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Unwrapping the ups and downs of year 2015, I would like to elongate my heartfelt appreciation to all members of the Secretariat, the Executive Committee, member organisations, and all participative parties for their persistent display of endless effort and countless support. Without the brilliant collaboration of all parties, those accomplishments for year 2015 would not be possible.

The 2015 annual report tells a true chronicle of the whole year efforts, struggles and accomplishments of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) and other concerted bodies in tackling youth issues and striving for their betterment, worldwide. We are optimist that this annual report would be able to inform our members, partners and other interested parties on WAY's progress including all the programmes organised in the recognition and attainment of our forth Millennium Plan of Actions 2014 – 2018 as well as objectives stipulated in the Charter.

It is, indeed, my privilege as a president of the World Assembly of Youth to witness and be a part of this beautiful yet challenging journey of the year 2015. It was eventful yet prolific year with about 10 programmes hosted and/or organised by WAY. Certainly, all of those plans, actions and programmes were conducted in accordance with our forth Millennium Plans of Action and the aims of our organisation. We, sincerely, wish that the outcome of those programmes will be useful in contributing to youth-development and their wellbeing.

Though year 2015 was a year full of volatility, it was tinted with many opportunities. It was also the first year of commencement of our Executive Committees for period 2014 - 2018 in actualising their plan, dedication and ambition into productive actions and effective efforts. This year was the opening gate in welcoming seventeen of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its 169 targets which replaced Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). We deem the influx of SDGs as a brilliant opportunity acknowledging today importance in sustaining all resources, facilities and other benefits that we luckily have for future generations to come.

Our fight in bringing about betterment for young people still and shall carry forward. Realising the volatile atmosphere of current world, we urge for flexibility in enabling us to bend over and adapt to fit the hostility changes of life. Finally, I hereby, once again, invite all stakeholders to join us in making reminiscence out of another fine year ahead! Together, we could make a difference!

PREFACE



MISS EDIOLA PASHOLLARI

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

I would like to take this opportunity to express my utmost appreciation to our amazing volunteers and members of Secretariat for their determination, teamwork and commitment in making each of our accomplishment for year 2015 possible.

In addition, my gratitude goes to all of our renowned colleagues on the Executive Committee and also to our member organisations for their incalculable effort and input. Our appreciation goes out to all partners and stakeholders, youth inclusive, for their unlimited support and assurance towards young people's comprehensive progress, betterment and wellbeing.

I am thrilled to represent the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), to dedicate our 2015 Annual Report to all involved parties in making 2015 an added active and another victorious year. This annual report enfolds our programmes, materials in publication and other major information serving as a proof of all hard work and devotion contributed. Year 2015 was an amazing ride that had its own ups and downs, smooth and bumpy paths, hiccups and its remarkable adventures which were all lessons in making more successes for years to come.

As 2015 brought to an industrious end of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and a new beginning of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), I sturdily believe that year 2016 will be a year full of surprises and filled with much potential. Thus, it is desired to be a more productive and vibrant year as we are going to kick off with a new and exciting drive in attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our Fourth Millennium Plan of Action, with the theme: "The Role of Youth on Sustainable Development". Given that SDGs have 17 goals with 169 targets, many aspects need to be tailored to be carefully included in our programmes' aims and objectives. We, at WAY, shall continuously strive for distinction to better serve the young people, worldwide.

Do enjoy reading this report and we surely welcome any responses. (For feedback, please write to us at info@way.org.my)



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BACKGROUND

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), since 1949, has taken an active role in its position as the international coordinating body of 140 member organisations consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations from around the world.

WAY acknowledges the Universal Human Rights as the foundation of its actions and services for the young people and youth worldwide.

According to the WAY Charter, WAY aims to:

1. Increase inter-ethnic respect and to foster inter-cultural and international understanding and cooperation;
2. Facilitate the collection of information about the needs and problems of youth;
3. Disseminate information about the methods, techniques and activities of youth organizations;
4. Promote the interchange of ideas between youth of all countries;
5. Assist in the development of youth activities and to promote, by mutual aid, the extension of the work of voluntary youth organizations;
6. Cooperate in the development of national youth councils of voluntary youth organizations;
7. Establish and maintain relations international organizations, both voluntary and governmental;
8. Support and encourage the national movements of non-self-governing countries in their struggle for national liberation;
9. Promote tolerance, understanding, solidarity and cooperation among youth men and women irrespective of race, sex, language, religion or political orientation;
10. Encourage the full participation of young men and women in the development process of their countries;
11. Improve the equality between young men and women
12. Act as a representative body of national youth councils to the U.N and other appropriate governmental and non-governmental international bodies.



INTRODUCTION

World Assembly of Youth (WAY), founded in 1949 in London, has retained a universal consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and worked closely with several agencies of United Nations such as: UNAIDS, UNEP, ILO, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO. Sixty six years and still counting, WAY has acted as the international coordinating body of 140 member organisations consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations from all continents of the world.

In actualising both WAY aims and initiative in contributing towards betterment of the youth worldwide, we have broaden our reach via our numerous networks across the globe supported by prominent collaboration from our members, stakeholders and volunteers. Several new partnerships have been established in year 2015, such as: partnership with Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI), Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD) and International Federation of Non-Government Organisations for Prevention of Drugs and Substance Abuse (IFNGO).

Without a doubt, the journey of year 2015 was certainly painted with all excitement and great memories, as we accentuated more than a few significant aims towards enabling the collection of information about both needs and issues of youth; stimulating the interchange of ideas between youth from different countries; supporting as well as hosting plenty of inspiring youthful programmes; and boosting full participation of young people in the decision making and their countries' developmental process.

Getting close to almost 7 decades since our establishment, we will continue to bestow our fullest efforts towards providing and burgeoning the right environment that allows young people to flourish further and responsibly. In fact, we, at our Headquarters, have been offering a platform for youth to grow further through our internship and volunteers programmes. As part of our internal enhancements, at WAY-headquarters, we perpetually improve our working system by blending creativity with efficiency to whole-heartedly serve the youth and members better.

In our quest for serving youth and support towards attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in September 2015, we, as a team, have been developing and designing activities and programmes which have been and will continue to be implemented in line with our forth Millennium Plan of Actions (MPACs), 'Youth Role on Sustainable Development', that was specially designed to unlock the true potential of young people in realising their roles in attainment of SDGs.

Year 2015 was, indeed, a productive one that hosted up to ten programmes including our annual event, 15th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, '*Youth and Armed Conflict: To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat*'. This year was also the new start and beginning of global journey towards implementation of sustainability in all aspects of life. Realising that SDGs have such broad 17 goals and 169 targets, we shall strategically plan our step forward in order to cover every goal and each inch of its targets. One of our aperture strategy was utilising the remaining last quarter of year 2015 in introducing and raising awareness about the adoption of SDGs and what they truly stands for.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), are thrilled in welcoming year 2016 which will be an excellent opportunity to dig in all possibilities as well as resources towards the realisation of the global goals. Thus, we urge all stakeholders to join us and be one hand with the global efforts in making the attainment of SDGs possible.

OUR ACTIVITIES





AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

SUBMARINE MUSEUM, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

8TH MARCH 2015



ABOUT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Over the years, March 8th marks the celebration of the International Women's Day, an annual event to promote the achievements of women worldwide and to support the advancement of women and their struggle for equality. This Day aims to highlight the importance of creating conditions for the elimination of discrimination against women as well as recognition for their full and equal participation in social development. Besides, the International Women's Day is also an opportunity to call for change and to celebrate the acts of courage and determination shown by the ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and societies. As for the year 2015, the theme for International Women's Day, "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" envisions a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choices as well as her rights responsibly; these include the choices and rights of participating in politics, getting the right education, having an adequate income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination.

OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITY

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), always seek to contribute in the global innovative efforts in encouraging the embracement of gender equality and women's empowerment in all levels of society. Utilizing the opportunity of collaboration offered by PERZIM, Melaka-Malaysia in organising one-day event in commemorating the International Women's Day in conjunction with the third birthday anniversary of the Sub Marine Museum, WAY conducted an awareness and

educational campaign where people present were educated about the importance of women's empowerment and gender equality. The opening ceremony was officiated by the Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage of Melaka, Malaysia, Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah binti Abdol. Many people present were requested to write their messages to show their appreciation to all women out there and these moments were perpetuated in the photos which were shared in WAY Facebook. Besides, all people present were also requested to fill-in the questionnaires which the responses would be analysed and used for compiling the short research pertaining to women's empowerment and gender equality. Another exciting programme during that day was the educational presentation on 'Health and Beauty Concept of Vibration Therapy' by Dr. Rusidah Binte Hj. Mohd. Tahir, a founder of the Ahrisaa Health and Beauty Centre.

The detail agenda of this prosperous activity is given as follow.

TIME	ACTIVITIES
10.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of the invitees • Grateful prayer for the third anniversary of Sub Marine Museum • Welcoming Remarks by Miss Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth • Welcoming Remarks by Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah binti Abdol, Deputy EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage cum Deputy Chairman of PERZIM • The cutting ceremony of the yellow sticky rice (Pulut kuning) • The cake cutting ceremony for the commemoration of the International Women's Day • Educational Presentation on Women's Health Care by Dr. Rusidah binte Hj. Mohd. Tahir, Founder of the Ahrisaa Health and Beauty Centre. • Tokens of Appreciation Presentation • Souvenirs Presentation • Tour to the Exhibition in the Museum
11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismissal

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this awareness and educational campaign are listed as follow.

- To promote the commemoration of the International Women's Day in society of Malaysia.
- To raise awareness on the significance of gender equality and women's empowerment for the betterment of society.
- To gather public opinion and their perspectives pertaining to the gender equality and women's empowerment.
- To gather sufficient responses which are required for the data-analysis of the research conducted by WAY concerning to the matters of gender equality and women's empowerment.

CONCLUSION

In Conclusion, in commemoration of International Women's Day which falls on 8th March 2015, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in partnership with PERZIM, Melaka organised one-day event which was also an awareness campaign in educating everyone present on the importance of gender-equality and women's empowerment. An educational beauty talk was also presented by Dr. Rusidah

Binte Hj. Mohd. Tahir who has successfully captured attention of everyone present. During that day, everyone was given an opportunity in writing his or her appreciation message to the women all around the world. These precious moments were perpetuated in the photos which were posted in WAY Facebook. In addition, the questionnaires were also distributed to collect responses which would be analysed and used for WAY short research pertaining to Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality.



GLOBAL MONEY WEEK

AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

8TH AND 14TH MARCH 2015

MELAKA AND PAHANG, MALAYSIA

ABOUT GLOBAL MONEY WEEK

Global Money Week is a worldwide celebration intended to empower the next generation of financial actors to be confident, responsible and skilled economic citizens. Every year, entire communities jointly take action to reshape the financial landscape, and give young people the tools and inspiration they need to shape their own future. Global Money Week takes place every year during the second week of March. It is coordinated by the Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) Secretariat, but the events themselves are organized by schools, universities, government ministries, central banks, and financial institutions, members of the civil society and communities of active youth worldwide. The Secretariat acts as an anchor for Global Money Week activities worldwide, in an effort to coordinate, support and facilitate the many events and initiatives planned by local organizations, institutions and activists. The celebrations of 2015 will take place between 9th to 17th March. During this week various worldwide activities will be held to engage children, youth and their communities to learn about how money works, including saving, gaining employment, and creating livelihoods.

OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITY

Acknowledging the partnership established between the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) and the Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) in 2015, WAY realised the necessity of introducing Global Money Week and raising awareness on the significance of financial education and independence amongst young people particularly those in Melaka and Pahang, Malaysia. Underlying on those aim and purpose, we have conducted the two-days educational and awareness campaign focusing on the importance of financial education and independence amongst young people. The campaign took place in two states of Malaysia. The first campaign took place at Sub Marine Museum in Melaka State on 8th March 2015 from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. in partnership with PERZIM, Melaka. This campaign was conducted in conjunction with the third birthday anniversary of the Sub Marine museum and the celebration of International Women's Day. The second campaign was held at University Malaysia Pahang (UMP) in Pahang State from 11.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. in collaboration with UMP AIESEC. In this two-days campaign, leaflets about the Global Money Week (GMW) containing the introduction on the significance of being financial Independent were distributed to all present, especially young people. Besides, many photos were captured where young people were requested to pose holding Global Money Week logo. In total and accumulated amount, approximately more than 200 young people were presented in this campaign.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this awareness and educational campaign are listed as follow.

- To introduce and promote Global Money Week in society of Malaysia, particularly young people in Melaka and Pahang states
- To raise awareness on the importance of financial education and the significance of being financially independent amongst young people

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this awareness and educational campaign was a two-days event which took place on 8th March 2015 from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. at Sub Marine Museum in Melaka State and 14th March 2015 from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at University Malaysia Pahang in Pahang State. Acknowledging the importance of promoting Global Money Week and raising awareness about the significance of Financial Independence and Education amongst young people particularly those in Melaka and Pahang, Malaysia, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) designed this event with a main purpose of bringing fun campaign amongst youth where fliers were distributed to them and the moment was perpetuated by having young people present posed holding the GMW logo. All of these fun photos were shared in WAY Social Media serving as both promotional and awareness tools.



YOUTH RUN: FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABILITY

18TH APRIL 2015

MELAKA RIVER SQUARE

MELAKA, MALAYSIA

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!

ABOUT YOUTH RUN FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABILITY

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 18th 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.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this prosperous event are listed as follow.

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

The detail agenda of this activity is given as follow.

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

CONCLUSION

In Conclusion, the Youth Run: For Peace and Sustainability, which 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, was also an event planned in commemoration of the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), which took place 17th to 19th 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 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.

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. 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.



ONE ASIA 2015: YOUTH'S ROLE IN THE FUTURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

20TH MAY 2015

ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

ABOUT ONE ASIA 2015: YOUTH'S ROLE IN THE FUTURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the one-day Youth Entrepreneur and Business Leaders Conference aimed at empowering its participants by providing them with a platform to enhance trust and improve cooperation with regional and foreign business partners, share knowledge and experiences and investigate opportunities for sustainable socio-economic development. The Conference brought together entrepreneurs, stakeholders, service providers, experts, academics, government officials and politicians to share ideas and best practices and develop new opportunities for collaboration and sustainable business relations. Asia is the fastest growing economic region and the largest continental economy in the world. This has been achieved through strong market forces, the rise of emerging markets and a new era of free movement of people, goods and services across the region. As a fledging market in the Asian region with strong domestic resources and opportunities for business development and investment, Mongolia is at the forefront of the new era of economic trend for the region and is, therefore, a prime partner to facilitate the Youth Entrepreneur and Business Leaders Conference.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Conference are listed as below.

- Promote investment and business strategies in the Asian region and showcase existing youth business projects in Asia; □ Provide a platform for knowledge-sharing, capacity-building, networking for economic and social development;
- Identify aspects of governance that matters most for the economic and business growth as it affects youth;
- Showcase Mongolian market knowledge, innovation initiatives and business opportunities including domestic mega projects; □ Showcase high-potential and inspiring entrepreneurs and provide them opportunities for partnerships and business linkages;

- Provide platform for sharing knowledge of successful corporate governance experiences and identify opportunities for implementation of models to domestic markets and businesses.

OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

The forum provided the opportunity to hear from key note speakers on various topics and an interactive one-on-one networking session in which participants rotated to meeting various Mongolian and foreign business individuals. Each participant had 30 minutes discussion before rotating to the next individual. A translator was present for each session to facilitate conversation. The forum was divided based upon the three main business sectors: Agriculture, Light Industries and Service Industries.

The participants of the ‘One Asia 2015: Youth’s Role In The Future Sustainable Development Goals’ were consisted of young entrepreneurs, stakeholders, service providers, experts, academics, government officials and politicians from Mongolia and abroad. There were approximately of 200 participants present.

The detail agenda of this conference is given as follow.

Time	Program
09:00	Registration
09:20	Opening ceremony
09:20 - 09:30	Keynote speech: Business and legal environment of business opportunities in Mongolia
09:30 - 09:50	Keynote speeches: Young Entrepreneurs
09:50 - 10:30	Presentation: Major project opportunities and development initiatives in Mongolia
10:30 – 10:45	Tea Break
10:45 - 11:15	Presentation: Business strategies, governance and innovative initiatives in the Asian market
11:15 - 13:00	One-on-One business meetings
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 17:00	One-on-One business meetings
17:00 – 18:00	Free Time
18:00 - 19:00	Transport to Farewell Dinner
19:00 ~ end	Farewell Dinner



15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

“YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO PROGRESS WITHOUT A THREAT”

22ND to 24TH JUNE 2015

KINGS GREEN HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

ABOUT MIYD

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which brings together young people and youth leaders from around the world to discuss relevant youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has convened on a wide range of issues. The MIYD has witnessed an escalating number of youth participants over the years, willing to participate in the decision making process. With the view of building a stronger partnership between the youth and the society, the MIYD produces a declaration which serves as a guideline for youth to address the selected issues.

INTRODUCTION

"Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die".
- Herbert Hoover, 1944

For the past 14 years, MIYD has been focusing on several youth issues which directly or indirectly affect the daily lives of youth. This year the theme for the MIYD is on 'Youth and Armed Conflict: To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat'. Armed conflict is defined as a contested

incompatibility which concerns government and / or territory where the use of armed force between two parties, of which at least one is the government of a state.

Children and youth represent the majority of the population in most countries affected by armed conflicts and are thus disproportionately affected by war. Their suffering bears many faces - they are recruited as child soldiers, are killed and maimed, deprived of education and health care, and separated from their families. Sexual violence is increasingly a characteristic of conflict with detrimental long-term psychological effects on children and youth.

Where wars erupt, suffering and hardship invariably follow. Conflict is the breeding ground for mass violations of human rights including unlawful killings, torture, forced displacement and starvation. The fact that the issue of armed conflict has reached its epic point in recent days is the underlined reason of this year MIYD theme, taking into consideration that young people comprised half of the world population.

THEME

Henceforth, we have made it a point to focus on 'Youth and Armed Conflict: To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat' as our theme for this year MIYD. This theme has been realized to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating armed conflict and promoting sustainable conflict free environment. This 15th MIYD will emphasize in the attainment of the sustainable conflict free generation in which youth will be given opportunity to express and progress themselves free from fear and threat.

An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth in the different levels of society that they represent. Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, public and private sector officers, media persona and NGO / CSO representatives will gather to call for action and structure experience on the issue of Youth and Armed Conflict and chart a course towards its solution. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards a better and sustainable future of a conflict free generation.

OBJECTIVES

Throughout the dialogue all participants gathered to call for action based on the following objectives:

- To raise an informative generation on the current situation of youth and armed conflicts with anticipated behaviour adaptation and consequently admission to decision making amongst youth;
- To foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the societies;
- To address the determinants and impact of armed conflicts amongst youth;
- To promote equality of opportunities and facilities between young men and women;
- To formulate the environmental, political, economic and cultural factors that are associated with peace building and disarmaments in ensuring young people's right to live in harmony;
- To ascertain the obligations of society to respect, protect and fulfil the right of young people to live, express and improve themselves without fear and threat;
- To classify the role and the contribution of the national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining resourceful policies in combating armed conflict and promoting sustainable conflict free environment;

- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing youth and their right to live in peace for the present and future;
- To integrate networking, collaboration and cooperation between public and private sectors, civil societies and other stakeholders to address the issue of youth and armed conflict

PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Agenda	Venue	Dress Code
21 st June	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA/KLIA 2 - Kings Green Hotel	Casual
	1930HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
	2100HRS	Ice Breaking Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction ➤ Video Presentation: Youth and Armed Conflict ➤ Briefing on 15th MIYD Activities 	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
22 nd June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	OPENING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Welcoming Remarks by Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari</i> ➤ <i>Video Presentation: 'Journey of MIYD'</i> ➤ <i>Address by President of Malaysian Youth Council, Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin</i> 	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Formal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Performance by Port-Harcourt Male Ensemble, the Commonwealth 2014/15 Award Winning Song “Peace For All Nations” ➤ Message by Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi ➤ Address by President of World Assembly of Youth cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron ➤ Official Opening Address by Minister of Defence, Malaysia, Hon. Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein ➤ Souvenir Presentation ➤ Photo Session 		
1030HRS	VIP Press Conference	Meeting Room 1, Kings Green Hotel	Formal
1030HRS	Refreshments	Kings Green Hotel	Casual
1045HRS	<p>PLENARY SESSION 1: IMPACT OF ARMED CONFLICT ON YOUNG PEOPLE!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “The Impact Of Armed Conflicts On Doctors” Mr. Aimen K.M. Fahil El Boom, Junior Doctor, Zawia Teaching Hospital, Libya ➤ “A Multi-Faceted Analysis Of The Development of Children and Youth Affected by Armed Conflict” Ms. Marie Luise Schwarzenberg, Coordinator of the Youth Working Group, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth, Switzerland ➤ “The Role Of Youth And NGOs In Peace Resolution: Case Study of Aceh” 	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual

	Mr. Fachrul Razi, Senator of Aceh Province, Regional Representative Council, Indonesia		
1300HRS	Lunch	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
1400HRS	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES TOWARDS ATTAINING A CONFLICT FREE GENERATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Switching The Mainstream” Mr. Haris Devodic, Board Member, European Youth Press, Bosnia and Herzegovina ➤ “The Triple Role Of Youth In Political Transitions: A Sustainable Leadership Perspective” Dr. Tiago Andre Ferreira Lopes, Academic Director, Sustainable Leadership Initiative, Finland ➤ “Cultivating Leaders To Confront The Governance Challenges In Africa And Build Sustainable Peace” Ms. Lucy Abigail Dunderdale, Fullbright Clinton Fellow, Department of Political Affairs - African Union, Ethiopia ➤ “The Role Of Youth In Shaping A Better World” Dr. Murali Rahman, Dean of Faculty of Management, Multimedia University, Malaysia 	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual
1530HRS	Refreshments	Kings Green Hotel	Casual
1545HRS	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3: THE SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE OF CSOs AND NGOs IN COMBATING ARMED CONFLICT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “The Role Of Civil Society In Peace Building And Conflict Resolution” 	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual

		<p>General Tan Sri Panglima Mohd. Azumi Mohamed, Member of Board of Trustee, Perdana Global Peace Foundation, Malaysia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Great Causes And Principles Do Not Necessarily Give Rise To Meaningful Sustainable Development” Mr. Joseph Otiiti Opiyo, Youth Advocate, Straight Talk Foundation, Uganda ➤ “Resolution: Inclusive Societies At Stake” Council Of Members, European Youth Forum ➤ “The Role Of Youth Organisations In Preventing Armed Conflict” Mr. Jufitri Joha, Vice President, Malaysian Youth Council, Malaysia 		
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Kings Green Hotel	Casual
	1930HRS	Dinner	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual / Traditional Attire
	2100HRS	<p>Cultural Performances by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WAY Volunteers ➤ MIYD Participants 	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
23rd June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual

0900HRS	Workshop: <i>The role of public and private sector, NGOs, media, society and young people in achieving, a sustainable conflict free generation.</i>	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual
1030HRS	Refreshments	Kings Green Hotel	Casual
1045HRS	Workshop (Continues)	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual
1300HRS	Lunch	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
1400HRS	Workshop (Continues)	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual
1530HRS	Refreshments	Kings Green Hotel	Casual
1545HRS	Workshop: Group Presentations	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual
1700HRS	Free and Easy	Kings Green Hotel	Casual
1930HRS	Dinner	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
2100HRS	City Tours ➤ Taming Sari Tower	Melaka	Casual

		➤ Melaka River Cruise		
	2200HRS	Drafting Committee Meeting	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
24th June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	Presentation of 15 th MIYD Draft Declaration	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Kings Green Hotel	Casual
	1045HRS	Adoption of 15th MIYD Declaration	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
	1400HRS	Field Trips / Cultural Tours: ➤ Submarine Museum, Melaka ➤ Maritime Museum, Melaka ➤ Tour in Melaka	Melaka	Casual / MIYD T-shirt
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Kings Green Hotel	Casual

	2000HRS	Farewell Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Welcoming Remarks by Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari</i> ➤ <i>Video Presentation: Youth and Armed Conflicts</i> ➤ <i>Address by President of World Assembly of Youth cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron</i> ➤ <i>Official Closing Address by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia, Hon Dato' Hamzah Zainuddin</i> ➤ <i>Certificate and Award Presentation</i> ➤ <i>Souvenir Presentation</i> ➤ <i>Photo Session</i> ➤ <i>Musical and Cultural Performances</i> 	Ballroom, Kings Green Hotel	Formal/Traditional Attire
25th June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Cafeteria, Kings Green Hotel	Casual
	All Day	Departures	Kings Green Hotel - KLIA/KLIA 2	Casual

CONCLUSION

In Conclusion, this dialogue was organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), and supported by the Melaka State Government, the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia), the Malaysian Youth Council, and the Asian Youth Council. Among the youth and youth leader participants, in attendance were; Hon. Senator Tan Sri Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, former WAY President; YB Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Bin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence, Malaysia who officiated the opening ceremony; Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of WAY; Hon. Datuk Norpipah Binti Abdul, Deputy State EXCO for Youth and Heritage, Melaka, Malaysia; Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin, President of Malaysian Youth Council; Mr. Preye-Ketebu Brown, Vice President of WAY; and Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth. Also in attendance were WAY Executive Committee members and various other government representatives both national and international.

