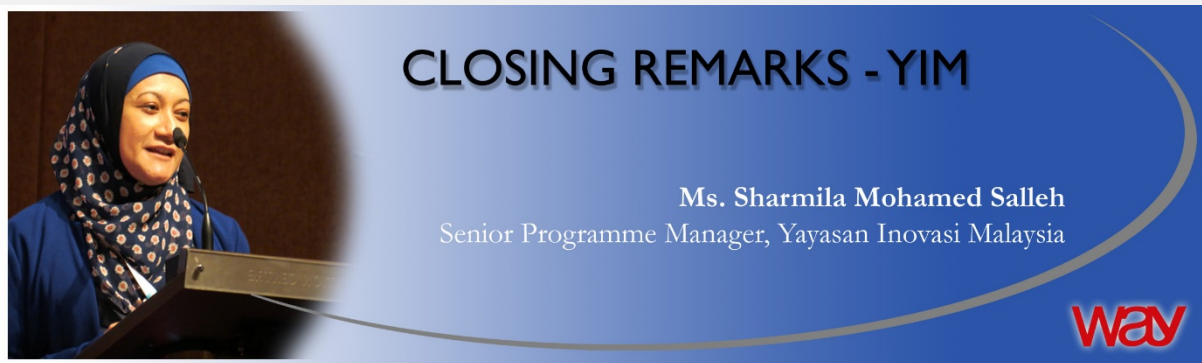
Currently, she also hosts a creative talk show called “Designed” on Bernama Radio24, the national news radio station in Malaysia on Wednesday nights from 9.15pm to 10pm while at the same time, she is developing another design magazine called Page Number and a journal is on the way.

Majority of Ms. Vivian’s presentation centered on the Malaysian graphic design scene and the iconic expansions and robust changes taking place in the market. She sought to draw attention to the degree of innovation taking place in the graphic design world and the numerous impacts and implications posed for designers and consumers alike. She lamented, that the way forward in the graphic design scene and our responsibility is to:

- Encourage more design culture exchange
- Elevate the design industry
- Promote public discourse about design

Ms. Vivian proceeded to present strong statistics in support of her statements and also took a moment to highlight the numerous Malaysian design associations offering professional support. Thanks to innovation, designers are increasingly choosing to start businesses of their own. She drew caution to the fact that many creative professionals, though under-qualified, are hired by tertiary institutions, which may affect the industry in the long run.

CLOSING REMARKS – YAYASAN INOVASI MALAYSIA (YIM)

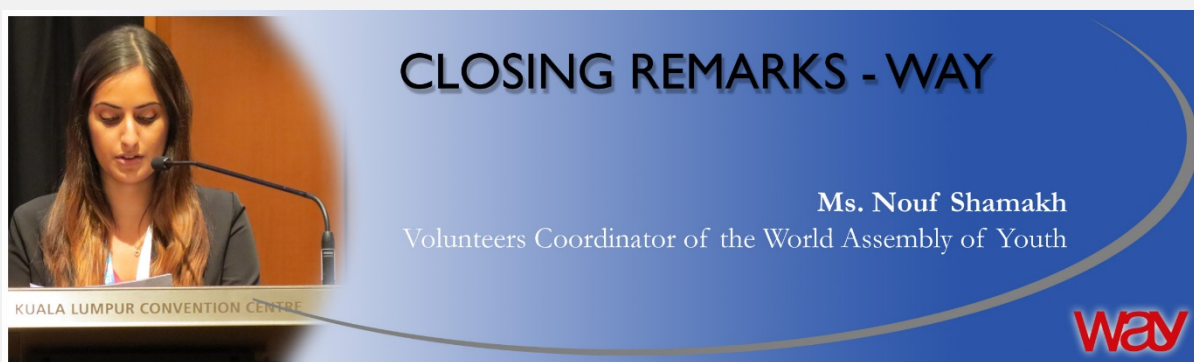


To bring the event to its conclusion, Ms. Sharmila Mohamed Salleh, the Senior Programme Manager at Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM) gave a few remarks, on behalf of her organization. In her address, she emphasized the critical role of young people in driving our society forward, strongly stressing that innovation has rapidly become the tool for the young people to reshape the future they desire. Ms. Sharmilla went on to commend the volunteers from the YIM 1CATs volunteer initiative on the hardwork they put in towards the organizing of the event.

She also made sure, to highlight YIM's Jejak Inovasi initiative, which involves identifying innovative ideas at the grass roots level in the village and local communities which lacked exposure in comparison to the town areas. She highlighted the importance of the initiative in encouraging community participation and identifying local innovations.

In conclusion, she thanked WAY for partnering with YIM and MOSTI and underlined the success of the youth satellite event in fueling innovation amongst the youth.

CLOSING REMARKS – MASTER OF CEREMONY



Ms. Nouf Shamakh, Volunteer Coordinator at the World Assembly of Youth, and Master of Ceremony at the WAY Youth Satellite Event, finally closed the event, and thanked the delegates for their participation and the speakers for their valuable input and consideration.

She then told the participants and the speakers that WAY doors are always open to drop for enquiries, requests or a friendly chat. She also thanked her colleagues at World Assembly of Youth secretariat, as well as the WIFKL 2013 organizing committee for the great opportunity.

Finally she brought an end to what was a fairly successful satellite event, full of highly enthusiastic delegates and participants alike, full of insight and intuition.





The following press release was sent out to commemorate the WAY Youth Satellite Event and some of the activities that took place throughout the day.

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 November 2013 – THE WAY Satellite Event, Youth Innovation: “Ideas of Today; Realities of Tomorrow”, took place on the 12th of November 2013 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as a prelude to the World Innovation Forum 2013. The event aimed to highlight the importance of experts and young innovators coming together to share experiences, discuss and deliberate topics and strategies on innovation for development. A total of 120 delegates and participants from over 16 countries were present at the event.

The event was declared open by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth (WAY). In her speech, which was delivered by Mr. Louis Muhamiriza the programme coordinator of WAY, she highlighted the importance of paving the way for opportunities in innovation development from youth perspective, and showcasing and promoting youth innovative ideas in a bid to motivate young minds. Moreover, she emphasized on creating a platform for young people and experienced speakers to exchange ideas.

The first session focused on Science and Technology, as the speakers showcased how in this era, science and technology remains vital and yet subtle, in our day to day lives. The second session focused on innovation and arts, as the speakers demonstrated how innovation can build new avenues of creativity for young artists.

Before the lunch break, the participants were welcomed by Dr. Mazalan Kamis, the CEO of Malaysian Innovation Foundation (YIM). In his remarks, he thanked the participants for taking part in making World Innovation Forum 2013 a great success and urged all the delegates to participate in innovation workshops in the coming days.

The third session entitled “humanities and social sciences” encompassed talks about methods and technologies enhancing the work done by NGOs and academic institutions as they excel in magnifying their impact domestically, regionally and globally. Whereas, the last session entitled alternative innovation explored other platform in which innovation can act as the main catalyst for a breakthrough.

Closing remarks were given by Mdm. Sharmila Mohamed Salleh, Senior Programme Manager at YIM, one of the main organisers of World Innovation Forum 2013. She emphasized on the critical role of young people in driving our society forward as she strongly stressed that innovation has rapidly become the tool for the young people to reshape the future they desire.

The event was concluded with the exchange of tokens of appreciation to all speakers and group photo session.

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COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

ALBANIA

BANGLADESH

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