WAY firmly believes that taking every action necessary to increasing youth connectivity and harnessing the potential of the right to peaceful and inclusive society is key to achieving a sustainable development and stimulating social and economic benefits for the millions around the world. However, the public and private sectors must develop solid mutual understanding and operational partnerships, so that real benefits can be felt by both administrations and the citizens alike. The Melaka International Youth Dialogue is designed to provide an international platform for youth and youth leaders around the world, to increase collaboration between stakeholders and also to improve youth participation in decision making about the issues that directly or indirectly affect them and the world they live.



26TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM 'YOUTH IN MDGS AND POST 2015'



**18TH TO 24TH AUGUST 2015
SEOUL AND GOESAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

ABOUT 26TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM

In UN General Assembly 2000, 191 UN participating nations agreed on the action to goals to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, and develop a global partnership for development. 2015 is the year to set new agenda substituting 8 goals which did not accomplish perfectly even though they have demonstrate huge achievements with massive influences in the world

Later on, UN announced the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was scheduled on September 2015 during the General Assembly pushing ahead with all of countries through the selection of new development goals considering public opinions. Before making decision for new agenda in UN General Assembly, there have been a lot of discussions for new goals through variety ways. Youth who are principal generation on the implementation of SDGs have even worked to legitimize the choice of new agenda through in-depth discussion in one place, find the role of youth in SDGs and promote world peace.

Acknowledging the importance of Sustainable Development Goals and the role of young people in attainment of them, the 26th International Youth Forum which took place from 18th to 24th August 2015 in Seoul and Goesan, Republic of Korea, was conducted with a theme on 'Youth in MDGs and Post 2015'. There were 2 sub-themes selected which were on 'Global Youth's Perspective on Millennium Development Goal' and 'Global Youth's Contributions for Sustainable Development Goals'.

OBJECTIVES

Throughout the forum, all participants gathered to call for action based on the following objectives:

- To make youth aware of global issues, offering an opportunity to tackle them and to find alternative ways or solutions
- To improve cooperation and mutual understanding among youths across diverse cultures
- To spread good will around the world and to build

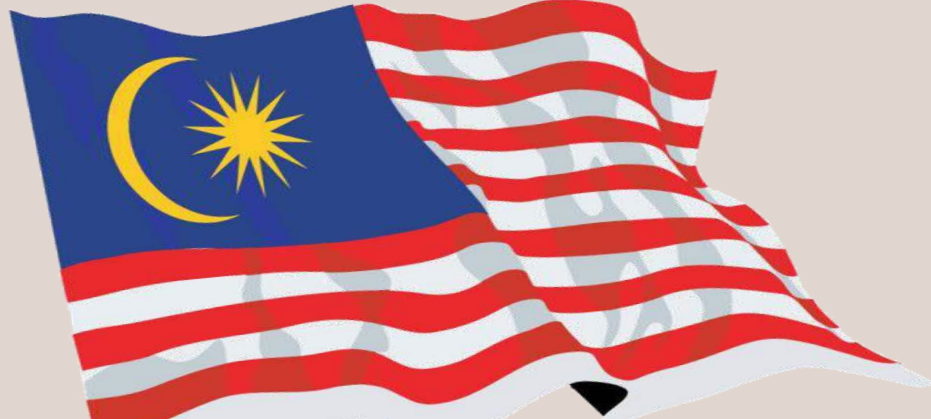
OVERVIEW OF THE FORUM

The 26th International Youth Forum with a theme , ' Youth in MDGs and Post 2015' was hosted by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Republic of Korea (MOGEF); organised by The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK) in partnership with the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) and the Asian Youth Council (AYC). There were more than 70 young people from at least 20 different countries gathered in Seoul and Goesan, Republic of Korea to discuss the prominent role

that the youth played in contributing to the realisation of the underachievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and attainment of the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Date	Activities
Tuesday, 18 th August 2015	Arrival/ Registration Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner Orientation Recreation and Ice-breaking
Wednesday, 19 th August 2015	Keynote Lecture Transfer to Goesan (Goesan Youth Centre) Case Study Presentation
Thursday, 20 th August 2015	Cultural Lesson on Korean Tradition Group Discussion I Group Discussion II
Friday, 21 st August 2015	Group Discussion III Group Discussion IV Plenary Session
Saturday, 22 nd August 2015	Transfer to Seoul(International Youth Centre) Seoul City Study Trip (Outing) Taking a break
Sunday, 23 rd August 2015	Seoul City Study Trip (Outing) Closing Ceremony Adoption of Seoul Declaration Friendship Night
Monday, 24 th August 2015	Departure

EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON INTERNATIONAL OCCURENCE



YOUTH PATRIOTISM ASPIRATION OF MELAKA (APBM)

TAMING SARI TOWER, BANDAR HILIR, MELAKA

13TH SEPTEMBER 2015



OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

Month of September is known nationally in Malaysia as a special period to commemorate independence and appreciate the dedication of national heroes. On the last week of August 2015, it was then agreed by all representatives of agencies and organisations attending the meeting of Melaka State EXCO under the portfolio of Heritage and Youth Development to organise an activity in celebrating the 2015 Malaysian Independence month and promoting the youth's aspiration in patriotism. The Youth Patriotism Aspiration of Melaka or known as Aspirasi Patriotisme Belia Melaka (APBM) in Malaysian Language was in the committee's plan. The APBM was planned to be taking place for 2 days which was on 12th September 2015 (evening) and 13th September 2015 (whole day) in Taming Sari Tower, Bandar Hilir, Melaka. In Total, there were at least 30 activities consisted of dances, competitions, exhibitions and other awesome performances as well as fun activities.

As part of the Melaka State EXCO under the portfolio of Heritage and Youth Development, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) has contributed in this programme by organising educational campaign on international phenomena, including youth issues happening all around the world as well as the Sustainable Development Goals which would be adopted at the end of September 2015. The campaign itself was taking place on 13th September 2015 from 10.00 a.m. to 06.00 p.m. in which our targeted crowd was young people. There were 4 main activities that were organised by the World Assembly of Youth. The brief description of each of those activities is given as follow.

1. Distribution of Flyers Containing All the Youth-Issues

In this campaign, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) focused on educating young people and bringing awareness about the 21 youth issues. Being an organisation which closely involves with young people, WAY has been specially conducting researches and organising activities which were specially designed to assist in tackling these issues or problems arisen and other relevant matters involving young people from all around the world.

2. My World Survey

My World Survey is a global survey led by the United Nations which asking responders to choose their priorities for a better world. There are 16 issues or areas to choose from; they include better job opportunities; a good education; better healthcare; affordable and nutritious food; support for people who cannot work; freedom from discrimination and persecution; access to clean water and sanitation; reliable energy at home; action taken on climate change; protecting forests, rivers and oceans; an honest and responsive government; better transport and roads; protection against crime and violence; equality between men and women; phone and internet access; as well as political freedoms. In this campaign, WAY also conducted My World Survey in which the Survey Ballots were requested and obtained directly from the My World Committee in the United Nations. The filled survey-ballots would be analysed and finding-report would be produced and sent to the United Nations.

3. Quiz on the SDGs

Besides My World Survey, we also distributed a quiz (10 simple questions) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which was aimed to test the knowledge-level of young people in Melaka pertaining to the Global Goals. The result of this quiz will assist us in better understanding the shortage of knowledge that need to be brought up in WAY future awareness or educational campaign.

4. Stamp-Hunting Game

Another fun activity organised by WAY was the stamp-hunting game in which visitor needs to collect all 6 stamps from any exhibitors to complete the form. A visitor who had a completed form with all 6 stamps could claim a mystery-gift (subjected to the availability of the gifts). There were only 60 gifts available (30 gifts were sponsored by Melaka Tourism Promotion Division; the remaining 30 gifts were contributed by the Department of Culture and Heritage, Melaka). A visitor who answered both My World Survey and Quiz on SDGs was given a souvenir and his/her form was stamped.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

This educational campaign and fun activity was organised to meet the following objectives.

- To measure the knowledge and understanding level of young people in Melaka pertaining to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- To analysis the young people's preference on their perfect world as Melaka contribution to My World Survey, United Nations
- To educate young people on the 21 youth issues tackled by WAY and encountered by youth worldwide
- To engage young people in fun and educational activity in raising awareness about various international occurrences.

OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAMME

The survey ballots and answered quiz-papers will be quantitatively and statistically analysed to come out with the report which will have detail findings on the outcome of the study performed. This report will be sent to the United Nations as contribution from young people in Melaka, Malaysia and used as WAY's future reference in selecting and deciding the targeted participants and theme of our upcoming events or programmes.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this educational campaign on SDGs and other international occurrences which took place in Taming Sari Tower, Bandar Hilir, Melaka, was a fruitful event. All the stated objectives were achieved and the report containing the findings of both the SDGs quiz and My World Survey was enclosed in this report's appendices-section. The total of 60 mystery gifts were all claimed by visitors who successfully collected 6 stamps from exhibitors present in this event. All young people present during this event were actively involved and have shown their great love towards their country and their appreciation for all outstanding national heroes of Malaysia. In fact, the Youth Patriotism Aspiration of Melaka (APBM) which was firstly organised and officially opened by Hon. Datuk Hj. Norpipah binti Abdol representing Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Hj. Idris bin Hj. Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum WAY President, has effectively achieved its main objective of alleviating the patriotism aspiration amongst young people in Melaka.

THE FIRST ANNUAL WAY-DCIS-LEAD INTERNATIONAL TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND ARTS FEST

‘IT IS TIME TO SHIFT’

7TH – 10TH OCTOBER 2015

AURARIA CAMPUS, DENVER CO.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



BACKGROUND

Many current models of leadership being employed in the world today threaten the very existence of human kind. Challenges with food security, climate change preparation, transparency in government, gender bias and effective use of new technology requires another kind of leadership model that knows how to effectively integrate principle with knowledge, vision with insight and wisdom with compassion. Prudence and the time sensitive nature of our challenges require us to introduce the next generation of leaders to newer, more creative approaches to leadership that would go above and beyond the current models.

With this in mind, the WAY-DCIS-LEAD International Transformative Leadership Conference was designed to gather young leaders from the World Assembly of Youth and the Denver Center for International Studies in the United States in one place to meet and talk with as well as hear leaders representing new approaches in guiding our communities, our cities, our countries and our world. This conference created not only an opportunity for these young people to make contact with these new methods and expand their capacity, but it also created an opportunity for the WAY/DCIS member to engage in internship work with these organisations and perhaps secured future employment with them. Leaders of these organisations were provided with speaking opportunities and workshops at the conference so that students had a chance to meet them in person and ask questions about how their systems work.

In addition to hearing the new line leaders at the conference, all students who registered for the conference were able to get weekly material from these leaders online through video classes in the LEAD app platform. The WAY DCIS LEAD Transformative Leadership Conference had the potential to create one of the world's largest networks of young leaders committed to building new models of values-based world leadership, steeped in global competency, sustainability, ethics, food security, transparency, environmentalism, enlightenment, personal empowerment, feminine principles, vision and humanitarianism.

INTRODUCTION

Transformative Leadership involves fully assessing the shortcomings of previous leadership models, then learning the skills, locating the resources, gaining the knowledge and adopting the healthy habits of new leadership models that serve the greater good and build on the future. Many of the current leadership practices and models are not only unsustainable, but are not flexible enough to help us manage potential climate change challenges. Leadership models going forward must incorporate ways of empowering more people in the world, utilizing the new technologies to assist them, engaging in feminine-principled decision making, embracing philosophies that include instead of exclude, the implementation of the peer to peer economy, and a rethinking of food and water security. Emerging leaders moving into leadership roles should be equipped with a bigger, broader version of what's possible so that they don't repeat the mistakes of previous generations. This conference provided that opportunity in a community of peers. Various workshops and presentations featured technology gurus, sustainable farming experts, new energy champions, philosophical leaders and a host of other contributors who provided attendees with information and tools.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The first Annual International Transformative Leadership Conference was an international gathering of emerging young global leaders from the World Assembly of Youth and from the Denver Center for International Studies. This gathering was a leadership development event, exposing these young leaders to new paradigm global leadership ideas to use in their future leadership experiences. The new paradigm shift requires new leaders to understand and synthesize sustainability, global competency, feminine principled policy, and vision, connectedness through technology, climate change preparedness, food security and egalitarianism.

GOALS

This conference produced a framework for action to meet the basic needs identified in ten key areas/goals. The goals are listed as follow.

Goal 1: Empower global competency for all conference participants by creating an environment and developing exercises that allow each participant to exchange information, life stories and experiences.

Goal 2: Identify specific leadership methods of global food and water security to champion in our various communities.

Goal 3: Develop a shared new leadership world philosophy that is inclusive, empowering and emphasizes connectedness.

Goal 4: Agree on social media outlets that allow participants to stay connected and rely on each other for support as well as create opportunities for Collective Impact.

Goal 5: Identify ancient wisdom of primary cultures and understand how that wisdom has an effect on new paradigm leadership models.

Goal 6: Develop a climate change strategy that includes things conference participants can implement in their communities.

Goal 7: Understand Feminine Principles and the implementation of those principles in leadership.

Goal 8: Identifying technology trends that can be leveraged for the greater good of humanity.

Goal 9: Share time with leaders of new paradigm organizations.

Goal 10: Make contact with organizations that conference participants can do an internship with.

OBJECTIVES

During the conference all participants were gather to address and call for action on the following objectives:

- To raise awareness of new, innovative and sustainable leadership models.
- To encourage attendee action towards implementation of ideas brought forward in this conference to the benefit of the world.
- To address the challenges that would prevent the attendees from implementing the actions.
- To promote equality of leadership opportunities and facilities between young men and women;
- To evaluate the current environmental, political, economic and cultural factors that are associated with new paradigm leadership.
- To integrate networking, collaboration and cooperation between attendees, between public and private sectors, civil societies and other stakeholders to address the issue of new leadership.
- To share the experiences of the internships with conference attendees and increase the odds of employment with the internship company.

THEME

This theme was designed to put the responsibility of forwarding a new and improved world squarely in the hands of these young leaders. It emphasised that a shift is a choice we must make if we wish to see a more empowered and egalitarian future. Shifting is not something that happens to us, but by us, based on our choices. This conference helped these young leaders understand this fine point and encourage them to take action, knowing that they are not alone in their action. The action that was encouraged to them goes beyond marches, protests and rallies, but implementation of vetted practices that lead to better outcomes.

WAY SATELLITE EVENT



'Youth Role in Marching Towards Attainment of the Global Goals'

20th October 2015 @ 08.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.

Casuarina @ Meru Hotel, Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan

Supported by:



BACKGROUND

In today's complex world where economic, social and political activities are technology-based, environment is often ignored leading to vulnerability towards not only the ecosystem but also the welfare of all living beings and individuals including young people. The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which addressed and tackled major issues including the issues of extreme poverty, hunger, deadly disease and pandemic, inadequacy of proper shelter, shortage of health facility, gender inequality, lack of access to basic education as well as lack of environmental sustainability, had come to the end, leaving many targeted areas and objectives far from reach.

The UN General Assembly's Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG) has proposed seven-teen goals on July 2014 covering a broad range of sustainable development issues including eradicating poverty and hunger, improving health and education, enabling more sustainable city, combating climate change, and protecting oceans and forests. On 2nd of August 2015, 193 member countries agreed collectively on the 17 of finalised goals and their 169 targets.

The SDGs are listed as follow.

- End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

THEME: 'YOUTH ROLE IN MARCHING TOWARDS ATTAINMENT OF THE GLOBAL GOALS'

As the Millennium Development Goals have come to its closing stage, there were still many goals left under-achieved bringing about the need of sustainability. Due to the fluctuating of technology-based activities combined with inadequacy of socio-economic factors, young people, who comprise almost half of world population, are in fact the most affected. Therefore, realising the challenges they are facing, it is pivotal to address on the role that youth should play in order to achieve the sustainable development goals.

Youth role on successful attainment of sustainable development goals is indisputable. Youth and youth leaders should be the key players in tackling global development issues and engage in the decision making processes at all levels of society. It is imperative that youth from all parts of the world participate actively in the implementation and achievement of the global goals.

In this satellite event, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) aimed to bring awareness and educate all stakeholders, young people inclusive, on how youth can contribute and play a prominent role in not only promoting sustainability but also actualizing it in more rigorous action.

ORGANISERS

WAY Satellite Event themed as 'Youth Role on Marching Towards Attainment of the Global Goals' was organised by World Assembly of Youth (WAY), hosted by Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD) and supported by Institut Darul Ridzuan and Perak State Government.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants present were between the ages of 18 and 35 years old, presenting both genders from local organisations, youth organisations, educational institutions and young people. Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD) participants were also welcome. The total number of participants present in this satellite event was approximately 45 young people.

PROGRAMME

WAY Satellite Event took place at CS 5 conference hall (level 1), Casuarina @ Meru Hotel in Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan (<http://www.pangkordialogue.com/schedule/satellite-10/>) on 20th October 2015. It was a half-day event starting from 08.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. The full agenda of this programme is given as follow.

WAY Satellite Event, <i>'Youth Role in Marching Towards Attainment of the Global Goals'</i> at the CS5 Hall, Casuarina@Meru Hotel, Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan		20 th October 2015 08.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.	
NO.	TIME	AGENDA	DRESS CODE
1	08.30 a.m.	Registration	Formal
2	09.00 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks by Miss Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth	Formal
3	09.10 a.m.	Remarks by Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya, Perak State EXCO for Youth, Sports, Communication and Multimedia	
4	09.30 a.m.	Remarks by H.E. Vicky Treadell, British High Commissioner to Malaysia	Formal
3	10.00 a.m.	Discussion Session: <i>'Youth Role in Marching Towards Attainment of the Global Goals'</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss Soekmawati, Programme Officer of the World Assembly of Youth, <i>'Introduction on the World Assembly of Youth'</i> • Dr. Pauline Teresa Crawford, President of World Association of Visioneers and Entreprenologists, <i>'Placing our Future in the Hands of Young Men & Women, Youth Working Together with Mutual Respect'</i>, U.K. • Mr. Jonah Reider, Global Policy Fellow at Columbia University, <i>'Building Youth Power for Sustainable Development'</i>, U.S.A. • Miss Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, <i>'Youth as a Key Player towards Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals'</i>. 	Formal
4	12.15 p.m.	Questions and Answers Session	Formal
5	12.45 p.m.	Closing Remarks by Miss Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth	Formal
6	01.00 p.m.	End of the Programme	Formal

Opening Ceremony

The registration counter was set at 8.30 a.m. in front of CS 5 Hall at level 1, Casuarina @ Meru Hotel. The participants arrived at 8.45 a.m. onwards, while the Guests of Honor, Her Excellency Vicky Treadell, British High Commissioner to Malaysia; and Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya, Perak State EXCO for Youth, Sports, Communication and Multimedia arrived at 09.00 a.m. The opening ceremony was started with the opening remarks by Miss Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth who introduced the theme of the WAY Satellite Event ***'The Role of Young People in Marching Towards Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals'*** and welcomed the Guests of Honour and all participants. She emphasised on the important role that young people should play in implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and that all stakeholders should join hand in this journey.

After that, there were two special remarks delivered irrespectively by Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya, Perak State EXCO for Youth, Sports, Communication and Multimedia and Her Excellency Vicky Treadell, British High Commissioner to Malaysia who both encouraged young people to step forward and be more enthusiastic to learn on sustainability and how it can be actualised. In his remarks, the Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya thanked WAY for organising the Satellite event as part of the Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD) 'Implementing Sustainability for Inclusive Growth' and highlighted on how young people should be given opportunities to discover themselves and be included. Her Excellency Vicki Treadell, the British High Commissioner to Malaysia, delivered her remarks by touching on ways to augment the youth acquaintance and the ability in paving their career path. She encouraged young people to be involved in the decision making process and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Discussion Session

Miss Dorothy Chipfunde, Publication Officer of the World Assembly of Youth who was the Master Ceremony of WAY Satellite Event, introduced Miss Soekmawati, Programme Officer of the World Assembly of Youth, to present a brief introduction about WAY. After a brief introduction about WAY, a video presentation by Dr. Pauline Teresa Crawford, President of World Association of Visioneers and Entreprenologists was projected. The speakers present were Mr. Jonah Raider, Global Policy Fellow at Columbia University and Miss Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth.

End of the Programme

Miss Ediola Pashollari, concluded the WAY Satellite Event by expressing her gratitude to everyone present. She encouraged young people to always speak up their voice and partake in decision making processes as they are the leaders today, the hopes for tomorrow.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, WAY Satellite Event with a theme of 'Youth Role in Marching towards Attainment of the Global Goals', which was conducted as awareness movement in educating young people on their role and contribution towards attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), was indeed a great success and a fruitful event. In overall, WAY Satellite Event achieved its objective as an educational, informative and inspiring discussion session.



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Assemblée Mondiale de la Jeunesse



ABOUT INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (IFNGO)

IFNGO, which stands for the International Federation of Non-Government Organisations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse, comprises of Non-Governmental Organisations from all over the world that are engaged in anti-drugs and substances abuse activities. IFNGO is a founder member of ASPAC-NGO based in Bangkok, Thailand – Asia and Pacific NGO Committee for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse. Currently, IFNGO has 92 registered members in 42 countries.

IFNGO YOUTH HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WORKSHOP

BACKGROUND

All young people around the globe have the capability of building a better world and future. The future of any nation depends on its youth since they are the future generation and natural resources are not the only measure of a nation's wealth, but also its youth. A great investment of any nation is in the upbringing of its youth and this will prepare them to be able to face modern day challenges especially those related to drug abuse. The subject of the IFNGO Youth Healthy Lifestyle Workshop focuses on empowering the youth with awareness on drug abuse which sometimes comes about as a result from lack of knowledge.

It should be highlighted that some of these abusers are abundantly exposed to gateway drugs for example tobacco and alcohol which in turn leads to them using illicit drugs for instances marijuana, cocaine, hallucinogens, inhalants, and heroin.

Glamorous portrayal from marketing campaigns of gateway drugs (alcohol and tobacco) are a result in the increase of curiosity and peer pleasure which tends to lure youth into experimenting with

substances. The focus of this workshop is to develop interventions which are effective in reduction of alcohol, tobacco and use of illegal drugs. This workshop is a platform for the youth to share and exchange ideas on winning the battle against alcohol and drug abuse.

AIMS

The two main aims of the IFNGO Youth Healthy Lifestyle Workshop are listed as follow:

- To raise awareness of the destructive effects of alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs which are detrimental obstacles to the social and economic development of our region
- To build strong and supportive communities hence reducing drug abuse, primarily amongst young people
- To involve public sector, private sectors and NGO's in the fight against alcohol and illicit drug abuse

OBJECTIVES

Below are the three objectives of the IFNGO Youth Healthy Lifestyle Workshop:

- To encourage youth to participate in activities that raise awareness on dangers of illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- To involve the youth particularly in activities towards prevention and reduction of the abuse of substances
- To educate the youth on the causes, risk and effects of drug abuse regionally and internationally
- To share knowledge within the region and internationally on best practices that can lead to reduction of substance abuse

In overall, the IFNGO Youth Healthy Lifestyle Workshop emphasises in constructing Youth Resolution as the outcome document which comprises all recommendations from the participants present and represents the voice of youth that stand determinedly against drugs abuse

WAY WORKSHOP, 'YOUTH STAND AGAINST DRUGS ABUSE'

THEME

The workshop's theme, 'Youth Stand against Drugs Abuse' was selected to address the issue of drug-abusive behaviour which continuously causes negative results to the society including youth. Acknowledging that young people comprise more than half of the world population, it is a time for them to speak up and steadily unite their effort in the battle against drugs abuse. Thus, the selected theme of this workshop was intended to indirectly inspire and encourage young people to actively partake in anti-drugs abuse activity. Moreover, the given theme was decided as we found a need of raising awareness and educating youth on the importance of attaining a healthy generation, free from drug abusive behaviour and drug addiction.

PROGRAMME

WAY Workshop, 'Youth Stand against Drugs Abuse' was half-day event conducted on 16th November 2015 from 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Approximately 70 young people who were from Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, were present. The workshop was started with a concise briefing by WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari who emphasised on the significance of youth participation in drug prevention programmes and how it builds upon moral values, which are the foundation for unity and cooperation.

After a briefing by Miss Ediola, the participants were grouped into seven groups to discuss on the possible recommendations on how youth could stand against drug abuse in each of the six surroundings which are public sector, private sector, NGOs, society, media, and family. They were given one and half hour to discuss amongst their groups and after that, each group representative was required to present their recommendations. These recommendations were also used as a prominent material in guiding the drafting of the Youth Resolution, outcome document of the IFNGO Youth Healthy Lifestyle Workshop. This Youth Resolution was presented on 19th November 2015 at the 26th IFNGO World Conference at Everly Hotel in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

Following is the detail agenda of WAY Workshop, ‘Youth Stand against Drugs Abuse’.

TIME	AGENDA	DRESS CODE
02.30 p.m.	Registration	Smart Casual
03.00 p.m.	Briefing by Miss Ediola Pashollari , Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth	Smart Casual
03.15 p.m.	Workshop on ‘Youth Stand Against Drug Abuse’	Smart Casual
04.30 p.m.	Presentation	Smart Casual
05.00 p.m.	End of the Programme	Smart Casual

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, WAY Workshop with a theme of ‘Youth Stand against Drugs Abuse’, which was conducted as an awareness movement in educating young people on the causes, danger and effects of drugs abuse, was indeed a great success. Overall, the WAY Workshop was edifying and invigorating as participants shared their ideas, thoughts and suggestions on how to achieve a healthy generation, free from drugs abusive behavior. It was, undeniably, a prolific workshop which marks as another successful event of the World Assembly of Youth towards a betterment of the society worldwide.



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WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
DATE: 20 FEBRUARY 2015

The phrase of social justice is often related to the action of developing a just society by challenging injustice and appreciating diversity. Social justice is generally equated with the notion of equality or equal opportunity in society. Although equality is undeniably part of social justice, the phrase of "equal opportunity" and other similar phrases such as "personal responsibility" have been used to diminish the prospective for realizing social justice by justifying enormous inequalities in modern society (Berry, 2005).

Essentially, social justice occurs when people share a common humanity and therefore have a right to justifiable treatment, support for their human rights and a fair division of community resources. In conditions of social justice, people must not be discriminated against their well-being, controlled or prejudiced on their basis of gender, religion, age, race, belief, disability, location, social class, socioeconomic circumstances, or other characteristic of background and group membership.

The United Nations' World Day of Social Justice is celebrated yearly on the 20th of February to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication, focuses on the goal of achieving full employment and supports for social integration. In fact, social justice has been at the pivot of communal safety expansions for more than a century and thus, indirectly strengthens social unity, constancy and harmony. This day reiterates that civilization must be supported by social justice, a high opinion for human rights and essential freedoms on the right to communal guard for all.

Acknowledging the role that social justice has, World Day of Social Justice is annually commemorated and observed to motivate and encourage youth to have a clue on how social justice affects the pursuit of poverty suppression, employment, gender equality and fairness. World Day of Social Justice is an opportunity for all nations to take vibrant actions to give a meaning to the values of human dignity, worthy of honor and respect.

At the World Assembly of Youth, we recognize the World Day of Social Justice together with the community, and the significance of addressing youth issues of inequality and justice so as to promote solidarity union amongst young people and equality in their rights. We extend our encouragement to the young people fighting for social justice, to take a stand, to affect others' lives in their own inspiring way. So, let us unite and take a step to a fair world!

HAPPY WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
 PRESS RELEASE
 INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY
 DATE: **21 FEBRUARY 2015**

“Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.” ~Rita Mae Brown~

A language is a method of communication. Most human languages use patterns of sound or gesture for symbols which enable communication with others. There are thousands of human languages, and these seem to share certain properties, even though every shared property has exceptions.

Every human knows at least one language, spoken or written. Linguistics is the art of language, including the sounds, words, and grammar rules. Words in languages are limited, but sentences are infinite; it is this creative aspect in human communication that sets it apart from those in animals.

The International Mother Language Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) on the 17th of November 1999 and was firstly observed in 2000. This day commemorates the incident in year 1952 in which students from different educational institutions demonstrating for recognition of their language, Bangla, were shot and killed by police in Dhaka, the capital of present-day Bangladesh.

February 21st is the International Mother Language Day observed each year all over the world with the defined purpose of preserving, protecting and promoting the incredible linguistic diversity that we humans have. Linguistic diversity is receptacle of human evolution and thus, immensely fecund source of irreplaceable intellectual, literary and cultural richness.

The 2015 theme of the International Mother Language day is on "Inclusion in and through education: Language counts". Its focus is on one of the main challenges that cut across many of the goals, like Inclusion (equity/quality). UNESCO highlights the importance of inclusion in through education as part of the human right and encourages its member states to promote education in the mother tongue.

In respect of this day, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aim to bring perception to this issue and appeal to the society to embrace this day globally. We strongly encourage young people to rejoice this day and the value of all mother tongues for linguistic and cultural diversity. Besides, in the context of education itself, the significance of mother tongue language is obvious acknowledging the fact that it is more approachable to teach young people in their own language. It is pivotal for young people to recognise that language diversity helps to enrich us all; that this diversity of languages is a treasure, not a barrier.

We, at WAY, wish you Happy International Mother Language Day!



International Women's Day

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 'EMPOWERING WOMEN - EMPOWERING HUMANITY:
PICTURE IT!'

DATE: **8 MARCH 2015**

The first International Women's Day was held in 1911. Since that day, thousands of events occur to promote the economic, political and social achievements of women. Over the years, March 8th marks the celebration of the International Women's Day, an annual event to promote the achievements of women worldwide and to support the advancement of women and their struggle for equality.

This Day aims to highlight the importance of creating conditions for the elimination of discrimination against women as well as recognition for their full and equal participation in social development. Besides, the International Women's Day is also an opportunity to call for change and to celebrate the acts of courage and determination shown by the ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and societies.

As for the year 2015, the theme for International Women's Day, "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" envisions a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choices as well as her rights responsibly; these include the choices and rights of participating in politics, getting the right education, having an adequate income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination.

In this year, International Women's Day will focus on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a historic roadmap signed by 189 governments twenty years ago that sets the agenda for realizing women's rights. While there have been many achievements since then, many serious gaps remain. This is the time to uphold women's achievements, recognize challenges, and focus on the greater attention on women's rights and gender equality to mobilize all people to contribute and play their part.

Towards such efforts, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), continue to contribute in the global innovative efforts in encouraging the embracement of gender equality in all levels of society. In line with this year theme, we urge young women to work and realize their potential as part of a gender neutral society. Therefore, let us work in unity towards attaining gender equality. Change starts from and within you!

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
LAUNCHING OF THE GLOBAL MONEY WEEK
DATE: 8TH MARCH 2015

Melaka, 8th March 2015 – GLOBAL Money Week (GMW) is a global money awareness celebration that takes place every year during the 2nd week of March from 9th to 17th March. It is coordinated by the Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) Secretariat to raise awareness on Economic Citizenship and directly engage children and youth worldwide on the issue.

This year's theme for Global Money Week, "Save Today, Save Tomorrow, and the goal is designed to teach children and youth about money, saving, creating livelihoods, gaining employment and becoming an entrepreneur through fun and interactive activities. Every year, entire communities take action to create awareness, challenge out of date financial policies and give young people the tools and inspiration they need to shape their own future.

As for this year, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) launching of the Global Money Week was held at Sub Marine Museum Melaka, Malaysia in conjunction with the third birthday anniversary of Sub Marine Museum. The Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage of Melaka, Malaysia, Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah was also present to officiate the opening ceremony.

The Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, Miss Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of the Global Money Week, "Save Today, and Save Tomorrow. She expressed her appreciation to Hon. Datuk Norpipah and PERZIM for giving opportunity to WAY to be part of this great event in launching the Global Money Week.

WAY, as a part of their contribution for the Global Money Week, asked the young people to present their messages on Global Money Week and take pictures as promotional tool of this awareness campaign.

Stay tuned, as our social media outlets will keep you posted on the progress and turn outs of the event, as the World Assembly of Youth will conduct another closing campaign on the 14th March, at the University of Malaysia Pahang.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

DATE: 8TH MARCH 2015

Melaka, 8th March 2015 - THE Opening Ceremony of the Educational Campaign on International Women's Day together with the 3rd birthday anniversary of the Sub Marine Museum was held at Sub Marine Museum Melaka, Malaysia with the honourable presence of Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah binti Abdol, Dr. Rusidah Binte Hj. Mohd Tahir and our very own WAY Secretary General, Ms. Ediola Pashollari. The Deputy State Exco for Youth Development and Heritage of Melaka, Malaysia, Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah, officiated the opening ceremony and expressed her encouragement for gender equality and women empowerment.

The Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of this year International Women's Day "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" which envisions a world where each woman and girl can exercise their choices, such as getting an education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination.

The day was then continued with the cutting ceremony of the yellow sticky rice (Pulut Kuning) and the cake for the commemoration of the International Women's Day. Dr. Rusidah binte Hj Mohd. Tamir also presented very exciting talk on Women's Health care with a theme of 'Health and Beauty Concept of Vibration Therapy' which attracted attention and interest of people present.

This Educational Campaign on International Women's Day is a reflection on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

During this campaign, young people present were asked to express their messages to women out there. Besides, questionnaires pertaining to Gender Equality and Women Empowerment were disseminated to capture public opinion and understanding. Overall, it was an excellent way to celebrate International Women's Day.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: "LEARNING FROM HISTORICAL TRAGEDIES TO COMBAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TODAY"

DATE: 21 MARCH 2015

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is an opportunity for women and men, along with the whole United Nations System, to renew their commitment to build a world of justice, equality and dignity, where racial discrimination has no place.

Racial discrimination violates the inherent rights and dignity of women and men. It holds back entire societies from lasting peace, and it sets obstacles before inclusive, sustainable development. Racism impoverishes the world, seeking to divide humanity and undermine the inexhaustible strength that lies in our diversity.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on the 21st March yearly, to remind people of racial discrimination's negative consequences. It also encourages people to remember their obligation and determination to combat racial discrimination. It is a day of great significance in the history of the struggle to end the policy of Apartheid which segregated people on the basis of their race and skin colour as well as denied the basic human rights of the minority.

This year's theme 'Learning from Historical Tragedies to Combat Racial Discrimination Today' aims to explore the root causes of racism and racial discrimination and will stress the essential need to learn the lessons that history has provided in order to combat racism and racial discrimination today.

Recognizing this year theme, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that at this time of social transformation and global change, society should learn from the experience of the late Nelson Mandela and embrace his determination to bridge differences despite all challenges. We always see differences as the beauty that makes each of us unique and appreciate the reward that diversification could contribute in today world.

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is one of our main channels with an aim not only to help young people to voice their opinions but also to find ways to fight racism, promote tolerance amongst each other and value diversification as an asset to explore ideas from different angles. There are many examples out there, past and present, that can be innovatively emulated and we urge young people to join us in the effort of combating racism and racial discrimination. Together, we take a step further in building a just and equal world for a better future.

Happy International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD WATER DAY: WATER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 22 MARCH 2015

Water, the Hub of Life.

Water is its mater and matrix, mother and medium.

Water is the most extraordinary substance!

Practically all its properties are anomolous, which enabled life to use it as building material for its machinery.

Life is water dancing to the tune of solids.

~ Albert Szent-Gyorgyi ~

Water is the most common liquid on our planet, vital to all life forms. Water, odorless, tasteless, transparent liquid, is colourless in small amount but exhibits a bluish tinge in large quantity. It is the most familiar and abundant liquid on earth.

On the 22nd of December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution through which 22nd March of each year is declared World Day for Water, as a day to make a difference for the members of the global population who suffer from water related issues and to prepare for how we manage water in the future.

The United Nation prepares to adopt a new post-2015 sustainable development agenda in September; World Water Day highlights the essential and interconnected role of water. We rely on water for public health and equitable progress, it is essential for food and energy security, and it underpins the functioning of industries.

The theme for this year is 'Water and Sustainable Development', which emphasizes on the significant influences that water has in building a sustainable environment for a better future to all. Water is at the core of sustainable development acknowledging that water resources and the range of services they provide, support poverty reduction, economic growth and environmental sustainability.

Understanding the above, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), urge the youth and our widespread network of youth councils to support innovative programmes, activities and events within their immediate communities, which help the conservation of energy and the delivery of safe drinking water wherever it is inadequate.

In addition, this year's World Water Day comes at a time when the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are being assessed and the international community defines new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the years 2016 to 2030. These SDGs will guide global efforts to protect and develop water resources as well as to offer water and sanitation services to everybody within the next 15 years.

As we look beyond 2015 and towards the new Sustainable Development Goals, we hope that water is included and recognised as one of the key areas for work to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

We at WAY we wish you all a Happy World Water Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

DATE: 6 APRIL 2015

In every society, sport is a field of ideas and a force for tremendous positive change. Sport, is a tool for training, progress and peace and it supports unity, patience, understanding, and health, both mental and physical, at all levels of society. The power of sport is to enhance life skills of children and youth for a better world and to advance gender equality.

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is an annual celebration that highlights and promotes the power of sport as a catalyst for social change in all aspects of the world. It is observed on the 6th of April to promote healthy lifestyles and contributes to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding. It is a day when some of the world's leading sportspeople work together with communities to bring sporting opportunities to enrich lives, particularly those of young people.

The IDSDP offers a new opportunity to promote sport and physical activity as a cost-effective and meaningful apparatus that can address a wide range of needs related to education, health, social inclusion, youth development, gender equality, peace building and sustainable development. It also provides a notable platform for governments to invest more in sport, related infrastructure and quality physical education for young people.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), understand the unique power that sport has in attracting, mobilizing and inspiring the society. By its very nature, sport is about participation. It stands for human values such as respect for the opponent, acceptance of binding rules, teamwork and fairness, all of which are principles which are also contained in the Charter of the United Nations.

Recognising the IDSDP and the significant influence that sport has, WAY is organising a one day event on the 18th of April 2015 themed as 'Youth Run for Peace and Sustainability'. It seeks to engage youth and youth leaders, to stand in one accord to promote a sustainable peace. On this day, we also celebrate the power of sport in uniting young people coming from different cultures and backgrounds standing with one common value of promoting peace and sustainable development.

Let's join us this coming 18th April 2015 in bringing awareness on the importance of sustainable development and encouraging a peaceful tomorrow for all.

We, at WAY, wish you a happy International Day of Sport for Development and Peace!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD HEALTH DAY: 'FOOD SAFETY'
DATE: 7 APRIL 2015

The World Health Day 2015 is on the 7th of April. It is celebrated every year, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organisation (WHO). In 1948, the World Health Organisation held the First World Health Assembly which decided to celebrate 7th April every year with effect from 1950, as the World Health Day.

This day is to mark WHO's founding and is seen as a platform by the organisation to draw worldwide attention to all relevant subjects of major importance to global health each year. The WHO organises international, regional and local events on the Day related to a particular theme selected.

It is a global campaign, inviting everyone from all countries of the world to focus on a single health challenge that has one major global impact. This day is also known to provide an opportunity to start collective action to protect people's health and well-being as well as to engage in finding solutions that benefit us all.

World Health Day 2015, on 7th April, will draw attention to the issue of food safety. Ahead of the global launch, the World Health Organisation will hold a media briefing to outline how globalisation and the international reach of the food safety chain offers great advantages and threats for human health, and also provide new figures on foodborne illnesses. The slogan for World Health Day 2015 is "From farm to plate, make food safe."

This year theme is aimed to alert people working in different government sectors, farmers, manufacturers, retailers, health practitioners as well as consumers on the importance of food safety and the part that each of us could play in ensuring that the food on our plate is safe to eat.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), agreeing with this year's World Health Day, aim to edify the society and the youth pertaining to the food safety. We continue to strive towards healthier standards of living and the implementation of programs that enhance health indices of the society, particularly those of youth.

HAPPY WORLD HEALTH DAY!



PRESS RELEASE
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
YOUTH RUN: FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABILITY
DATE: 18 APRIL 2014

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), for the past years, tackled youth issues with a guided objective which was governed by our Millennium Plan of Action. In our world today, there are endless possibilities to what an individual 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.

Besides focusing on ‘Sustainable Development’ in our fourth MPAC, we also emphasises on the youth who play a very key role in our societies. 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. Two of the best ways to achieve sustainability is by getting the youth involved in the solutions and craving for their opinions.

The World Assembly of Youth has taken it upon itself to dig deep into these matters and issues that affect the youth. This time in particular youth would get more involved to play their roles on sustainable development of the world that they desire and the future they yearn for.

Acknowledging on the importance of involving young people in the attainment of the sustainability for a peaceful future, the World Assembly of Youth, in collaboration with Melaka State Government, Melaka State Youth Council and several local NGOs, is organising an event themed YOUTH RUN FOR PEACE AND SUSTANABILITY. It is a one day fun and exciting running event scheduled to take place on the 18th of April 2015, between 6am to 3pm at Melaka River Cruise.

The objectives of this event are to promote peaceful and inclusive society in the minds of young people and other generations; bring about a unified commitment towards the eradication of dissonance; create an emancipated atmosphere for armistice declaration, and sustainability; and share time and resources with other peers.

So let’s join us running for peace and sustainability creating awareness for a better tomorrow! After all, running is one of the best and simplest exercises you can do for your health, endurance and your mind.

We hope to see you all there!



PRESS RELEASE
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY
DATE: 22 APRIL 2015

“I appeal to all people everywhere to raise their voices. Speak out on behalf of this planet, our only home. Let us care for Mother Earth so she can continue to care for us as she has done for millennia.”
~ UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon ~

For many years, climate change seems like a distant problem, but the reality is that it has already been affecting people, animals and environment around the world. Being the only planet where life is possible till today, it is very pivotal to maintain the natural assets of the earth so that the existence of us and other living creatures could endure. In fact, a change needs to be made everywhere collectively.

International Earth Day is celebrated every year as an annual event by over a billion people across the world on 22nd of April in order to increase the awareness among people about the environment safety as well as to demonstrate the environmental protection measures. First time, the world earth day was celebrated in the year 1970 and then continued to be celebrated annually on global basis by almost all countries.

International Mother Earth Day was established in 2009, by the General Assembly under a Resolution which recognizes that “the Earth and its ecosystems are our home” and that “it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth.” The term Mother Earth is used because it “reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit”.

As our population grows, we have to recognize that our consumption of the planet's resources is unsustainable. We need a global transformation of attitude and practice. It is especially urgent to address how we generate the energy that drives our progress. Burning fossil fuels is the principal cause of climate change, which increasingly threatens prosperity and stability in all regions. That is why world leaders have pledged to reach a global legal climate agreement in 2015.

Action on climate change presents multiple opportunities to reset our relationship with Mother Earth and improve human well-being, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable. Sustainable energy for all can increase health, wealth and opportunity for billions of people, as can climate-smart agriculture; more efficient cities and better managed and protected forests.

This year's theme, ‘It’s our turn to lead’, appropriately demonstrates the need for us to take matters in our own hands and lead in the efforts to save our dear planet Earth from further environmental deterioration.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), are observing the selected theme "it's our turn to lead". On this year's Earth Day, we encourage everyone especially the young people to take a stand so that together, we can show the world a new direction. It is your turn, as young leaders, to lead, so that others can follow by example. Together, let's redefine what progress looks like; especially for the youth, it is your turn to lead the societies in saving the Mother Earth!

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY
DATE: 23 APRIL 2015

Literacy is the door to knowledge, essential to individual self-esteem and empowerment. Recognizing the essential role that book in all forms play, World Book and Copyright Day is a symbolic date for the world literature, an event to pay a universal mark of respect to both books and authors as well as to persuade people to find out the enjoyment of reading. This day is also a way to express and show our appreciation for those who have made unique contributions to social and educational advancements through the means of books.

With 175 million adolescents in the world mostly girls and young women are unable to read a single sentence, UNESCO is committed to harness information and communication technologies, especially mobile technology, to support literacy and to reach the unreached with quality learning.

UNESCO's commitment towards literacy has been vigorous since the day when the World Book and Copyright Day was firstly recognized. It was a collective decision made during the UNESCO's General Conference, held in Paris in 1995, to pay a world-wide tribute to books and authors on this date, encouraging everyone, and in particular young people, to discover the pleasure from reading.

As for today, the World Book Day is the most important event organized annually by the UNESCO in order to promote the reading, publishing and copyright among the public worldwide. It is also observed by millions of people in over 100 countries, in hundreds of voluntary organizations, schools, public bodies, professional groups and private businesses. In this lengthy period, World Book and Copyright Day have won over a considerable number of people from every continent and all cultural backgrounds to the cause of books and copyright.

Acknowledging this day, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is fighting against illiteracy, to be included as a crucial ingredient in the formula of attaining the Sustainable Development Goals. With that determination, WAY has always worked in providing a resourceful reading material for the young people. For instance, recently, we have written an article on the involvement of young people in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which gives a clear description on how youth could contribute in the attainment of SDGs.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY
DATE: 3 MAY 2015

Each year, May 3rd is a date which celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom. This day was proclaimed as the World Press Freedom Day by the UN General Assembly in 1993 following a Recommendation adopted at the twenty-sixth session of UNESCO's General Conference in 1991.

World Press Freedom Day serves as an occasion to inform citizens on the violations of press freedom, a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world where publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered. It is a date to encourage and develop initiatives in favour of press freedom, and to assess the state of press freedom worldwide.

It is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics. Just as importantly, World Press Freedom Day is a day of support for media which is a target for the restraint, or abolition, of press freedom. It is also a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

This year's theme, "Let Journalism Thrive! Towards Better Reporting, Gender Equality, and Safety in the Digital Age", aims to bring to the attention the situation journalists face when operating in hostile environments. As journalism is more and more carried out over the internet, journalists often are harassed online.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), have always been and will continue to support and recognise the Universal Declaration of Human Rights especially those rights of young people including the right of press. According to Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Acknowledging the right of press, WAY serves as a reminder in lots of countries and to young people through publication of many of our resourceful reading materials. In fact, we also publish a monthly bulletin which comprises up-to-date news pertaining to young people from at least 25 different countries from all continents of the world. It is our way of showing our appreciation towards the dedication and hard works that press has contributed in spreading the fact from all parts of the world.

We, at WAY, would like to wish you all Happy World Press Freedom Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

APPLY NOW FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC FOR THE 2016 CYCLE

DATE: **5 JUNE 2015**

One of the six principal organs of the United Nations system established by the UN Charter in 1945 is the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It consists of 54 members of the United Nations, nominated by the General Assembly and coordinates economic, social and related work of the fourteen United Nations specialized agencies, functional commissions and five regional commissions. ECOSOC serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues as well as for formulating policy recommendations addressed to Member States and the United Nations system.

ECOSOC responsibilities are to encourage universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; facilitate international cultural and educational cooperation; identify solutions to international economic, social and health problems; and promote higher standards of living, full employment, economic and social progress.

The open call for Non-Governmental Organisations to apply for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Consultative Status with the United Nations, had reached its last month. Therefore, the ECOSOC is calling for the NGOs that are interested in applying for the consultative status to submit their application and required documents before the 1st of June 2015.

The NGOs that are affiliated to an international organisation that is in status would be admitted only if they can demonstrate that their programme of work is direct significance to the aims and purpose of the United Nations. Besides, they must have been in existence and formally registered with the appropriate government authorities as an NGO for at least two years. The interested NGO must also have a recognised headquarters, a democratically adopted constitution, authority to speak for its members, a representative structure, appropriate mechanisms of accountability and democratic and transparent decision making processes.

There are many benefits of obtaining the ECOSOC consultative status which are that NGOs will be able to participate in events, attend meetings, submit written statements prior to sessions, make oral statements, meet official government delegations and other NGO representatives, organise and attend parallel events that take place during the session and to participate in debates, interactive dialogues, panel discussions and informal meetings.

There are five steps on how to apply for the 2016 cycle. Firstly, your organization must have a registered profile before starting the application for consultative status. Secondly, after your profile registration is accepted, your organisation has to submit the application containing the online questionnaire and summary, and the supporting documents. When the application becomes part of the agenda of the NGO Committee, a letter is sent to the NGO informing them of the upcoming session and inviting to send no more than two representatives to be present during the session. The Committee meets twice a year to decide which NGOs applying for consultative status will be recommended to the ECOSOC Council. Lastly, when the Council finally approves the Committee recommendation to grant consultative status to an NGO, an official notification is sent by the Secretariat. NGOs granted General or Special consultative status must submit to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, every fourth year, a brief report of their activities, in particular regarding their contribution to the work of the United Nations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, encourage all qualified NGOs around the world to apply for the ECOSOC consultative status to be able to partake in the events, meetings and to be recognised. The Consultative Status does not only provide NGOs with access to ECOSOC but also to its many subsidiary bodies, to the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, as well as special events organised by the President of the General Assembly.

For more information on the consultative status, kindly visit the following website:
<http://csonet.org/index.php?page=view&nr=337&type=230&menu=14>

International Day of Families
15 May



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES: 'MEN IN CHARGE? GENDER EQUALITY AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN CONTEMPORARY FAMILIES'

DATE: 15 MAY 2015

Families are the basic core of our society, we are born into them and some of the most important developing years of our lives are spent growing up with our families. Every family's life is different and the UN Family Programme recognises this, just as we have lots of different cultures, we also have different ways that people use to interact with each other depending on where they are from.

International Day of Families was brought about by the United Nations Programme on the Family. In 1994, it was proclaimed as the International Year of Families by the United Nations as a response to changing social and economic structures which have affected and still affect the structure and stability of family units in many regions of the globe. The International Day of Families is then continuously celebrated on the 15th of May annually to provide opportunities to promote awareness of family issues and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic conditions affecting families.

The International Day of Families has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days. Activities include workshops and conferences, radio and television programmes, newspaper articles and cultural programmes highlighting relevant themes.

The theme for this year is "Men in charge? Gender Equality and Children's Rights in Contemporary Families". It aims to promote gender equality and rights of children within families. It also highlights prevention of family violence through fair family law frameworks and a variety of programme interventions.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that the ideal of a family where fairness is initially nurtured is one of the most basic models in shaping the better tomorrow. We also encourage young people from all around the world to embrace gender equality in contemporary families in both their current family and the one that they will build in future.

On this Day, let us resolve to change legal and social norms that support male control over women, reinforce discrimination and prevent the elimination of violence. As we shape a new sustainable development agenda and fight for a world of dignity for all, let us stand together for women's and children's rights in families and societies at large.

Happy International Day of Families!



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PRESS RELEASE

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY:
'TELECOMMUNICATION & ICTS: DRIVERS OF INNOVATION'

DATE: 17 MAY 2015

17th May, which marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union, is also celebrated as the annual observance of the World Telecommunication Day. This year commemoration of the World Telecommunication Day is the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) which was founded on May 17th 1865.

The purpose of the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help to raise awareness of the possibilities of improvements that the use of the Internet as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) can bring in both the societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

Information Society Day (WTISD) 2015 will be highlighted on 'Telecommunications and ICTs: Drivers of Innovation' to venerate the unique contribution that telecommunication as well as Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have been making to drive innovation, as well as to accelerate social and economic development.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we gather information needed to collaborate and communicate with others as well as interpret the information to find out what are the opportunities for innovation. Innovations from ICT and the implementation of these technologies have pervaded different aspects of our lives. Look everywhere, you can see one way or another, how ICT has facilitated our lives. We need ICT as a tool, as a catalyser for generating innovation and making betterment possible for the society in general. Young people, who are always eager for information, are the drivers in making innovation in ICT possible.

Thus, we implicitly urge all ICT sectors and stakeholders to include young people in generating more innovations and advancing ICT for improvement of better tomorrow. Together, we will build a bright digital future for all whilst enhancing collaboration and celebrating the whole ICT sector.

Happy World Telecommunication and Information Society Day!



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PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 21 MAY 2015

"In a diverse world, the destruction of cultures is a crime, and uniformity is a dead-end: our aim must be to enhance, in one movement, the diversity that enriches us and the human rights that bring us together."

~Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO~

Cultural diversity is the common inheritance of humankind. It is a source of renewal of ideas and societies, through which will open up to others and craft new ways of thinking. This diversity provides opportunities for peace and sustainable development.

Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. It is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional and moral life. This is captured in the seven culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is, thus, an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development), proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 2002 and celebrated on 21st May every year. It provides an opportunity for mobilization on the part of all actors (governments, policy makers, civil society organisations, and communities, cultural professionals) to promote culture in its diversity and in all its forms, tangible and intangible heritage, creative industries, goods and services.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY) acknowledge Diversity Day as an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony. WAY also encourages young people and organisations from around the world to take concrete action to support diversity and aim building a world community of individuals committed with real and every day-life gestures.

We urge everyone especial the youth to raise awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity and inclusion.

Happy World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue!



World Environment Day 2015
**Seven Billion Dreams.
One Planet.
Consume with Care.**
June 5

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: SEVEN BILLION DREAMS. ONE PLANET. CONSUME WITH CARE.'
DATE: **5 JUNE 2015**

One of the main global concerns today is the issues related to environment and it mainly refers to the natural elements that make up the Earth and surround living organisms, enabling life. The environment is not about a single factor, it involves lot of things which interact and interfere with human life. Thus, it is then understood that clean and healthy environment must be emphasized to each and every individual. One of the effective ways in reiterating the promotion of clean and healthy environment is through commemorating the World Environment Day.

The World Environment Day is observed on the 5th of June each year. This Day aims to deepen public awareness of the need to preserve and enhance the environment where we all live. Over the years, it has grown to be a broad, global platform for public outreach and is widely celebrated by stakeholders in over 100 countries. It also serves as the 'people's day' for doing something positive for the environment, galvanizing individual actions into a collective power that generates an exponential positive impact on the planet.

This day was firstly established by running some effective campaigns by the United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the conference on Human Environment which took place from 5th to 16th of June 1972. It was first time celebrated in 1973 with the particular theme "Only one Earth". Since 1974, the celebration campaign of the World Environment Day is hosted in various cities at different parts of the world.

As for this year, the theme selected is "Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care." It expresses the challenge of creating opportunities for inclusive and sustainable economic development, while attempting to stabilise the rate of resource use and reduce environmental impacts. It is a challenge to all to re-imagine one's dreams or aspirations for a quality life that is de-linked from conspicuous consumption.

We, at World Assembly of youth (WAY) encourage worldwide awareness and action for the environment and a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated by stakeholders. On this day, WAY raises a call for everyone to be aware of how the daily individual consumption habits of seven billion people can have a huge impact on the planet, which is why the power to make a change is also in the hand of each one of us. Therefore, for this year, we chose to focus on the sustainable consumption and lifestyles to highlight the urgent necessity of shifting to new patterns of using natural resources.

Happy World Environment Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT: 'ATTAINMENT OF FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS'

DATE: 17 JUNE 2015

Hunger is most prevalent in the developing countries, with dry land areas where water retention is poor, and the land is highly vulnerable to natural and human destructions. The vast majority of the dry land people survive on local foods. Sub-Saharan Africa has made some progress in eradicating hunger, but still has the highest prevalence of undernourishment. Tackling hunger requires a multi-faceted approach from economic development, nutritional intake to managing natural disasters.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, 17 June, was proclaimed by the General Assembly in 1994. On that date, the same year, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification was adopted. It aims to promote community and ecosystem resilience while improving the human condition particularly in dry lands. The decade 2010–2020 has been declared the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (UNDDD).

This year's theme is 'Attainment of food security for all through sustainable food systems', with the slogan, 'No such thing as a free lunch. Invest in healthy soil'. The 2015 observance calls for more investments in sustainable land practices so that sustainable food systems become the normal practice, effective action on desertification whose effects on security, peace and stability are invisible yet real for the affected countries due especially to food and water scarcity and environmentally forced migration and balance in the land use for ecology and consumption, drawing on the best practices.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) aims to remind everybody that desertification can be effectively tackled, that solutions are possible, and that key tools to this aim lay in strengthened community participation and co-operation at all levels.

Happy World Day to combat Desertification and Drought!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

DAY 1 - 15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE, 'YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO PROGRESS WITHOUT A THREAT'

DATE: 21 JUNE 2015

Melaka, 21st June 2015 – THIS day marked another outstanding event for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), as highly passionate and entrusted participants have gathered for the 15th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), which is taking place at Kings Green Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia.

The theme for this year is 'Youth and Armed Conflict; To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat' intended to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating armed conflict and promoting sustainable conflict free environment. From yesterday, the organising committee has welcomed various participants, speakers, WAY Vice President, Mr. Preye Ketebu-Brown as well as WAY Executive Committee Member, Mr. Mueseer Kazapua. It was indeed overwhelming moments.

As a mode of welcoming the delegates, an ice breaking session was held today to serve as a casual way to get participants to intermingle with one another. With the arrival day gone, everybody is looking forward to the plenary sessions, as the participants will get to learn a lot from the invited speakers who will challenge, encourage, inspire and stimulate them and emphasize on the awareness of the sustainable conflict free generation.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

DAY 2 - OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
'YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO PROGRESS WITHOUT
A THREAT'

DATE: 22 JUNE 2015

Melaka, 22nd June 2015 - THE Opening Ceremony of the 15th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) was held, today, in Kings Green Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia with the honorable presence of Hon. Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, the Minister of Defense who officiated the opening ceremony; Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum WAY President; Hon. Datuk Wira Hj. Othman bin Muhamad, Speaker of the State Assembly of Melaka; Hon. Datuk Wira Hj. Naim bin Abu Bakar, State Secretary of Melaka; Hon. Datuk Hj. Norpipah binti Abdol, Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage; other State EXCO and Deputy State EXCO; our very own WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari as well as the President of Malaysian Youth Council, Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin. We also had the presence of WAY Vice President, Mr. Preye Ketebu-Brown; WAY Executive Committee Member, Mr. Muesee Kazapua; Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Malaysia, H.E. Khamphan Anlavan; First Secretary of the Singapore High Commissioner, Ms. Yvonne Liu and various other government representatives from both regional and national levels.

The Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of the MIYD, 'Youth and Armed Conflict : To Express Without Fear, To Progress Without A Threat'. She welcomed the participants to the dialogue and thanked all the youth organisations, government bodies, sponsors, speakers, delegates and dignitaries for contributing their time and making themselves available for the event.

President of WAY, Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, who was present during the opening ceremony, gave his speech on the changing nature of conflict directly impacting children as war tactics. Furthermore, he spoke on the counter- terrorism strategies that results in collateral damage, including youth casualties. He encouraged the delegates to actively take part in the event as well as enjoy their stay in Melaka and Malaysia. In addition, Hon. Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein also presented a speech which focused on major war impacts including the high rate of mortality which is caused by the war itself or even by the collateral effects of warfare such as famine, disease or lack of medical care due to destruction of health services. He emphasized on human understanding which in-turn will

lead to a win-win situation for all the parties involved. Instead of resolving conflict with violence, dialogue provides a better alternative. He also pointed out that there is a choice to be made between moderation and extremism, and the key to a proud and well established society is moderation.

The opening ceremony was then completed with the awarding of tokens of appreciation to the Guests of Honor and dignitaries present. Photos were also taken with all representatives from different countries. After that, the day was continued with the plenary sessions. During the plenary sessions, we had motivating speakers from different countries talking about the impact of armed conflict on young people, opportunities and challenges towards attaining a conflict free generation and the significance influence of CSO and NGOs in combating armed conflict. The sessions were informative as speakers successfully captured participants' attention. The day was ended with brilliant cultural performances from all participants, volunteers and staff.

Overall, it was a tremendous way to get through another day and we look forward to more luminous days.



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PRESS RELEASE

DAY 3 - 15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE 'YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO PROGRESS WITHOUT A THREAT'

DATE: 23 JUNE 2015

Melaka, 23rd June 2015 – TODAY, 23rd June 2015, was a day filled with bright ideas and enthusiasm! All young leaders from all around the world sat together to discuss and work in expressing their opinions and thoughts in form of recommendations which will be adopted for enhancement of armed conflict policies.

Opportunities were also given for all participants to express without a fear and to progress without a threat so as to call for action and structure experience on the issue of Youth and Armed Conflict and chart a course towards its solution. They were divided in groups and asked to suggest solutions, develop ideas, interact with one another and present their discussions.

The workshop was based on the role of public and private sector, NGOs, Media, society and young people in achieving, a sustainable conflict free generation. The Agenda in which participants were given the opportunity to share their ideas and recommend ways to improve them. Some of the roles that were discussed were youth and armed conflict as the empowerment of the young people so that they could have a conflict free generation.

As the night approached, all participants embarked on a mind blowing river cruise which was filled with joy and happiness. They were singing and dancing in the boats. A short tour was taken at Taming Sari Tower, in which the participants enjoyed the view of Melaka from 150 meters above the ground. As it is a norm, a group picture was taken as soon as people were done enjoying some music.

As the day progressed, the participants had a meeting to draft the declaration of recommendations pertaining to youth and armed conflict. The purpose was for all participants to give their different views and perspectives related to the issue of conflict so as for them to come up with the most suitable and ideal ideas. These different ideas were then discussed upon which the most appropriate solution was derived. Interesting philosophies, knowledge and thoughts were passed around to both speakers and participants creating magnificent discussions upon which some agreed and others agreed to disagree.

It was an incredible way to get through another fruitful day.



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PRESS RELEASE

DAY 4 – CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
'YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO PROGRESS WITHOUT
A THREAT'

DATE: 24 JUNE 2015

Melaka, 24th June 2015 - THE last day of the 15th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was filled with many remarkable events. The day began with the presentation of the 15th MIYD Draft Declaration which was later on adopted for implementation. Everyone present participated well proving that they indeed paid attention to the advices and feedbacks given by various speakers for the past days.

During the day, the participants went on a field trip to some historical places in Melaka including Maritime Museum, Afamosa, and many others. It was an overwhelming experience for the participants and volunteers as they got to know many fascinating historical places.

The farewell gala dinner and closing ceremony were held later that night at Kings Green Ballroom where WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari, welcomed all respected guests and participants. She went on to appreciate all the participants for their efforts in making the 15th MIYD a fruitful dialogue. The pulpit was later left for the former president of WAY, Hon. Senator Tan Sri Mohd. Ali bin Rustam, who gave a touching closing speech about armed conflict in which he emphasized on the importance of dialogue as to conflict.

After the 15th MIYD was officially closed, the sponsors were awarded with token of appreciations. Besides, volunteers were later on thanked and awarded with certificates for their hard work and dedication; without them the 15th MIYD could have not been a great success. The celebration was concluded with a photo session with sponsors, VVIPs and other VIPs. The night was ended with many of tremendous cultural performance, magnificent band show, exciting dancing and joyful laughter.



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PRESS RELEASE

DAY 5 –15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE ‘YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO PROGRESS WITHOUT A THREAT’

DATE: 25 JUNE 2015

Melaka, 25th June 2015 – TODAY is the last day of the 15th Melaka International Youth Dialogues, as everyone was saying their goodbyes to each other. The participants, delegates and speakers were all delighted as they departed. Though it was sad but we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that we should not say ‘farewell’, instead, we should all say ‘see you’ as we are looking forward to the next year’s MIYD, with more laughter and joyful moments.

We also would like to utilize this opportunity to thank all partners, sponsors, organizing committee, volunteers and all parties who were dedicatedly involved in making this dialogue a grand success. We are blissful to have all your support.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

DATE: 26 JUNE 2015

Drug abuse poses significant health challenges. Injecting drug use is a leading cause of the spread of HIV. In some parts of the world, heroin use and HIV have reached epidemic proportions. Drug control - including prevention and measures to reduce the harmful effects of drug use - is therefore an important part of the battle to combat HIV/AIDS.

Today, marks the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, designated by the United Nations to strengthen global efforts towards a society free of drug abuse. International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking is observed annually each year. The day serves as a reminder of the on-going war that is being fought around the world on illicit drug use and trafficking, and that unless there is concerted, sustained effort, Asia may be at risk of fighting a losing battle.

According to the UNODC, nearly 200 million people are using illicit drugs such as cocaine, cannabis, hallucinogens, opiates and sedative hypnotics worldwide. In December 1987 the UN General Assembly decided to observe June 26 as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The UN was determined to help create an international society free of drug abuse. This resolution recommended further action with regard to the report and conclusions of the 1987 International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY) hope to reach as many youth as possible, with the aim to prevent young lives from being lured into taking or trafficking drugs. Our role as an international coordinating body of national youth councils and organisations is to educate, prevent and support, and we urge all members of the public to work with us towards a healthy, drug-free globally.

We believe in the power of young people and their ability to make informed choices about drugs. Some of them simply do not understand the depth to which illicit drugs can destroy their futures. What young people need is on-going engagement, education and awareness of the dangers of drugs, along with understanding, guidance and support from peers, parents, teachers, and other adults, who have a shared responsibility to keep informed of the perils of drugs.

On this International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, let us reiterate our obligation to this shared responsibility within our communities, and among the family of nations.

Happy International Day against illicit trafficking!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE

WORLD POPULATION DAY: 'VULNERABLE POPULATION IN EMERGENCIES'

DATE: **11 JULY 2015**

Populations concerns are a major issue among societies and their devastating impacts affect the youth most as they are the larger portion of the world population. There are four major considerations with regard to population; overpopulation; limited natural and environmental resources; awareness and sensitization; and youth as a potential workforce.

World Population day is celebrated every year on 11th July to raise awareness about population growth and related issues. The theme for the year 2015 is "Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies". With the world population crossing a mark of 7 billion, it is very vital for the people to practice healthy living and realize the importance of small families. This event is celebrated to raise the awareness amongst common public about the problem of population explosion and to combat the same.

Population problem is linked with both health issues as well as larger socio-economic issues. The health issues are family planning, maternal and baby health, adolescent pregnancy and whole gamut of reproductive and child health. These issues are closely linked with socio-economic issues like gender equality, illiteracy, poverty, girl and child education, child marriage, sexually transmitted infections and many more other issues.

Responding on those population issues, it is very important to educate youth of the country in tackling them. We, at WAY believe that health issues can be tackled by adopting improved methods of contraception and family planning measures, spreading health literacy among masses and providing free access to health care services especially for the poor and the downtrodden. It has been established that the burden of population affects more the poor and the weaker section that have inadequate access to health and education as well as employment opportunities.

Thus, in this year World Population Day, we once again urge everyone to partake in making the information on how to control the over growth of population available in all levels of societies. It can be started by educating your neighbours, your friends or even your family members. As part of world population, every one of us is in fact responsible in making this gracious effort reachable for everyone.

Happy World Population Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY: 'YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT'

DATE: 15 JULY 2015

'Youth' is the best understood as a period of transition from the childhood's dependence to adulthood's independence involving a great awareness of our interdependence as members of a community. Youth is a more fluid category than a fixed age-group.

However, age is the easiest tool to determine whether one falls under the group of youth, particularly in relation to education and employment. Therefore, 'youth' is often indicated as a person between the age when he/she may leave compulsory education and/or find his/her first employment.

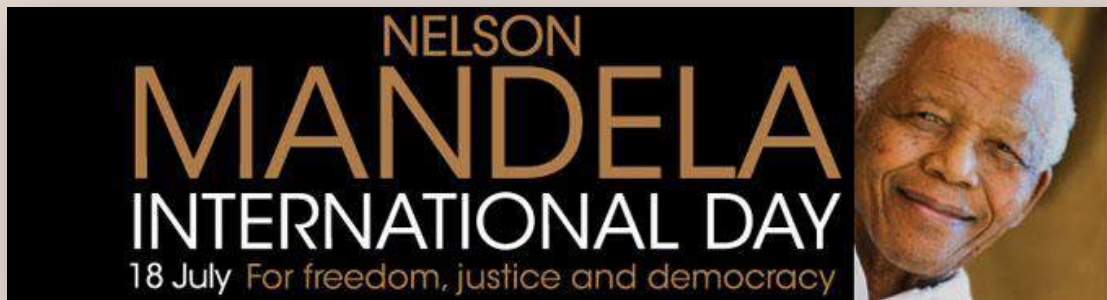
The World Youth Skills Day is celebrated every year on the 15th of July, to highlight at a global level, the importance of youth skills development and to raise awareness on the significance of exploring all the extraordinary skills possessed by young people. The goal is to achieve better socio-economic conditions for today's youth, as a means of addressing the challenges of unemployment and under employment.

The theme of International Youth Day 2015 is 'Youth Civic Engagement'. The engagement and participation of youth is essential to achieve sustainable human development. More efforts are needed to raise awareness about the importance of youth civic engagement and its benefits to the individual and to society, including for sustainable development as well as resilience and wellbeing.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), work towards empowering and inspiring youth from all around the globe to become active and proactive in their communities of their countries. We also help equip young people with opportunities through volunteerism to work for the elevation of youth and the development of youth leaders who are willing to donate their precious time and valuable energy not only to support and achieve their goals but also bring significant impact for the benefits of their community and humanity.

We believe that the meaning of being a responsible citizen will rigid, if one shows the great effort to contribute for the betterment of the public and you can be part of these efforts!

Happy World Youth Skills Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY: 'TAKE ACTION, INSPIRE CHANGE'

DATE: **18 JULY 2015**

"When a man has done what he considers to be his duty to his people and his country, he can rest in peace." ~ Nelson Mandela ~

Imagine growing up in a country where drinking out of the wrong water fountain might get you thrown into prison; where a man might have the very same job as his neighbour, but because of the color of his skin, they get paid lesser in a year than the other man makes in a week; where the government tells you that your associates and their ways of living were wrong, savage and inhumane.

This sounds like some Hollywood award-winning movie, doesn't it? Well, for Nelson Mandela, this was not a movie but a reality, his story of life. Growing up in South Africa under the Apartheid system of government led to many tragedy and worse moments of his life. Despite all of those hardships and challenges, Nelson Mandela was a fighter. Instead of bowing down to this unjust system of government, he became a lifelong warrior in the battle to free South Africa.

Nelson Mandela International Day was launched in recognition of Nelson Mandela's birthday on the 18th of July, 2009 through unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly. It was inspired by a call Nelson Mandela made a year earlier, for the next generation, to take on the burden of leadership in addressing the world's social injustices when he said that 'it is in your hands now!' It is more than a celebration of Madiba's life and legacy. It is a global movement to honour his life's work and act to change the world for the better.

Since then, the birthday of Mandela is celebrated on the 18th of July annually as Nelson Mandela International Day. This year's commemoration marks the second Mandela Day when he is no longer around to witness the occasion. Due to his absence, it is, then, more important than ever to maintain the principles for which he fought for and to share his message for peace and humanity with future generations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), appreciate and treasure Nelson Mandela's values and his commitment to the service of humankind. We also acknowledge his contribution to the struggle for social equality, worldwide, and the support of peace throughout the world. Our motto is to motivate and advocate for youth to embrace and respect the values that Mandela shared and inspire to carry on his noble efforts. We urge young people to step up in bringing imperative change in their society responsibly, especially to those who are the minority or in-need. Let us all strive and fight for all the values Nelson Mandela left!

Happy Nelson Mandela International Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP
DATE: 30 JULY 2015

“One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.”

~ Lucius Annaeus Seneca ~

What makes someone your friend? We all have friends; people who are there to listen and help us. We love to be around them and vice versa. There are many valuable things in life, but friendship is one of the most indisputably important treasures. To live life without the presence and experience of friendship is equivalent to a grin without a joy and a life, itself, without living. Human interaction is a necessity to survival and a nature as social man but developed friendships are essential to the well being and cheeriness of everyone.

The International Friendship Day is celebrated on the 30th of July annually. Friendship Day was originally created by the greeting card industry and was promoted by Joyce Hall, the founder of Hallmark cards in 1919. It was, then, proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with an idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. This day is observed not only on the recognition of friendship in the general sense but also its relevance and noble value that friendship has in the sentiment and lives of human beings around the world.

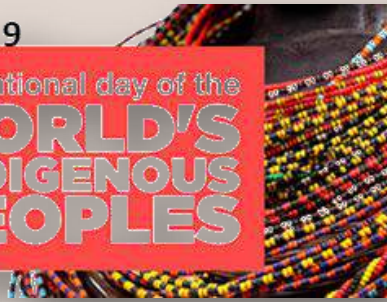
We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), urge young people to contribute in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity. International Friendship Day for WAY is a reminder that human solidarity is essential to the promotion of lasting peace and fostering of sustainable development. We vision for a worldwide communities that seek for kinship and affinity amongst the diversification instead of restraining by the differences.

On this International Day of Friendship, we would like to celebrate the ties that bind us together, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or borders. Let us cultivate solidarity as a single human family on our one and only planet by pursuing true and lasting friendship.

Happy International Day of Friendship!

August 9

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**WORLD'S
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WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: 'POST 2015 AGENDA: ENSURING
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HEALTH AND WELL-BEING'

DATE: 9 AUGUST 2015

"The interests of the indigenous peoples must be part of the new development agenda in order for it to succeed. Together, let us recognize and celebrate the valuable and distinctive identities of indigenous peoples around the world. Let us work even harder to empower them and support their aspirations." ~ UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon ~

Indigenous people are ethnic groups who are native to a land or region, especially before the arrival of a foreign and possibly dominating culture. They share a cultural identity that has been shaped by their environmental region. A variety of names are used in various countries to identify such groups of people, but they generally are regarded as the "original inhabitants" of a territory or region.

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People is celebrated on August 9 each year to recognize the first UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations meeting in Geneva in 1982. On December 23, 1994, the UN General Assembly decided that the International Day of the World's Indigenous People should be observed on August 9 annually during the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

This year's theme is "Post 2015 Agenda: Ensuring indigenous peoples' health and well-being", it puts a spotlight on the issue of indigenous peoples' access to health care services, as improving indigenous peoples' health remains a critical challenge for indigenous peoples, Member States and the United Nations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, will continue encouraging stakeholders and NGOs to promote measures that will benefit our indigenous communities. We also urge our indigenous peoples to likewise continue to fight for their rights and to always protect our cultural heritage.

In fact, we all should take gratification in our cultural rootedness and recognize the people whose lives take us through many centuries of struggle to protect the land we live in, look after the virtues we uphold and bring us back to who we truly are. WAY will forever persist on making indigenous youth as our society's main concern by having all required suggestions flowing from the permanent forum to support better incorporation and management of their issues, including youth issue worldwide.

Together, let us identify and celebrate the priceless and distinctive identities of indigenous peoples around the world. Let us work even harder to empower them and support their aspirations.

Happy International Day of the World's Indigenous People!



2015
YOUTH CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY: 'YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT'

DATE: 12 AUGUST 2015

*Keep true to the dreams of your youth.
~Friedrich Schiller~*

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) join hands in celebrating the role of young women and men, as essential partners in change. Through our platform, we bring together young people from different countries, communities and societies, to share their ideas, thoughts and actions in youth development. We also assist in advancing cooperation at the local, regional and global level, amongst youth and with all stakeholders. WAY works for the promotion of youth and youth organisations in programme areas such as: youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training.

The International Youth Day was first designated on 12th August in 1999 by the United Nations General Assembly, and is observed every year with the aim to celebrate the contribution that youth make to the society. This day also provides opportunities to raise awareness on the challenges and difficulties faced by the world's youth. The theme for the International Youth Day 2015 is Youth Civic Engagement. This theme serves as the main goal of the United Nations System - Wide Action Plan on Youth (Youth-SWAP) and seeks to promote young people's effective inclusive civic engagement at all levels. In fact, there has been recent increasing attention, policy and programming focus on youth civic engagement by governments, UN entities, regional and multilateral organisations, CSOs, youth and researchers.

The commitment and participation of youth is essential in order to achieve sustainable human development. Nevertheless the opportunities for youth to engage economically and socially are low or non-existent. Additional efforts are needed to raise awareness about the importance of youth civic engagement and its benefits to the individual and to society, including for sustainable development as well as resilience and wellbeing. This Day campaign aims to promote civic engagement and participation of youth in politics and public life, so that young people can be empowered and bring a full contribution to society development and peace.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, aim to support young people's life choices and their sense of responsibility, as well as to increase their participation in humanitarian or other fruitful activities in achieving better tomorrow. We also create the fundamentals for moral and growth through volunteering in order to facilitate their skills, motivations and experiences and undertake responsibilities for young people's social risks and place in society. WAY also work towards bringing youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners of constructive change in today's global society. We believe that effective youth participation is about creating opportunities for all youth to be involved in influencing, shaping, designing and contributing to policy and the development of services and programmes.

Youth voice matters! Happy International Youth Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY: 'INSPIRING THE WORLD'S HUMANITY'

DATE: 19 AUGUST 2015

Art to me is a humanitarian act and I believe that there is a responsibility that art should somehow be able to effect mankind, to make the world a better place
~Jeff Moons~

World Humanitarian Day is an opportunity to celebrate the spirit that inspires humanitarian work around the globe. Thousands of people across the globe are doing incredible deed every day in helping others but unfortunately some of them pay the ultimate price.

Years ago, in 19th August, 22 humanitarian aid workers were killed in a horrific attack at the UN Headquarters in Baghdad. Their lives were cut short as they worked selflessly to save others. Each year on the same date, we pay tribute to the unsung heroes who, despite the risks, work to save lives on the front lines of conflict and help victims of natural disasters pick up the pieces and rebuild their communities.

The theme for year is 'Inspiring the World's Humanity', it calls on everyone to join the world's humanitarian efforts and become an active messenger of humanity. It can be started with building a global sense of momentum by undertaking an influential social action and sharing on social networks to amplify the message as well as encourage the action.

On this World Humanitarian Day, we would like to take this opportunity to fabricate strong solidarity with the women, men, youth and children who are suffering from humanitarian emergencies worldwide. Our salutation also goes to the humanitarian workers who strive to serve those in need as well as uphold human rights and dignity for decades.

Inspired by the quote once said by Mother Teresa, 'don't look for big things, just do small things with great love; the smaller the thing, the greater must be our love', we would like to encourage all to reach out to each other and shower the world with love and compassion. We urge people, especially youth around the world to get involved, stay informed and engage in creating a more humane and harmonious world.

On this day, let us, once again reiterate our recognition towards the tremendous service that the humanitarians have done and are still doing till today to save lives around the world. We are forever grateful to them.

Since 1949, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), stand strong for the human rights and fight for inherent dignity of every human being.

Happy World Humanitarian Day!

“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step”
~ Lao-tzu ~

Today, 24th August 2015, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), celebrate the 66th year anniversary of our founding as well as appreciation of the 66 years of determined journey and dedication in serving youth worldwide.

History has it, founded in 1949, WAY has been well known as international coordinating body of national youth councils and youth organisations, working devotedly for the promotion of young people and youth organisations in different programme areas such as youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training. WAY has a general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and work together with several agencies of United Nations including UNEP, UNICEF and UNAIDS.

More than six decades of its existence, WAY currently has 140 members from all continents of the world. Having such large network, it is now even more promising for WAY to realise its aim of unlocking youth potential and tackling youth issues with cooperation and support from all of its vigorous members.

In line with that, we have highlighted several relevant aims in assisting the collection of information on the needs and problems of youth from all around the world; promoting the interchange of ideas amongst them; supporting in the development of youth activities; and encouraging full and inclusive participation of young people in their countries' developmental process. Sixty-six years in continuously carrying out such purposes, we, at WAY, promise to always bestow our fullest efforts for the betterment of young people worldwide.

As our way forward approach, we have been coming out with strategies which are and shall be implemented to be in line with our fourth Millennium Plan of Actions that were specially designed to provide constructive progression towards sustainable development of young people and the societies.

As we celebrate our sixty-six birthday, we wish for the endless support from our members, volunteers, stakeholders, young people and the global community at large. Let us work together, joining our hands, side-by-side, in providing young people with the opportunities and platforms which not only fully develop their potential but also flourish their characters and inspirations.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY
DATE: **05 SEPTEMBER 2015**

*“Charity begins at home but should not end there”
~Thomas Fuller~*

Charity, which has synonyms as relieve, aid and support, is a noble word that has been heard and used often in our daily life, media or even pasted on a donation box at our local supermarket. Yearly, charities all over the world help to save and improve people’s lives, fighting disease, protecting children, and giving hope to many thousands of people in need. To honour the significant assistance and contribution that many charities have offered, in 2012 the United Nations decided to nominate an annual International Day of Charity as an official day of recognition and commemoration.

The underlying background of choosing 5th of September as an International Day of Charity is for the remembrance of the demise of Mother Teresa as well as her tireless charity effort that she devoted during her whole life. Mother Teresa or Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born in 1910. In 1928, she went to India, where she committed herself in serving the destitute. Later on, she became an Indian citizen and founded the order of Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata in 1950, which became renowned for its work in helping those who are poor.

International Day of Charity aims to raise awareness and providing a common platform for charity related activities across the globe. In this special day, the work of different charities all over the world is publicised and celebrated to educate and raise awareness about the role of charity and its contribution offered for decades. It also recognizes the importance of charity as a means of promoting unity, dialog and mutual understanding amongst people from different countries. This day was established with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.

In the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we deem that while many good things has been accomplished and great effort is being achieved, better deed can still be done to help the needy in our society. We stand as the voice for young people as we believe that the responsibility of charity should be seen as one of the major tools in determining ideal personality of future generation who ought to be full of compassion and embrace the beauty of humanity.

On this International Day, we call on people everywhere especially youth to volunteer and act generously in the senses of kindness, solidarity and love. Without love and togetherness, charity will be a meaningless effort and an unsung anthem.

We wish you all a happy International Day of Charity!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY: 'LITERACY AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES'

DATE: **08 SEPTEMBER 2015**

In the words of Kofi Annan, the former Secretary General of the United Nations, "Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope and a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a fortification against poverty, and a building block of development, an essential complement to investments in roads, dams, clinics and factories.

Literacy is a platform for democratization, and a vehicle for the promotion of cultural and national identity. It is an awareness agent of family health and nutrition matters, especially those for girls and women. For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right. Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential.

Fifty years ago, in November 1965, UNESCO proclaimed September 8th to be the International Literacy Day. It was celebrated all over the world to emphasize the great importance of the literacy to the progress of individuals and development of both society and communities. The day is celebrated specially to rememorate the status of the literacy and adult education to the international community. Literacy remains as essential to human development as it did fifty years ago and as it has for centuries, especially in today's knowledge-based societies.

This year's theme for the International Literacy Day is "Literacy and Sustainable Societies", and it is a reminder of the link and strong correlation between 'literacy and access to information', and 'the strength and development of our societies'. There are millions of people worldwide with little to no access to readable material. We could not imagine modern societies without literacy, but sadly, illiteracy is still found which is mostly in less developed countries.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we believe that literacy is a passage to an untouchable facet of the world. Literacy is, in fact, not only a basic human right; it is also a fundamental building block for learning as well as an individual empowerment tool. It is the catalyst for social and global progress as we continue to grow.

Today, we urge all stakeholders to join global effort in providing equal opportunity for everyone, young people inclusive, in less developed countries to revive the joys of reading while raising awareness to assist those who are lack of access to education.

The World Assembly of Youth wishes you a Happy International Literacy Day ~ in Service since 1949!



International Day of Democracy

15 September

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY: 'SPACE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY'

DATE: **15 SEPTEMBER 2015**

"Civil society is the oxygen of democracy. Civil society acts as a catalyst for social progress and economic growth. It plays a critical role in keeping Government accountable, and helps represent the diverse interests of the population, including its most vulnerable groups."

~ United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon ~

Democracy is as much a process as a goal and only with the full participation as well as support by all stakeholders, the ideal of democracy can be made into a reality and enjoyed by everyone, everywhere. The International Day of Democracy was created in 2007 when the United Nations General Assembly set aside 15th September as the day dedicated to promote and uphold the principles of democracy. The day provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. This day is both meant as a celebration of democracy and as a reminder that the need to promote and protect democracy is as urgent now as ever.

The 2015 theme for International Day of Democracy is 'Space for Civil Society'. It was chosen to be a reminder to governments that the hallmark of successful and stable democracy is the presence of a strong, active and freely operating civil society. Government and civil society should work together for attaining one universal goal, a better future. In fact, civil society is commonly acted as a whistle blower in ensuring accountability and credibility of the government. Globally, the role of civil society has become more prominent, as the world prepares to embrace and implement Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs).

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) speaks for inter-ethnic respect, international understanding, stakeholders' collaboration, tolerance, national liberation and democracy. We believe that by enabling all the democracy values including responsibly freedom as well as respect for human rights and the principle of citizens' suffrage, one nation shall be able to provide both the protection and effective realization of human rights of all its citizens.

Democracy should not be left and disregarded to be a delusion word; it is self-determination in action, and a necessary instrument for securing a more peaceful, just and stable world. Civil society is a key partner to achieve this noble goal. We, therefore, call upon Member States to ensure greater space for civil society, so that they could take their rightful place in promoting democracy.

Happy International Day of Democracy!



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
21 SEPTEMBER 2015

PARTNERSHIPS
FOR PEACE—
DIGNITY FOR ALL



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: 'PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEACE – DIGNITY FOR ALL'

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2015

"Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means"
~Ronald Reagan~

Peacefulness is an inner sense of calmness and it comes from becoming still - in order to meditate to gain our inner wisdom and receive answer that we seek for. A peaceful heart is one that is free from worry and trouble. Within that tranquillity, one is able to look at things peacefully and understand them thoroughly so that it can creatively reflect the solutions. In fact, a true happiness is a manifestation of a peaceful mind. One can have everything in the world, monetary possession, power and even pecuniary-based pleasure, but without a presence of peace in mind, one will always be anxious and lost.

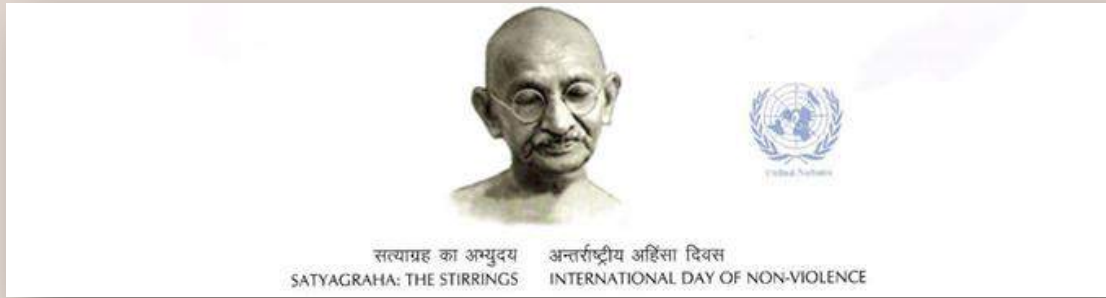
International Day of Peace, marked every year on the 21st of September, is a day when individual, communities, nations and governments are encouraged to highlight efforts to end violent conflict and promote amity. Though people honour and celebrate the International Day of Peace, which was established in 1981 by the United Nations, until today, many refugees are still fleeing from conflicted areas all around the world. This situation certainly indicates the flaw of global effort which is lack of partnership and united collaboration.

Acknowledging the imperfection, the theme for this year is focused on 'Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All'. This theme highlights the importance of working together in partnership to strive for peace. A successful work for peace in our communities and across the world relies greatly upon cooperation and collaboration from all stakeholders including the governments, civil society, the private sector, faith-based groups and other non-governmental organisations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, seek to empower young people to participate in building a culture of peace by offering them a platform to present their ideas and projects on peace-related issues. There is no group more poised to help realizing this dream than today's young people. They are the largest generation of youth in history who are more aware and connected than any time before. We urge public sectors to make a greater investment in realizing the potentially massive contribution of the world's young peace builders.

On the International Day, as we mark the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations, let us seize the opportunity to achieve the organisation's founding purpose: to save succeeding generations especially the youth from the scourge of war.

Happy International Day of Peace!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE
DATE: **2 OCTOBER 2015**

"People try non-violence for a week, and when it 'doesn't work' they go back to violence, which hasn't worked for centuries."
~ Theodore Roszak ~

Non-violence is also known as love in action, a positive power. It is unleashed when potentially negative drives like fear or anger are transformed into creative equivalents like love and compassion. For some people, non-violent action is a beneficial system for dealing with conflict or bringing about social change; for others, non-violence is a moral vital or even a way of life.

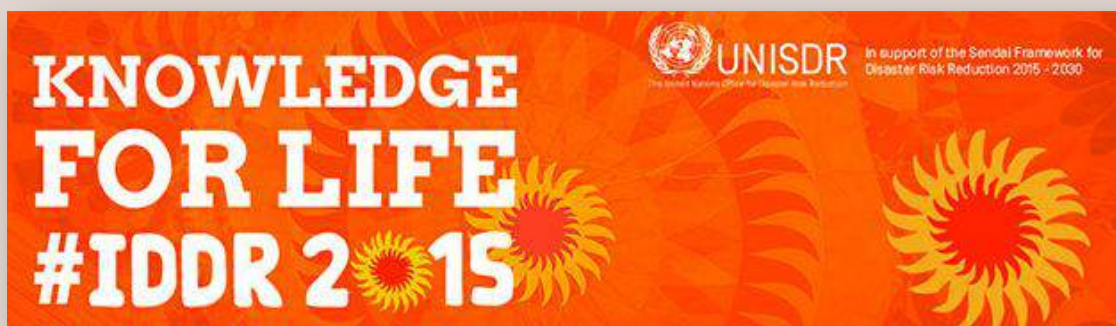
The International Day of Non-Violence is marked on October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. At a time of escalating conflicts, violent extremism, displacement and humanitarian need, the courage and determination of Mahatma Gandhi are, indeed, both inspiration and motivation for all of us. Gandhi showed the power of peacefully opposing oppression and hatred. He proved on how cooperation and tolerance can prevail over injustice and demonstrated the great value of the rule of law in breaking vicious circles of vengeance.

According to the General Assembly resolution of 15th June 2007, which established the commemoration, the International Day of Non-violence is an occasion to broadcast the message of non-violence, through education and public awareness. The resolution reaffirms the worldwide relevance of the principle of non-violence and the need to secure a culture of peace, tolerance and mutual understanding.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), strongly stand by the principle of non-violence and will continue to thrive for its recognition as well as implementation across societies. We urge the international community not to forget the millions of children and youth who have been victims of violence, as well as millions who have fled due to horrific violence into neighbouring countries. We stand as the promoters for youth to develop their minds as a weapon against all the injustices and promote non-violence in their communities.

On this year's International Day of Non-violence, let us recall the achievements of Mahatma Gandhi and renew our commitment to non-violence and lives in the dignity of peaceful and harmonious world for all.

Happy International Day of Non-Violence!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION: 'KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE'

DATE: **13 OCTOBER 2015**

Considering the serious impact of natural disasters over the world economy, particularly of the developing countries, the United Nations observed the nineties (1990-1999) as the International Decade for Disaster Reduction. The objective of the decade was to focus on international initiatives for reducing the occurrence and minimising the adverse impact of natural calamities.

International Day for Disaster Reduction is observed annually on October 13, 2015. The International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) encourages every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations.

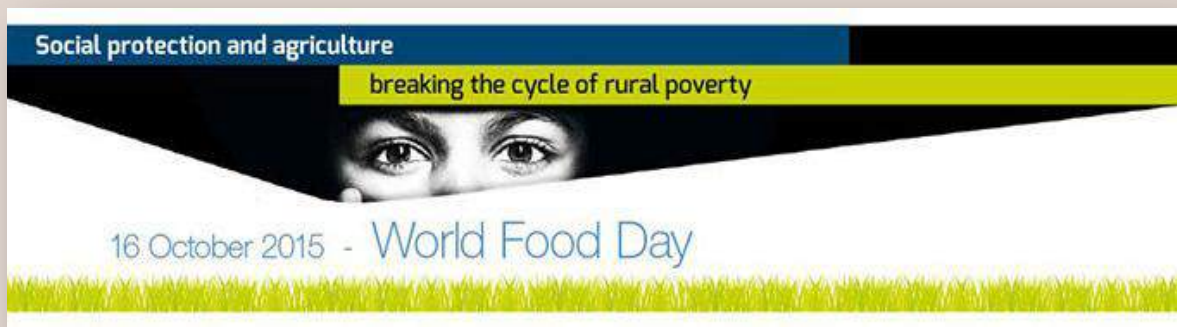
The International Day for Disaster Reduction started in 1989 with the approval of the United Nations General Assembly. In 2002, by a further resolution, the General Assembly decided to maintain the annual observance as a vehicle to promote a global culture of natural disaster reduction, including prevention, mitigation and preparedness. In 2009, the UN General Assembly decided to designate October 13 as the official date and also changed the name to International Day for Disaster Reduction.

The theme for this year is "Knowledge for Life" with a focus on the traditional, indigenous and local knowledge which complement modern science and add advantage to an individual's and societies' resilience. In fact, knowledge of early warning signals in nature can be vital to ensure early action is taken to mitigate the impact of both slow and fast onset disasters such as droughts, heat waves, storms and floods. Combined with scientific knowledge such as reports generated by meteorologists, local knowledge is vital for early preparedness and should be sustained over generations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that reducing disaster risk should be a priority for all stakeholders in every nation. By tackling vulnerability, we can significantly reduce the risk of disaster. By celebrating this unique event of global relevance, we would like to hold on our intention in bringing a contribution, enthusiasm and dynamism from the communities. Besides, we also urge for all stakeholders in collectively work in developing both the objectives and actions aimed at promoting resilience and safety of the citizens.

Let us get involved by promoting the International Day of Disaster Reduction and recognize the efforts of communities in putting together their wisdom for disaster risk reduction and sharing their valuable "knowledge for life".

Happy International Day for Disaster Reduction!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD FOOD DAY: 'SOCIAL PROTECTION AND AGRICULTURE: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF RURAL POVERTY'

DATE: 16 OCTOBER 2015

Social protection is emerging as a critical tool in the drive to end hunger and poverty, although the vast majority of the world's rural underprivileged people are yet to be alleviated.

The world is concerned about the global hunger and poverty. The global concern is well projected on the prominent inclusion of hunger and poverty eradication at the first goal of the Millennium Development Goals as well as the first and second goals of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Established in 1979, World Food Day is a day of action against hunger. It is observed each year on the 16th of October, with the main goal of raising public awareness about hunger challenges and world food problems as well as encouraging people worldwide to take action in the fight against poverty.

This year's theme is 'Social Protection and Agriculture: Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty'. Social protection consists of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by promoting efficient labour markets, diminishing people's exposure to risks, and enhancing their capacity to manage economic and social risks, such as unemployment, exclusion, sickness, disability and old age.

Inspired by Nelson Mandela's quotes on poverty,

"Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity; it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom",

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) believe that in today IT-based generation, the effort of eradication of poverty is made more promising given that the vibrant collaboration from all stakeholders is achieved. We recognize the significance of social protection and benefits offered by the agriculture in breaking the cycle of rural poverty and with that in mind, public awareness should be boosted rigorously with their roles and advantages. On the other hand, a collective cooperation from all shall be the key in exterminating all kind of poverty from the bottom-up. So, let us build a future for all; let us be the Zero Hunger Generation!

Happy World Food Day!

17 October

International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty



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WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY: 'BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE
FUTURE: COMING TOGETHER TO END POVERTY AND DISCRIMINATION'

DATE: 17 OCTOBER 2015

"On this day we recommit to think, decide and act together against extreme poverty -- and plan for a world where no-one is left behind. Our aim must be prosperity for all, not just a few."

~ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon ~

Poverty is a complex reality, but it is not foreseeable. Building a sustainable future requires everyone to strengthen their efforts towards eradicating extreme poverty and discrimination as well as ensuring that everyone can fully exercise their basic human rights.

The full involvement of people living in poverty, particularly in the decisions that affect their lives and communities, must be at the centre of policies and strategies to build a sustainable future. In this mode, we can guarantee that our planet and our societies can fulfil the need and aspiration of everyone, not only those of a privileged and minor group but also for the future generations.

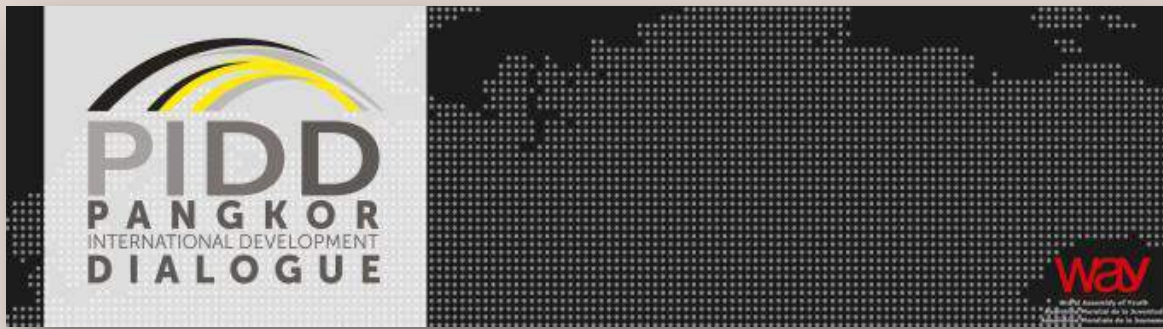
The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed every year since 1993. Celebrated every year on the 17th of October, this day promotes awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries. It symbolises opportunities to acknowledge the efforts and struggles of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard and a moment to recognise that poor people are in the forefront of our fight against poverty.

This year, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is relevant, at a time when the United Nations has adopted the new global agenda to achieve sustainable development by 2030. The target set in 2000, of halving extreme poverty in the world by 2015 has come to the end.

As this year focus is on 'Building a Sustainable Future: Coming Together to End Poverty and Discrimination', the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty holds particular significance because it is, in fact, the first observance following the formal adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

For World Assembly of Youth, the eradication of poverty is a basis for human rights and human dignity. We appreciate and acknowledge the need of total eradication of poverty in all its forms throughout the world in achieving a sustainable future. We shall continue to be the voices of young people globally for their concerns to be heard.

Happy International Day for the Eradication of Poverty!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE

WAY SATELLITE EVENT: 'THE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN MARCHING TOWARDS
ATTAINMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS'

DATE: 20 OCTOBER 2015

Perak, 20th October 2015 - THE Opening Ceremony of WAY Satellite Event was officiated by Her Excellency Vicki Treadell, the British High Commissioner to Malaysia. At this session, remarks were given by Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya, the Perak State EXCO for Human Resources, Youth and Sport; and our WAY Secretary General, Ms. Ediola Pashollari. The event began 09.00 a.m. at Casuarina @ Meru Hotel, Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia. Present at this event were also head of departments from WAY Secretariat, Miss Soekmawati the Programme Officer; Miss Kebareileng Matlhape the International Relations Officer; and Miss Dorothy Chipfunde the Publication Officer.

During the welcoming remarks, Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, introduced the theme of the WAY Satellite Event *'The Role of Young People in Marching Towards Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals'* and welcomed the guests of honour and all participants to this event. She emphasized on the important role that young people should play in implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and that all stakeholders should join hand in this journey.

The Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya, the Perak State EXCO for Human Resources, Youth and Sport thanked WAY for organising the Satellite event as part of the Pangkor International Development Dialogue "Implementing Sustainability for Inclusive Growth". In his remarks, he focused on youth development in Perak. He highlighted on how young people should be given opportunities to discover themselves and encouraged them to always make their voices heard. Her Excellency Vicki Treadell, the British High Commissioner to Malaysia, delivered her remarks by touching on ways to augment the youth acquaintance and the ability in paving their career path. She encouraged young people to be involved in the decision making process and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Discussion Session begun with a video presentation by Dr. Pauline Teresa Crawford, President of World Association of Visioneers and Entreprenologists where she spoke on *'Placing our Future in the Hands of Young Men & Women, Youth Working Together with Mutual Respect'*. Later on, Mr. Jonah Raider, Global Policy Fellow at Columbia University presented on *'Building Youth Power for Sustainable Development'*. In addition, Ms. Ediola Pashollari, WAY Secretary General went on explaining in details all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), together with the 169 targets.

In overall, the WAY Satellite Event was very informative and stimulating, as speakers shared their knowledge and advised the youth on how they can be a useful contributor and play a prominent role in not only promoting sustainability but also actualizing it in more rigorous action. It was, indeed, another fruitful event of the World Assembly of Youth.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
UNITED NATIONS DAY
DATE: **24 OCTOBER 2015**

"The United Nations works for the entire human family of seven billion people, and cares for the earth, our one and only home."

~Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon~

Every year on October 24th, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) celebrates the founding anniversary of the United Nations and the journey as well as achievements that United Nations has worked for all these years.

The United Nations day marks the anniversary of the entry of the UN Charter into force in 1945. With the approval of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations was officially established.

The foundations for a "League of Nations" were laid in the Treaty of Versailles, which was one of the treaties to formally end World War I. The league aimed to encourage disarmament, prevent outbreaks of war, and encourage negotiations and diplomatic measures to settle international disputes as well as improve the quality of life around the world. However, the outbreak of World War II suggested that the League of Nations needed to take on a different form.

Aiming for celebrating such day and the remarkable history of UN's existence, the United Nations Day, is the essential remembrance of the values which this organisation spells forth-the principles of humanity, unity, and world peace. Coming into effect after the two world wars and the cold war, the United Nations attempted to salvage humanity from the scourge of war as well as the wrath of destruction and most importantly, to ensure that the human world would never be subject to such threats of horror again. The promise has since been shouldered by the organisation and many efforts to alleviate the human wellbeing have been attempted.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), owning the consultative status of various UN Agencies, joins the celebration of the United Nations Day as it is a fundamental remembrance of the values which today organisations hold on to, including WAY. We believe that for an organisation to be functional, it is pivotal to have an aim and prominent purpose of serving other in attainment of better tomorrow. We shall continue to serve young people as they are the seed of our brighter future!

Happy United Nations Day!



In 2013 there were an estimated **7.8 MILLION** SCIENTISTS WORLDWIDE

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
DATE: **10 NOVEMBER 2015**

Proclaimed by the UNESCO in 2001, the World Science Day for Peace and Development (WSDPD) celebrates the benefits of science worldwide annually on 10th November. It was during the World Conference on Science in Budapest in 1999, that UNESCO realised the need to come up with a day that bridges the gap and misconception between science and society.

Established WSDPD in 2001, UNESCO continuously works with people, government agencies, other organisations and stakeholders to promote this day and offers an opportunity to educate societies on the relevance of science to their daily lives and human existence as well as encourage public to support the development and advancement of science.

In this sense, a World Science Day for Peace and Development offers an opportunity to strengthen public awareness on the role of science for peaceful and sustainable societies. It promotes national and international solidarity for a shared science between countries, renews national and international commitment for the use of science as well as draws attention to the challenges faced in science by raising public support for the scientific endeavour. This day also pays a tribute to the noble role of scientists in making the attainment of sustainable tomorrow possible. These aims become the significant roots and rationale of celebrating World Science Day for Peace and Development until today.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) recognise and understand the imperative roles of science in today societies and the importance to engage young people in the relevance of science in their daily lives for the betterment of the society. We also believe that World Science Day for Peace and Development is a great scheme established by UNESCO as it highlights not only the contributions of science but also awareness to the public on the developments and progress made.

In fact, science is the answer of most of issues encountered by the society, youth inclusive, such as poverty, health issue or even youth unemployment.

Happy World Science Day for Peace and Development!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE
DATE: **16 NOVEMBER 2015**

"On this International Day of Tolerance, I call on all people and governments to actively combat fear, hatred and extremism with dialogue, understanding and mutual respect. Let us advance against the forces of division and unite for our shared future."

~ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon ~

Tolerance is not passive or silent acceptance of differences; it is inseparable from respect for fundamental human rights. It is constant commitment to facilitating exchanges and dialogue, despite difficulties and a lack of understanding which can lead to inward-looking attitudes. It is a call to question prejudice and commonly-held beliefs.

Started by UNESCO in 1996, International Day of Tolerance is celebrated on 16th November annually to promote the act of tolerance. On this day, we focus on educating people about the need for tolerance in society and helping them understand the negative effects of intolerance. The International Day for Tolerance is a day when people are given an opportunity to learn about respecting and recognising the rights as well as beliefs of others. Live discussions and debates take place across the world on this day, focusing on how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and unfair discrimination have a negative impact on society.

International Day of Tolerance is celebrated for its four basic principles which are promoted worldwide amongst public. These principles are commitment of heads of state and government to advance welfare; freedom and progress everywhere; principle of encouraging tolerance, respect and dialogue; as well as proper coordination between different cultures, civilisations and people to stop inequality.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aim to educate people, especially young people, about tolerance and raise awareness of the importance of fighting intolerance. According to UNESCO, fighting intolerance requires law, education and access to information, individual awareness as well as local solutions. Thus, we urge for cooperation and partnership from all stakeholders in every level of society to join the effort in embracing tolerance as not only a courtesy to each other but also a way of life in achieving sustainable and peaceful tomorrow.

Happy International Day for Tolerance!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
YOUTH STAND AGAINST DRUG ABUSE
DATE: 16 NOVEMBER 2015

“Illicit drugs destroy innumerable individual lives and undermine our societies. Confronting the illicit trade in drugs and its effects remains a major challenge for the international community”
~Kofi Annan, the former Secretary General of the United Nations~

The Malaysian National Association Against Drug Abuse (PEMADAM), the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) and the Malay and Islamic World Secretariat (DMDI) collectively organised the IFNGO Youth Health Lifestyle Workshop which took place from 15th to 18th November 2015.

As part of WAY contribution, a workshop with a theme of ‘Youth Stand Against Drug Abuse’ commenced from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at PLKN Jaya Gemilang Camp, A’famosa Resort, Melaka, Malaysia. This theme was selected to address the issue of drug-abusive behaviour which continuously causes negative results to the society including youth; encourage youth to partake in anti-drugs abuse activity; promote a healthy lifestyle; as well as raise awareness and educate youth on the importance in attaining a healthy generation, free from drug abusive behaviour and drug addiction.

The workshop was chaired by Miss Ediola Pashollari, WAY Secretary General. Present at this workshop were also heads of various departments in WAY Secretariat including Miss Soekmawati, the Programme Officer; Miss Kebareileng Matlhape, the International Relations Officer; Mr Arya Seraj, the Fundraising Office, Miss Dorothy Chipfunde, the Publication Officer as well as an intern, Miss Aqilah Yasmin Binti Mohd Deli who is a student from Multimedia University.

During the welcoming remarks, Ms. Ediola Pashollari introduced the theme of the WAY workshop ‘Youth Stand Against Drugs’ and welcomed all participants to the workshop. She emphasised on the significance of youth participation in drug prevention programmes and how it builds upon moral values, which are the foundation for unity and cooperation.

After a briefing by Miss Ediola, the young people were grouped into seven groups to discuss on the possible recommendations on how youth could stand against drug abuse in each of the six surroundings which are public sector, private sector, NGOs, society, media, and family. These recommendations were also used as a prominent material in guiding the drafting of the Youth Resolution, outcome document of the whole event. Besides conducting the workshop of ‘Youth Stand Against Drugs’, WAY also assisted in the drafting of the Youth Resolution which was presented on 19th November 2015 at the 26th IFNGO World Conference in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

In general, the WAY Workshop was edifying and invigorating, as participants shared their analysis and knowledge. It was, undeniably, a prolific workshop which marks as another successful event of the World Assembly of Youth.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
DATE: 25 NOVEMBER 2015

“Everyone has a responsibility to prevent and end violence against women and girls, starting by challenging the culture of discrimination that allows it to continue.”
~Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon~

What a staggering fact, knowing that one in three women has experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Violence against women impacts on, and hinders, progress in many areas, including poverty eradication, combating HIV/AIDS, peace and security. It is, indeed, an outbreak of worldwide proportions.

Unlike sickness, there is no vaccine, medication or cure in violence against women. It is a choice made and thus, perpetrators can choose to stop. It is not inevitable and it can be prevented through a united effort and joint collaboration from all stakeholders. Thus, it is a time to call all in joining the global efforts in the holistic prevention strategies which include multiple and parallel interventions in order for the results to last.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed yearly on the 25th of November to raise awareness and campaign to end violence against women. Since 1981, women's activists have marked 25th November as a day to stand against violence not only towards themselves but also women amongst their relatives, friends and society. Later on, in 1999, the UN General Assembly designated 25th November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, inviting public sector, international organisations and NGOs to organise activities designed to raise public awareness on the issue of violence.

Today, many efforts still need to be engaged towards a society where elimination of violence against women is undisputable. Towards such efforts, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), continue to partake in this global initiative for enlivening the principle of non-violence against women and promoting gender equality amongst young people.

We urge young women and men to step up striving to unveil their true potential and participate in the decision making process as part of the elimination of violence against women. We strive even harder to alleviate the hardships which are encountered by fellow women, around the world.

We also believe that prevention strategies should be holistic, with multiple interventions undertaken in parallel, in order to have long-lasting and permanent effects. Therefore, we encourage all sectors, actors and stakeholders, inclusive of young people, to be engaged.

Today, let us recall that action to eliminate violence against women is the responsibility of all. We invite young people to “Orange the world,” using the colour designated by the Unite campaign to symbolise a brighter future without violence.

Youth stand against violence and gender inequality!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD AIDS DAY
DATE: 1 DECEMBER 2015

“One of the best ways to fight stigma and empower HIV positive people is by speaking out openly and honestly about who we are and what we experience.”

~ Alex Garner, HIV Activist ~

We live in a globe of stigma and intolerance, too often, coming out to say your status is met with anger, criticism, and possibly even hostility. The most common emotion that people experience upon learning that they are HIV positive is shame. It is a critical and paralyzing emotion that has no advantages and serves no purpose. Speaking out is one of the best remedy to shame. When people speak openly and boldly about their HIV status, we can find genuineness and empowerment that can help to foster a stronger and healthier society.

World AIDS day is celebrated every year all over the world on 1st of December to raise the public awareness about AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). AIDS is a pandemic caused due to the infection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The day is celebrated by the government organisations, NGOs, civil societies and other health institutions, dedicated to commemorate those who have passed on and to raise awareness about AIDS and the global spread of the HIV virus.

The first World AIDS Day was held in 1988 after health ministers from around the world met in London, England and agreed to such a day as a way of highlighting the enormity of the AIDS pandemic and nations’ responsibility to ensure universal treatment, care and support for people living with HIV and AIDS.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) aspires to continue encouraging all members to organise programmes to combat the causes of AIDS pandemics and other deadly diseases. We prioritise in bringing awareness about the HIV/AIDS issue to the youth globally. In 2006, WAY published a book entitled ‘World Responses to HIV/AIDS Pandemic’ available at the following link: <http://www.way.org.my/books/category/world-responses-to-hiv-aids-pandemic>.

We believe it is the opportunity for young people to work actively and collaboratively with partners and other stakeholders around the world to raise awareness about HIV and help us move closer to the goal of an AIDS-free generation.

Happy World AIDS Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: 'INCLUSION MATTERS: ACCESS AND EMPOWERMENT FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES'

DATE: 3 DECEMBER 2015

"We mark this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the wake of the adoption of the ambitious 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This global blueprint for action summons us to leave no one behind." ~ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon ~

Disabilities according to National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, it refers to a person with restrictions or lack of abilities to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.

The societal icon of persons with disabilities is impacted by mind-set based on stigma and bias, as well as outdated ideas that are often the utmost barrier to execute equal participation towards the development in society on an equal basis with others.

It is vital to note that disability is part of the human condition, that all of us either are or will become disabled at one point or another during the course of our lives. In fact, people with disabilities ought to be able to perform their role in society and partake on the same basis with others. Thus, it is imperative to focus on the aptitude and not on the disability of an individual.

Celebrated on the 3rd of December annually, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities aspires to uphold a perceptive of disability issues and organise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of people with disabilities. It also seeks to encourage active contribution from persons with disabilities in every aspect of life including those in public, finance and culture.

The theme for 2015 is "Inclusion Matters: Access and Empowerment for People of All Abilities" which was chosen to raise awareness about disability issues and draw attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society for all.

In recognition of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the theme of this year as the basis of its action, WAY seeks to endorse equality among all youth, equal treatment and access to resources for youth living with disability. WAY seeks to eliminate discrimination against the youth living with disability, empower the disabled and nurture an informed young generation on the issue.

Therefore, we encourage young people to participate in decision making process and partake in community activities so as to create stable democracies, active citizenship and to reduce inequalities in society.

WAY wishes all the disabled people around the globe, especially young people, a Happy International Day of Persons with Disabilities!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: **5 DECEMBER 2015**

Commemorating annually on 5th December, International Volunteer Day is a chance for individual volunteer, communities and organisations to promote their contributions to development at the local, national and international levels. It is also a unique opportunity for people and volunteering based organisations to work closely with public sector, public sector, non-profit organisations, community groups, academia and other stakeholder in making a difference towards betterment of the societies.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) defines volunteers as young people who are from the ages of 18 to 35 years old. At WAY, we recognise the effort put in by our volunteers registered under the umbrella of WAY's Volunteer Programme and appreciate their contribution in the successes of our programmes and activities.

Since its establishment in year 2006, the World Assembly of Youth's Volunteer Programme was initiated as a platform that links the youth from all around the world and seeks to develop a dedicated group of young people who are willing to donate some of their time and energy to support WAY in achieving its goals and aims. This programme works towards the elevation of youth and their development into future leaders. In WAY Volunteer Programme, we also offer to our volunteers the opportunity to meet people, make contacts, form relationships and thus, gain access to several benefits for their self-development.

WAY volunteers are required to be able to speak at least one of the three (3) WAY official languages which are English, French and Spanish. Currently, we have more than 900 volunteers from all around the world. For registering in our WAY Volunteer Programme, kindly go to our Volunteer Page at <http://www.way.org.my/volunteer>.

Moreover, we also aim at bringing together young people of different age, race, background, and ethnic group to interact and share ideas while fulfilling their duties as volunteers. We strive to develop the youth by exposing them to an environment where they could realise their true potential and explore their untapped capabilities.

We, therefore, encourage young people to not only celebrate volunteerism in all its facets, but also pay special tribute to volunteers whose roles are prominent toward the implementation and attainment of the global goals.

Happy International Volunteers Day for Economic and Social Development!



OUR RIGHTS OUR FREEDOMS ALWAYS

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2015

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY: 'OUR RIGHTS, OUR FREEDOMS ALWAYS'

DATE: **10 DECEMBER 2015**

"Human rights is the soul of our foreign policy, because human rights is the very soul of our sense of nationhood."

~ Jimmy Carter ~

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should interact with one another for the sake of kindness. All human rights are drawn from the United Nations Human Rights Treaties which are at the core of the international system for the promotion and protection of human rights. This is reflected in the words used universally including Equality, Freedom, Peace, Hope, Dignity, Rule of Law, Prosperity and Justice.

Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10th December. This day is celebrated internationally to honor 10th December 1948, when the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at Palais de Chailoit, Paris after the occurrence of the Second World War. This marks as one of the first major achievements of the United Nations. Universal Declaration of Human Rights is also the world most translated document into more than 360 language versions holding a world record.

The theme for Human Rights Day 2015 is 'Our Rights, Our Freedoms Always', launching an one-year campaign commemorating two international treaties adopted 50 years ago: The International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

In order for youth to contribute to the enjoyment of human rights and the establishment of world peace, the world community must provide the necessary means for educating youth in practical skills, social and spiritual values. At the same time, to achieve this full enjoyment of human rights, youth must also be at the forefront of efforts to promote social and economical progress and justice.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), go forward on human rights and aim to generate a more just globe by giving power to young advocators from around the world through a grouping of cross cultural human rights, volunteer services and sustained human rights activism associated with NGOs, policy makers and other stakeholders. Recognising the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all of our programmes and activities are guided by it. We acknowledge the significance of human rights as one of pivotal aspects that needs to be safeguarded as it is the key in solving most of youth-issues and way in advancing progress of youth worldwide.

Happy Human Rights Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY
DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2015

“Migration is an expression of the human aspiration for dignity, safety and a better future. It is part of the social fabric, part of our very make-up as a human family”
~ the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon ~

Migration is an action resulted from the human ambition seeking for dignity, safety and a better opportunity. It is part of the social fabric, part of our very make-up as a human family.

For centuries, migration has exemplified the human capacity for survival: the determination and resolve to overcome adversity in the hope of leading a better life. Today, migration is perhaps the most divisive issue facing in most of the developed nations, taking a major concern in the top of Western policymakers’ agendas.

The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 18 December 1990. International Migrants Day was established by the United Nations in 2000 in response to the increasing number of migrants in the world. Held annually on 18 December, the day aims to recognise the efforts, contributions and rights of migrants.

Since over a decade, the United Nations has invited all stakeholders to observe International Migrants Day through the dissemination of information on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants. In fact, yearly, the United Nations still continue with that noble effort by inviting UN Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations to observe International Migrants Day through sharing of their valuable experiences and successful strategy in ensuring the protection of migrants’ rights and their wellbeing in all around the world.

To mark this year’s International Migrants Day, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is calling on the global community and youth to come together and remember the importance of protecting human rights and welfare of all refugees and migrants worldwide. We would like to utilise this day to call upon global respect for those refugees who have tragically lost their lives or lives of those that they love. Our aim is to help the communities to fulfil their responsibility to assist and secure well mobile population because migrants are more likely to be subject to hardship, human rights violations and discrimination in crisis situations.

In our effort in embracing Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we would like to wish to all a Happy International Day of Migrants Day! Because obscurities of the world migrants and refugees are matter to us!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY
DATE: 20 DECEMBER 2015

International Human Solidarity Day was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2005 as an initiative in the fight against poverty. It is a day to celebrate our unity in diversity, to remind public sector to respect their commitments to international agreements on the need for human solidarity, raise public awareness of the importance of solidarity, and encourage debate on the ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the poverty eradication.

In the United Nations Millennium Declaration, 189 world leaders identified solidarity as one of the fundamental values essential to international relations in the 21st century. Convinced that a culture of solidarity and a spirit of sharing were important for combating poverty and achieving the eight Millennium Development Goals, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 20th December as International Human Solidarity Day.

Global challenges must be managed in a way that distributes the costs and burdens fairly in accordance with basic principles of equity and social justice. Those who suffer or who benefit least deserve assistance from those who benefit most. Application of this principle is what makes a strong fundament in attaining solidarity, peaceful and harmonious societies of the world.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) acknowledge the importance of promoting solidarity to society, especially to young people who will be the successors in inheriting all the resources that our world has to offer. In fact, in our forth and present Millennium Plans of Action, we emphasised on current issues encountered by young people around the world as we feel that there is a need to call for awareness so as to train the youth and youth leaders to work together in solidarity and make essential changes in matters affecting them. It is our determination in preparing the next necessary steps for developing young people to help those who needed in creating a better future for all.

Happy International Human Solidarity Day!

BULLETIN 2015

The bulletins provided below are monthly compilations of youth related news and broadcasts from continents worldwide. These bulletins are central to keep our members up-to-date on proceedings concerning the young people.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015

INCOME (RM)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Balance b/d (WAY Aids Fund)	7,535.00												7,535.00
Balance b/d (Maybank)	73,255.45	56,957.80	41,699.07	28,938.12	38,722.85	(5,896.44)	46,559.49	40,228.87	(88,700.70)	(95,237.05)	(105,005.21)	(96,599.40)	73,255.45
Membership Fees												1,971.51	1,971.51
Corporate Donations-WAY													0.00
Government Funding-WAY													0.00
Corporate/Govt. Sponsorships-events				12,500.00	4,600.00	50,000.00	30,000.00				10,000.00		107,100.00
Loan	50,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00		420,000.00
Conference Fees													0.00
-MIYD15						76,146.75							76,146.75
-other events			910.00	8,390.00									9,300.00
Insurance Refund										546.88		1,135.55	1,682.43
Air Ticket Refunds													0.00
Others													0.00
Management Fee													0.00
Total Income	123,255.45	86,957.80	72,609.07	79,828.12	43,322.85	150,250.31	106,559.49	40,228.87	(58,700.70)	(64,690.17)	(65,005.21)	36,507.66	689,456.14
EXPENDITURE (RM)													
Salaries	17,480.00	21,954.00	20,540.00	21,440.00	21,896.00	21,962.00	22,056.00	21,848.00	21,660.00	20,889.00	20,874.00	21,617.00	254,216.00
Incentives													0.00
Utilities	1,144.50	1,184.98	1,174.85	1,730.18	2,073.18	1,628.77	1,680.15	1,278.41	1,898.23	1,717.85	1,428.85	2,124.03	19,063.98
WAY - General Assembly XVI	40,556.10												40,556.10

WAY Conference / Meeting -MIYD15						61,155.00	34,128.40	65,500.00					160,783.40
WAY Events/workshop				3,323.20	17,625.00						1,467.75		22,415.95
Air Tickets													0.00
Travel Allowances		17,406.25	13,986.00			5,367.20		31,830.20	5,167.30	11,943.30			85,700.25
Creditors													0.00
Staff Claims	4,415.15	1,765.15	4,144.50	1,782.90		3,167.55		2,681.05	3,570.75	2,576.35	4,470.45	2,023.90	34,894.75
					1,583.20		2,713.80						
Bank Charges	6.00	26.50	9.50	21.73	8.48	40.44	20.67	4.24	62.17	9.54	9.54	28.09	246.90
Printing & Stationery	398.70	321.10	453.80	735.70	430.40	261.65	313.60	116.30	405.20	0.00	208.60	72.80	3,717.85
Postage			278.70	687.96				40.00	16.50	4.70			1,027.86
Subscriptions	104.60	124.40	118.40	117.50	115.70	5,795.96	121.70	102.80	121.40	114.50	102.20	121.70	7,060.86
Fuel, Tolls & Parking	620.00	457.00	899.00	833.00	675.00	817.50	1,297.50	400.00	814.00	825.00	875.00	350.00	8,863.00
Insurance				6,792.40									6,792.40
MV - maintenance, Insu. & Tax	345.00	33.50	435.00	1,085.00	2,211.38	44.00	205.00	1,381.32	1,360.30	16.00	214.00		7,330.50
Asset		528.00											528.00
Deposit				840.00									840.00
Office expenses	315.70	360.10	525.90	358.00	380.00	377.90	394.65	383.70	338.30	331.65	289.70	297.80	4,353.40
Office Equip -Maintenance & serv.	311.90	497.75	505.30	477.70	1,340.95	747.85	971.55	2,483.55	242.20	1,007.15	774.10	374.45	9,734.45
Rent	600.00	600.00	600.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	280.00	9,120.00
Audit							1,547.60						1,547.60
Accounting						1,445.00							1,445.00
Total Expenditure	66,297.65	45,258.73	43,670.95	41,105.27	49,219.29	103,690.82	66,330.62	128,929.57	36,536.35	40,315.04	31,594.19	27,289.77	680,238.25
Balance c/f (Maybank)	56,957.80	41,699.07	28,938.12	38,722.85	(5,896.44)	46,559.49	40,228.87	(88,700.70)	(95,237.05)	(105,005.21)	(96,599.40)	9,217.89	9,217.89
Balance c/f (WAY Aids Fund)													7,535.00

The image features a dark red, textured background. In the upper portion, three hands are shown reaching downwards: a reddish-brown hand on the left, a light blue hand in the center, and a greenish-yellow hand on the right. In the lower portion, three hands are shown reaching upwards: a greenish-yellow hand on the left, a light blue hand in the center, and a reddish-brown hand on the right. The hands are stylized with simple outlines and flat colors.

CONCLUSION

The year 2015 marked the end of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the birth of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), deem the adoption of SDGs as new opportunity in widening our reach and strengthening our exertion in serving youth better as well as creating a world that is youth-friendly and welcomes young people as influential leaders and agents of changes.

The year 2015 was also our first step of the four years journey in attaining our fourth Millennium Plans of Action (MPAC 4), 'The Role of Youth on Sustainable Development'. We have utilised this year in bringing awareness and educating young people of local, regional and international levels on the importance of sustainable development in achieving a better tomorrow.

Every year, our aim and priority of betterment of the youth worldwide have always been pivotal fundament in our agenda. In achieving our objectives stipulated in our Charter, we strongly believe that internal efficiency and effectiveness are prominent. It does not indicate that our progress in 2015 was flawless, but we learn from our imperfection and hold greatly on result-based fortitude. Therefore, at the end of each year, evaluation is performed to analyse between the effort put and the apparent impact shown in determining the level of accomplishment during that particular year and possible improvement for the following year.

For upcoming years to come, we shall continue serving young people and setting up platforms where their voices are heard and their concerns are recognised. Our work in tackling youth issues for the imminent years will be taken to another altitude tailoring with different approach that is more youthful and result-based focus. Acknowledging the volatile and dynamic situation faced in the current days; we shall fight for sustainability in many areas and be more yielding in overcoming obstructions that come in our journey.

This annual report of year 2015 serves as a forward measure and benchmark in progressing with better undertakings in the future. Our accomplishment for year 2015 would not be made possible without joint effort with our member organisations and partners from all over the world. We hope for improved communication, priceless support, and solid partnership as we embark on a new year with fantastic drive to make our ends meet.

AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

SUBMARINE MUSEUM, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

8TH MARCH 2015



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: "EMPOWERING WOMEN - EMPOWERING HUMANITY": PICTURE IT!

DATE: 8TH MARCH 2015

Melaka, 8th March 2015 - THE Opening Ceremony of the Educational Campaign on International Women's Day together with the 3rd birthday anniversary of the Sub Marine Museum was held at Sub Marine Museum Melaka, Malaysia with the honourable presence of Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah binti Abdol, Dr. Rusidah Binte Hj. Mohd Tahir and our very own WAY Secretary General, Ms. Ediola Pashollari. The Deputy State Exco for Youth Development and Heritage of Melaka, Malaysia, Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah, officiated the opening ceremony and expressed her encouragement for gender equality and women empowerment.

The Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of this year International Women's Day "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" which envisions a world where each woman and girl can exercise their choices, such as getting an education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination.

The day was then continued with the cutting ceremony of the yellow sticky rice (Pulut Kuning) and the cake for the commemoration of the International Women's Day. Dr. Rusidah binte Hj Mohd. Tamir also presented very exciting talk on Women's Health care with a theme of 'Health and Beauty Concept of Vibration Therapy' which attracted attention and interest of people present.

This Educational Campaign on International Women's Day is a reflection on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

During this campaign, young people present were asked to express their messages to women out there. Besides, questionnaires pertaining to Gender Equality and Women Empowerment were disseminated to capture public opinion and understanding. Overall, it was an excellent way to celebrate International Women's Day.

GLOBAL MONEY WEEK
PRESS RELEASE
AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN
8TH AND 14TH MARCH 2015
MELAKA AND PAHANG, MALAYSIA

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
LAUNCHING OF THE GLOBAL MONEY WEEK
DATE: 8TH MARCH 2015

Melaka, 8th March 2015 – GLOBAL Money Week (GMW) is a global money awareness celebration that takes place every year during the 2nd week of March from 9th to 17th March. It is coordinated by the Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) Secretariat to raise awareness on Economic Citizenship and directly engage children and youth worldwide on the issue.

This year's theme for Global Money Week, "Save Today, Save Tomorrow, and the goal is designed to teach children and youth about money, saving, creating livelihoods, gaining employment and becoming an entrepreneur through fun and interactive activities. Every year, entire communities take action to create awareness, challenge out of date financial policies and give young people the tools and inspiration they need to shape their own future.

As for this year, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) launching of the Global Money Week was held at Sub Marine Museum Melaka, Malaysia in conjunction with the third birthday anniversary of Sub Marine Museum. The Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage of Melaka, Malaysia, Hon. Datuk Hajah Norpipah was also present to officiate the opening ceremony.

The Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, Miss Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of the Global Money Week, "Save Today, and Save Tomorrow. She expressed her appreciation to Hon. Datuk Norpipah and PERZIM for giving opportunity to WAY to be part of this great event in launching the Global Money Week.

WAY, as a part of their contribution for the Global Money Week, asked the young people to present their messages on Global Money Week and take pictures as promotional tool of this awareness campaign.

Stay tuned, as our social media outlets will keep you posted on the progress and turn outs of the event, as the World Assembly of Youth will conduct another closing campaign on the 14th March, at the University of Malaysia Pahang.



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

YOUTH RUN: FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABILITY

18TH APRIL 2015

MELAKA RIVER SQUARE

MELAKA, MALAYSIA



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

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), for the past years, tackled youth issues with a guided objective which was governed by our Millennium Plan of Action. In our world today, there are endless possibilities to what an individual 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.

Besides focusing on ‘Sustainable Development’ in our fourth MPAC, we also emphasises on the youth who play a very key role in our societies. 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. Two of the best ways to achieve sustainability is by getting the youth involved in the solutions and craving for their opinions.

The World Assembly of Youth has taken it upon itself to dig deep into these matters and issues that affect the youth. This time in particular youth would get more involved to play their roles on sustainable development of the world that they desire and the future they yearn for.

Acknowledging on the importance of involving young people in the attainment of the sustainability for a peaceful future, the World Assembly of Youth, in collaboration with Melaka State Government, Melaka State Youth Council and several local NGOs, is organising an event themed YOUTH RUN FOR PEACE AND SUSTANABILITY. It is a one day fun and exciting running event scheduled to take place on the 18th of April 2015, between 6am to 3pm at Melaka River Cruise.

The objectives of this event are to promote peaceful and inclusive society in the minds of young people and other generations; bring about a unified commitment towards the eradication of dissonance; create an emancipated atmosphere for armistice declaration, and sustainability; and share time and resources with other peers.

So let’s join us running for peace and sustainability creating awareness for a better tomorrow! After all, running is one of the best and simplest exercises you can do for your health, endurance and your mind.

We hope to see you all there!

ONE ASIA 2015: YOUTH'S ROLE IN THE FUTURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

ULAANBAATAR DECLARATION OF ASIAN YOUTH PRIORITIES

20TH MAY 2015

ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

PREAMBLE

We, the national youth councils, representatives of Government, young people, youth-led organizations, non-governmental organisations and members of the Asian Youth Council, came together in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on the 19th and 20th May 2015, to explore, discuss and define the priorities and role of Asia's youth in the post-2015 development agenda.

REAFFIRMATION OF EXISTING GLOBAL YOUTH COMMITMENTS

Participants of the 'One Asia' XIII Asian Youth Council General Assembly reaffirm the global community's commitments to youth set forth in the Bali Global Youth Forum Declaration¹, the Colombo Declaration on Youth², and the Baku Commitment to Youth Policies³. The participants of the XIII Asian Youth Council General Assembly have expanded upon these pledges and developed the following commitments and recommendations specific to the issues affecting youth in the Asian region.

GENDER

Commitment 1: Commit to the establishment and strengthening of gender-sensitive national, sub-national and sectoral policies and programs, with specific consideration given to the challenges and issues affecting youth.

Commitment 2: Commit to implementing, improving and funding of nationwide youth friendly prevention, protection and support services for victims of gender-based violence (GBV) through the enactment of GBV laws and regulations, aligned with international standards, and the establishment or improvement of youth friendly legal and support services for victims, such as safe shelters, health, social and psychological services, including prevention and rehabilitation services for perpetrators.

Commitment 3: Commit to implementing and strengthening policies and programmes that increases youth participation in decision-making roles, with particular consideration given to improving access for young women through the establishment of leadership programs, gender sensitive human resource policy implementation and public awareness raising.

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1. Bali Global Youth Forum Declaration 2012
 2. Colombo Declaration on Youth 2014
 3. Baku Commitment to Youth Policies 2014

Recommendations for Action:

- a) Undertake community research on the behaviours, attitudes and perceptions of young people relating to gender-based violence; to support advocacy, awareness raising, community mobilization and educational programmes, as well as legal and policy reforms;
- b) Utilise various educational curricula, including non-formal, such as the UN Women's 'Voices against Violence', for engaging youth and providing them the tools and skills to understand and eradicate the causes of violence in their communities, educate and engage their peers and the community, and learn about support services for victims of violence;
- c) Establish and support leadership and learning networks for young women across areas of education, employment, health, civil, economic and political life, and other effective, evidence-based and results-oriented interventions to promote women's leadership;

HEALTH

Commitment 4: Commit to implementing nation-wide provisions and access to adolescent and youth friendly health services that are sustainable, adequately-funded and staffed, and with standards promoting a holistic, preventative approach to youth health, with specific consideration provided to marginalized, high-risk and vulnerable groups⁴.

Commitment 5: Commit to establishing and strengthening multi-sectoral partnerships between governments, health service providers, private sector and youth-serving and youth-led organisations to ensure partners have the capacity to best respond to and prioritize youth health needs, for mental, physical and psychosocial wellbeing.

Commitment 6: Commit to developing and delivering behaviour change communication on youth-specific health issues and behavioural risks, including but not limited to, engagement through formal and informal educational institutions, health promotion campaigns, health volunteer networks and social media, at the national and sub-national level.

Call to action: As young women and men, we call on our fellow youth to take responsibility to practice healthy lifestyles, choices and behaviours; to act as change agents and leaders for youth health.

4. Marginalized, high-risk and vulnerable groups including, but not limited to LGBTQI, refugees, rural populations, unemployed, out-of-school, sex workers, indigenous, migrants, young people in conflict and emergency situations, young women and adolescent girls, persons with disabilities, substance users, young people living with HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis virus, and young people who have been victims of violence, including gender-based violence.

Recommendations for Action:

- a) Undertake research on youth health related issues, including sexual and reproductive health, so as to advocate and promote accurate information and evidence-based solutions and approaches on youth health issues;
- b) Provide youth-specific education to health service providers so as to increase their capacity to effectively meet youth-friendly health service standards and respond effectively to youth physical and psychosocial health needs;
- c) Create youth-friendly, engaging online platforms and information services on youth health information, education and services.

EDUCATION

Commitment 7: Commit to developing and providing equal and equitable access to education at all levels for youth, with specific consideration given to vulnerable and marginalised groups, through the development of stable, long-term policies and programmes which deliver quality, inclusive and supportive learning environment and opportunities, free from discrimination, abuse and violence.

Commitment 8: Commit to incorporating ethics and life skills education into standard education curriculums and establishing monitoring systems and protection mechanisms that ensure participation, transparency, accountability, and fairness within educational institutes.

Commitment 9: Commit to developing, strengthening and regulating public-private partnerships with educational institutes to institutionalise local and international work experience opportunities, internships and career counselling for youth, thereby ensuring youth are better equipped to meet labour market demands and gain practical, relevant industry skills.

Recommendations for Action:

- a) Promote educational regulation and standardisation to ensure quality education for youth by enforcing internationally recognised curricula standards;
- b) Develop, promote and expand existing international study exchange and scholarship programs, in addition to information and skills sharing networks through youth-friendly communication channels;
- c) Provide skills training to governments and private sector partners on mechanisms and approaches to support youth in formal and non-formal education and employment, including youth-friendly workplace and supportive supervision practices;
- d) Support the decentralization of education opportunities to improve rural youth's access to education opportunities, through provision of incentives for teachers to undertake rural employment and providing priority funding to rural educational institutes, amongst other effective, evidence-based interventions.

EMPLOYMENT

Commitment 10: Commit to developing and strengthening long-term, stable cooperation between governments, educational institutes, youth-serving and youth-led organisations and private sector so as to provide youth with responsive, appropriate and accessible information on specific labour market demands, ensure youth obtain relevant industry

skills, are better connected with the global business network and are internationally competitive.

Commitment 11: Commit to developing and implementing support mechanisms that promote youth employment, including self-employment, entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) for young people, through the establishment of information and services, practical training and learning opportunities, access to credit and linkages with the broader private sector, both nationally and across Asia.

Commitment 12: Commit to developing, implementing and enforcing laws, policies and programmes that support and promote stable, safe, secure and non-discriminatory employment, and youth-friendly working environment for youth, which are aligned with international labour conventions with respect to employment standards and workers' rights of youth.

Recommendations for Action:

- a) Improve youth access to information and opportunities for career guidance, skills development, employment, and entrepreneurship by developing participatory online information platforms, referral and employment promotion services and peer-to-peer mentoring programmes;
- b) Implement and support national and industry-specific, regulated, youth-friendly work experience and volunteering opportunities for youth, with clear implementation standards and protection for participants;
- c) Promote and advocate for the simplification of business and employment regulatory environments so as to foster youth entrepreneurship, and the training and hiring of youth.

YOUTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

Commitment 13: Commit to developing and institutionalising national, holistic, inclusive and progressive youth policies and programmes that uphold the human rights of young people, create an enabling, youth-friendly environment, foster economic opportunities and empower youth, with specific consideration provided to marginalised and vulnerable groups, with dedicated and adequate funding from national and sub-national budgets.

Commitment 14: Commit to the recognition, appreciation and meaningful participation of youth by decision-makers in the development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of youth policies and programmes, in order to ensure their full implementation and impact, free from political influence.

Commitment 15: Commit to adopting an integrated, coordinated and participatory approach and creating a sustainable inter-sectoral mechanism for youth development with clear linkages to economic, social, cultural and other policies that promote complete well-being for youth through targeted interventions addressing youth issues from a human rights perspective.

Recommendations for Action:

- a) Ensure allocation of government budget to competent and qualified youth-led, youth-serving non-profit organisations, to broaden youth leadership, youth protection,

consultation, youth policy development and implementation, research, campaigns and broader youth development;

- b) Organize formal, effective, inter-sectoral, inclusive task forces to develop, design, implement, monitor and evaluate youth policy frameworks, that provide for youth-responsive budgeting, with clear strategies for implementation, and which identify explicit benchmarks and targets for measuring progress on the implementation of the policies;
- c) Develop and implement formal mechanisms for fostering intergovernmental, civil society service coordination, through the establishment of committees and by providing priority funding and support to competent and qualified organisations who participate in interagency coordination on youth issues.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Commitment 16: Commit to developing and implementing responsive, proactive and progressive youth policies through the creation of strong national policy frameworks, establishing dedicated youth agencies and fostering a supportive environment for youth involvement and engagement.

Commitment 17: Commit to promoting and supporting public awareness and advocacy of sustainable development, by utilising youth-friendly engagement activities and accessible communication mediums such as social networks, grass root community engagement and youth friendly education.

Commitment 18: Commit to support youth political participation and civic engagement, at local, national and regional levels, by providing minimum youth representative requirements, establishing youth-supportive environments for participation and engaging with youth-led organisations, so to enable them to play their full part in building stronger, more inclusive and sustainable communities.

Recommendations for Action:

- a) Create and support national funding pools for youth-led and youth-oriented civic engagement initiatives, accessed through transparent and competitive selection;
- b) Create and support accessible formal mechanisms for meaningful participation of young people in matters affecting their interests, both nationally, regionally and locally, focusing on enabling youth to make informed decisions, holding governments accountable, and to be agents of change, by utilising youth-friendly communication mediums, such as social media, peer-to-peer mentoring, and formal and non-formal educational activities;
- c) Establish well-supported and managed nation-wide youth volunteering and leadership programs to promote active citizenship and improve social cohesion.



15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE DECLARATION

“YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO PROGRESS WITHOUT A THREAT”

22ND to 24TH JUNE 2015

KINGS GREEN HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

1 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 We, the 210 young people from 43 countries around the world, attending the 15th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), convened in Melaka from 22nd – 24th June, 2015 for an annual program organized by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY):
- 1.2 **Noting** that children and youth represent the majority of the population in most countries affected by armed conflicts and are thus disproportionately affected by war. More than 1.5 billion people, 40 percent of them being youth, live in countries where levels of criminal violence are on the increase.
- 1.3 **Acknowledging** that suffering of young people bears many faces - they are recruited as child soldiers, are killed and maimed, deprived of education and health care, and separated from their families.
- 1.4 **Recognizing** that conflict is the breeding ground for mass violations of human rights including unlawful killings, torture, forced displacement and starvation.
- 1.5 **Understanding** the world is home to the largest generation of young people in history.
- 1.6 For the past 14 years, MIYD has been focusing on several youth issues which directly or indirectly affect the daily lives of youth. In 2015, the theme for the 15th MIYD was ‘*Youth and Armed Conflict: To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat*’.

The guiding principles for this declaration were based on the following objectives:

- To raise an informative generation on the current situation of youth and armed conflicts with anticipated behaviour adaptation and consequently admission to decision making amongst youth;

- To foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the societies;
- To address the determinants and impact of armed conflicts amongst youth;
- To promote equality of opportunities and facilities between young men and women;
- To formulate the environmental, political, economic and cultural factors that are associated with peace building and disarmaments in ensuring young people's right to live in harmony;
- To ascertain the obligations of society to respect, protect and fulfil the right of young people to live, express and improve themselves without fear and threat.
- To classify the role and the contribution of the national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining resourceful policies in combating armed conflict and promoting sustainable conflict free environment;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing youth and their right to live in peace for the present and future;
- To integrate networking, collaboration and cooperation between public and private sectors, civil societies and other stakeholders to address the issue of youth and armed conflict;

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Participants identified key recommendations for adoption by the public sector, private sector, NGOs, media and youth. In addition, participants established commitments and outcomes in the pursuit of peace among nations and a conflict free generation.
- 2.2 Based on the dialogue, and building on the progress in the implementation of The World Programme of Action for Youth, we call upon the following stakeholders to:

2.1 PUBLIC SECTOR

- 2.1.1 *Train* public officers with the right knowledge and skills in order to execute and sustain policies that would prevent armed conflict and meet the needs of community.
- 2.1.2 *Develop* policies that would address and prevent armed conflict within the country and region.
- 2.1.3 *Establish* a platform that would ensure and serve the bureaucratic interest of the community in a transparent manner.
- 2.1.4 *Maintain* neutrality in conflict resolution for the betterment of society.
- 2.1.5 *Inculcate* in school curriculum the basic values of life on inter-faith, inter-generation, and inter-ethnicity, to avoid conflict.
- 2.1.6 *Invite* all stakeholders to promote entrepreneurship among young people as a tool to prevent youth restiveness and extremism.
- 2.1.7 *Ensure* equity in distribution of information and resources throughout the community.
- 2.1.8 *Create* a new paradigm for just, sustainable and rights based development.

- 2.1.9 *Create* policies that would address fundamental inequalities between young people and inequalities between countries, while promoting rights based approach and putting young people at its centre.
- 2.1.10 *Emphasize* commitment to the wellbeing of young people and the planet.
- 2.1.11 *Include* youth in decision making processes, policy implementation, monitoring and evaluation, in youth related issues.
- 2.1.12 *Ensure* young people's involvement in creating, developing and sustaining of resources that would lead to the betterment of standards of living, in order to avoid any form of conflict.
- 2.1.13 *Ensure* adequate youth activities in development and creation of enabling environments for jobs to promote peace and unity.
- 2.1.14 *Create* robust, transparent, multi-sectorial accountability mechanism at the national level that includes meaningful participation of youth and civil society organizations.

2.2 PRIVATE SECTOR

- 2.2.1 *Invest* and sponsor social activities that would promote peace, unity and progress, at national, regional and global level.
- 2.2.2 *Ensure* that youth are introduced and engaged to the employment opportunities and capacity building activities for the betterment of community.
- 2.2.3 *Partner* up in peace building efforts and positively influence negotiations whenever conflicts arise.
- 2.2.4 *Encourage* partnership with all stakeholders towards youth empowerment and development programmes, including CSR initiatives.
- 2.2.5 *Create* connection between economic and social development for the betterment of youth.

2.3 NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

- 2.3.1 *Sustain* advocacy for transparency and guarantee freedom of speech by government and relevant stakeholders.
- 2.3.2 *Create* platforms to evolve monitoring mechanisms of activities carried out by all stakeholders, in order to avoid conflict.
- 2.3.3 *Initiate* and develop programmes and activities for youth in areas engulfed in armed conflict.
- 2.3.4 *Create* rehabilitative youth activities in post-conflict regions towards sustainable development.
- 2.3.5 *Develop* programmes that would promote commitment to the achievement of human rights and inclusiveness of young people in the process.
- 2.3.6 *Insist* on transparent democratic processes in order to avoid conflict in society.
- 2.3.7 *Encourage* partnership among all stakeholders and promote peace and sustainability
- 2.3.8 *Appoint* youth ambassadors that would propagate peace in conflict and post-conflict areas.
- 2.3.9 *Enhance* communication and cooperation amongst themselves in order to reinforce their effectiveness as participants in the implementation of sustainable development.

2.4 MEDIA

- 2.4.1 *Positive* use of social media; such as promotion of campaigns, creating awareness and information dissemination.
- 2.4.2 *Sharing* important and relevant news in public and private social media accounts, in order to inform the broader public of development concerning issues of Governance, Social-Economic, Security, etc.
- 2.4.3 *Address* the issues of Governance by policy analysis, and ensure that it is accessible to all.
- 2.4.4 *Insist* on objective reporting on youth related issues.
- 2.4.5 *Use* Non-Mainstream media and social media to disseminate rightful information to the society.
- 2.4.6 *Use* media to get across information at all levels, especially the rural areas.
- 2.4.7 *Gather* information and ideas from society with regards to youth issues.
- 2.4.8 *Establish* media platforms that would create and share high-quality education and information, accessible to all.
- 2.4.9 *Promote* transparency and accountability in the government by reminding them to fulfil electoral promises.
- 2.4.10 *Influence* all stakeholders to develop and implement crucial policies that are inclusive for the marginalized, indigenous, disadvantaged and disabled groups.
- 2.4.11 *Set* realistic measures of proper information management to avoid cyber crime among youth.

2.5 YOUTH

- 2.5.1 *Encourage* friendly approaches to overcome misunderstandings of social-economic issues.
- 2.5.2 *Engage* in meaningful activities and promote sustainable development for all.
- 2.5.3 *Discover* and *nurture* talents and potential in order to desist from social violence.
- 2.5.4 *Establish* platforms that would strengthen the role of youth in the decision making process at all levels.
- 2.5.5 *Represent* the positive values and interest of the community in order to avoid violence in their daily life.
- 2.5.6 *Initiate* and engage in peaceful dialogue in the midst of conflict.
- 2.5.7 *Partake* in grassroots development initiatives and promote peace in partnership with all stakeholders.

3 CONCLUSION

We, the participants of the 15th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, acknowledge the importance of a society where the youth should be given the opportunity to express and progress themselves free from fear and threat. Where wars erupt, suffering and hardship invariably follow. We seek to generate youth dialogues and advocate for legislations, policies and programmes at all levels of society in order to achieve peace among all nations, a conflict free generation and inclusion in the consultations of the Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda.

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26TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM 'YOUTH IN MDGs AND POST 2015'



YOUTH DECLARATION 18TH TO 24TH AUGUST 2015 SEOUL AND GOESAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Preamble

71 youth delegates representing 25 countries gathered in Seoul and Goesan, Republic of Korea, to discuss the role of the youth in contributing to the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Despite the remarkable progress and unprecedented levels of global attention and effort seen in the last years, the United Nations (UN), along with the Member States and wider international community, were not able to reach the MDGs goals and targets since their introduction in 2000. As a consequence, the UN announced to set a new agenda at the end of 2015 substituting the MDGs with a post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework.

Although the MDGs were unquestionably well-intentioned, the needs and skills of the youth as well as their empowerment were omitted in the framework, and thus the MDGs failed to recognize the youth as strategic actors in the solution matrix. As the international community prepares itself for the launch of the Post 2015 goals, it is important that youth are included as equal partners in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the framework.

Declaration

Recalling the commitment of the United Nations and its Member States to recognize the youth as an integral part in the development of the Post 2015 Agenda, youth in all their diversity should be considered a strategic capacity building player, allowed to assume responsibilities in the political, economic, and social domains in their countries and communities.

To affirm their commitment to bettering the society and to make an active contribution to the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals building efforts, the participants of this forum present the following recommendations:

MDG 1 Declaration: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

Despite a considerable decrease in the number of people living below the poverty line and the proportion of undernourished people in the world, eradicating extreme poverty and hunger remains a considerable challenge in many developing countries. The youth have the

capacity to play a significant role in eradicating poverty and hunger, contributing profoundly with their innovative and fresh perspectives and actions. As such,

We, the youth, commit ourselves to:

1. Increase activity and involvement in local initiatives related to combating poverty and hunger by:
 - a. Organizing programs such as workshops and/or seminars at universities to raise awareness and call for action
 - b. Using printed documents and mass media to reach wider audience
 - c. Supporting and volunteering with non-governmental organizations active in the field of food distribution and donation
2. Advocate for the establishment of youth-focused forums on global issues and sources of poverty and hunger to be able to actively collaborate with each other, learn about good practices, and find effective solutions within the international community
3. Actively support other initiatives concerning poverty and hunger alleviation, including but not limited to, education, employment, and public health, as poverty remains a structural issue rather than an isolated one:
 - a. Establish after-school seminars at secondary and tertiary level educating wider community about the interconnectedness of such issues
 - b. Call for more engagement in community service programs and other volunteering activities in such areas

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Emphasize the creation and strengthening of social safety net policies for the most marginalized through:
 - a. Cash transfers for the poorest and least skilled, conditional upon participation in retraining workshops and any other skills-enhancing programs
2. Continually strive to invest in measures boosting economic competitiveness and improve employment opportunities to all via:
 - a. Investing in education by creating schools and after-school programs and increasing of the number of quality teaching staff
 - b. Activation of the labor force through vocational programs, especially for the low-skilled women and youth
 - c. Supporting measures improving access and quality of health care, as healthy labor force is a necessary precondition for economic productivity
3. Actively work towards eliminating labor exploitation in all countries, with a special emphasis on children and women by:
 - a. Creating and strengthening legislation on labor conditions and labor exploitation
 - b. Imposing stricter sanctions for not complying with such laws
 - c. Strengthen controlling mechanisms surveying labor conditions in large factories to ensure adequate working conditions
4. Continue to support civil society measures and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that actively promote poverty and hunger alleviating initiatives by:
 - a. Holding fundraising activities, e.g. concerts, sports events, and other related events

- b. Drawing civilians' attention to NGOs activities through increased and non-biased media coverage
 - c. Creating special government-supported funds dedicated to combating poverty and hunger
5. Invest in rebuilding programs in poverty- and violence-stricken areas to help affected communities heal and recover

MDG 2 Declaration: To Achieve Universal Primary Education

Universal access to education is necessary to ensure the right to self-realization and social-economic mobility for all. However, as access to education and quality of education systems vary across countries, there is a pressing need to find solutions to such issues. As such,

We, the youth commit ourselves to:

1. Actively engage in awareness raising measures regarding the importance of primary education, especially for girls, the poor, and children living in rural areas by:
 - a. Promoting and engaging in clubs or other related activities aiming to improve access to education for the communities in need
 - b. Organizing events and door-to-door initiatives in rural and remote regions
 - c. Create online databases with free access to primary level learning material to children and their families
 - d. Creating and spreading promotional videos and other measures underscoring the importance of education
2. Contribute to the creation and strengthening of educational facilities and materials for every child by:
 - a. Supporting the establishment of nation-wide "academic resource banks" collecting books and other learning material from graduates and distribute them to students unable to afford such items
 - b. Forming an alumni network that strives to improve facilities of their respective schools via giving donations, organizing crowd-funding activities, or volunteering
 - c. Ensuring that funds or donation received are directed through the right channels and actually reach the individuals in need by strictly monitoring the management of finances

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Increase accessibility to schools, regardless of region or remoteness of the settlement via:
 - a. Ensuring that more schools are constructed in rural settlements
 - b. Providing transportation to and from school for cases whereby the above cannot apply
 - c. Providing free meals at school for the poorest students to avoid potential drop outs to child labor
 - d. Fund schemes that support low-income families to pay for school expenses
 - e. Create an online database with school materials and videos accessible to all children
2. Improve the general quality of primary education for all by:
 - a. Ensuring that teachers are regularly retrained and adequately compensated.

- b. Providing monetary and non-monetary incentives to motivate teachers to work in remote and underdeveloped areas.
 - c. Distributing materials and organize events that facilitate learning and growth for children even outside of schools that invigorate public interest in education and minimize the risk of dropouts at primary school level, for example via:
 - i. Inter-regional quiz competitions
 - d. Supporting volunteer teachers
 - e. Promoting interdisciplinary learning among students and engaging students in extracurricular activities
3. Increase engagement centered on the eradication of child labor to increase the proportion of children to attend school instead via:
 - a. Providing families with a steady flow of income conditional upon the children's attendance at school
 - b. Strengthening the sanction and penalty system for violating laws banning child labor
 - c. Creating awareness via media and campaign denouncing child labor
 4. Call on tertiary educational institutions to implement compulsory credit schemes for students to engage in community service, such as teaching assistance in underdeveloped regions

MDG 3 Declaration: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

This council understands Gender Equality as equality of rights, motivation, safety, and freedom of choice for both genders regardless of their age, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual preference, and health state, under all of the political, economic, cultural, social, and health domains.

In order to empower women and remove gender-based stereotypes, while ensuring the inclusiveness of both genders, youth and society constitute the matrix of the solution. As such,

We, the youth commit ourselves to:

1. Actively participate in actions raising awareness and promoting gender equality across their various domains, to both create, and later sustain a fair and just culture within our society. By actions we suggest:
 - a. Establishing initiatives and youth clubs that empower women and target gender related issues, while collaborating with governmental bodies and private sector to amplify positive impact
 - b. Organizing public educational campaigns within schools and universities
 - c. Promoting employment opportunities for women, including self-employment
 - d. Share young role models' success stories
2. Support survivors of gender-based discrimination, inequality, or violence. This can involve:
 - a. Collect donations to fund counseling programs for the survivors in rehabilitation centers
 - b. Organize seminars and cultural events to address the negative impact gender inequality may cause

3. Endorse the engagement of men, boys and families as agents of change in promoting gender equality and preventing and condemning violence against women and girls.

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Restructure and enforce laws and policies to promote the eradication of gender based violence and inequality, by which we mean:
 - a. Reviewing crime laws and extend punishments for sexual or gender-based crimes
 - b. Extending labor laws to ensure just rights and fair wages for all women and men
 - c. Reviewing the access to education systems with particular focus on equal involvement of males and females in formal and informal education.

MDG 4 Declaration: Reduce Child Mortality

Reducing the mortality rate among children is necessary in order to ensure sustainable growth in each country and building a successful society. Despite global efforts, around 6 million children under the age of five do not survive, and a full one third of those deaths occur due to severe malnutrition. As such,

We, the youth, commit to:

1. Raising awareness on the importance of breastfeeding and intensive care for infants, especially in high risk areas through:
 - a. Promoting the establishment of health camps supported by the government and NGOs
 - b. Creating video and other interactive campaigns demonstrating correct healthcare practices to communities suffering from high rates of child mortality

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Focus more on building high-tech, evidence-based, cost-effective measures, such as vaccinations and antibiotics, especially in remote areas
2. Encourage safe practices among pregnant women by teaching them about the importance of regular visits of the healthcare establishments to ensure smooth pregnancy
3. Promoting and investing in proper hygienic, sanitation, and cost-effective water supply initiatives, particularly in remote areas to ensure access to clean water to all, especially young children and their mothers
4. Ensuring allocation of high-quality food, vitamin and other nutritional supplements in remote areas in order to prevent malnutrition among infants and young children

MDG 5 Declaration: Improve Maternal Health

Maternal health refers to the health of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. Protecting the health of all mothers is a prerequisite for the delivery of healthy babies and plays a vital role in the stability of a family. As such,

We, the youth, commit ourselves to:

1. Volunteer at community service organizations that serve pregnant women

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Recognize maternal and child care as a national priority by:
 - a. Creating and implementing a national plans for scaling maternal health services through building and modernizing existing infrastructure, including:
 - i. Human resources, transport and communication systems
 - a. Ensuring that health insurance coverage includes a robust coverage of care for pregnant women and their newborns
 - b. Ensuring accessibility of maternal services for all women, particularly women from communities who have been historically disadvantaged in accessing said services
 - c. Setting a legal framework for assigning outreach doctors to distant areas
 - d. Building partnership initiatives with civil society institutions, health providers, and the media to optimize resources management and coordinated child care and minimize bureaucratic redundancies
 - e. Providing early education to young women to avoid unwanted pregnancies
 - f. Increasing the availability and quality of training courses for midwives to ensure that high quality child-birth care is standardized and widely available
2. Support research and development programs to gain new insight and innovative solutions to maternal health-related problem

MDG 6 Declaration: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Other Diseases

The international community has made a considerable progress towards achieving the goals set under the Millennium Development Goal 6. The incidence rate of HIV, malaria and tuberculosis infections have decreased worldwide since 2000. Nevertheless, challenges still persist in the Sub-Saharan African region that reports 99% of all deaths caused by preventable diseases. As such,

We, the youth, commit ourselves to:

1. Continue to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases both physically at public spaces and educational institutions and virtually on online platforms, especially in areas where as knowledge about HIV, HIV prevention, and other diseases remain low through:
 - a. Creating teams of young peer educators to spread knowledge in local communities
 - b. Creating user-friendly picture manuals to materials such as malaria safety nets to ensure proper usage
 - c. Door-to-door local initiatives
 - d. Digital channels of communication
2. Actively contribute to decrease the instances of disease infection by promoting responsible behavior by educating youth on sexual and reproductive health and rights through a peer education program

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Promote scientific and technological research in order for the youth to be able to develop innovative tools to collect data, find relative treatments, preventive measures,

and educate society about the existence of HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other diseases by:

- a. Actively encouraging social entrepreneurship and creation of basic entrepreneurship courses
- b. Creating and supporting health-focused internship programs at local clinics
2. Strengthen health care systems by:
 - a. Making healthcare accessible and affordable
 - b. Improving the quality of provided services
 - c. Increasing the qualifications of medical personnel
 - d. Developing and evaluating health technologies and practices
 - e. Supporting initiatives focused on improvement of public health
3. Improve global partnership for collecting data on patient monitoring and the spread of infectious diseases to curb the growing appearance of drug-resistant diseases by:
 - a. Sharing technology know-how and providing medical assistance to countries with weaker health care systems
 - b. Matching developing countries and developed countries one by one to cooperate with each other
4. Actively encourage an inclusive intergenerational dialogue and partnership between the local, national, and international community among the youth and adults (such as community leaders and elders) via:
 - a. Public speakers series at popular public places and educational institutions
 - b. Strategic use of mass media and social media networks

MDG 7 Declaration: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Environmental sustainability aims to protect the needs of the present generation without affecting the fate of the future one, where the solutions should simultaneously address environmental and economic problems. Environmental sustainability measures have to be integrated into country policies and programs in order to reverse the loss of resources, reduce biodiversity loss, and guarantee a viable planet for the generations to come. As such,

We, the youth, commit ourselves to:

1. Engage in voluntary activities such as:
 - a. Participating in local and global environmental events
 - b. Engaging in youth-led environmental organizations
 - c. Organizing campaigns that promote environment-friendly behavior
 - d. Exploring and developing creative ideas that may lead to eco-friendly inventions

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Play an active role in decision making in the field of environment by serving as a supervisory role of government policies.
2. Recognize the importance of environmental sustainability because it is crucial to be informed about the current issues in order to find effective solutions. It is viable to reach the objective by:
 - a. Organizing local educational seminars and/or forums

- b. Inviting environmental scientists and/or experts to share ideas with the wider community
 - c. Supporting environmental research institutions
 - d. Internalizing environmental sustainability in educational systems
 - e. Opening science centers that provide direct interaction with the environment for children.
 - f. Promoting environmental campaigns about local pollution and other environmental issues
3. Promote active participation in environmental activities, such as:
- a. Green idea competitions
 - b. Weekly trash-picking
 - c. Tree planting Challenges (i.e. ice-bucket challenge)
 - d. Green cooperatives for increasing the expansion of renewable energies; (PIMBY: Please in my backyard)
 - e. Use rechargeable batteries and solar panel installations
 - f. 3Rs (Reuse, Reduce, Recycle)

MDG 8 Declaration: Global Partnership for Development

Official development assistance (ODA) has slowed down in recent years, after increasing significantly in the first decade of the new millennium. Thus, greater funding and innovation are crucial to the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. As such,

We, the youth commit ourselves to:

1. Playing an active role in global partnerships for development through:
 - a. Being aware of current development issues by participating in NGOs and non-commercial organizations
 - b. Taking part in sharing information of development goals and partnership through:
 - i. Social media and other digital communication sources
 - ii. Participating in exchange programs
 - c. Encouraging the international community to adopt the United Nations Official development assistance (ODA) targets of 0.7 per cent in order to ensure sustainable development
2. Working together to build better global partnerships for development through one of the following:
 - a. Encouraging partnerships both locally and globally through the internet and all other channels of communication
 - b. Participating in seminars, training, and youth conferences

We, the youth, call on our governments and societies to:

1. Improve cross-sectoral communication between non-governmental organizations to better coordinate activities and avoid overlap by:
 - a. Building a committee monitoring the cooperation between organizations
 - b. Working together with the governments of respective countries and society in general by exposing actual problems to government organizations

2. Allow active participation of the civil society in government budget planning and monitoring of budget expenditure to ensure sound governance and fiscal management:
 - a. Enabling civil society organizations to expose potential cases of corruption and misuse of public funds, and/or openly receive complaints or reports on projects
 - b. Permitting civil society leaders to participate in budget planning sessions
 - c. Improving the channels of communication between the government and civil society organization members during the drafting of the budget for development projects
 - d. Making periodic governmental reports on the projects
 - e. Improving access to information on such projects
3. Cooperation between corporations that share production lines is an efficient way to reduce expenses and cultivate small businesses. Governments and organizations should establish and/or organize networks between companies in the same industrial field by:
 - a. Promoting co-development of new technologies to streamline the process
 - b. Organizing joint meetings and exchange of information
 - c. Making industrial clusters (like business districts) including research venues

**EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON INTERNATIONAL OCCURENCE
YOUTH PATRIOTISM ASPIRATION OF MELAKA (APBM)
FINDINGS-REPORT ON THE MY WORLD SURVEY AND SDGs QUIZ
TAMING SARI TOWER, BANDAR HILIR, MELAKA
13TH SEPTEMBER 2015**



MY World Global Survey Report

MY World is a United Nations global survey for citizens. Working with partners, The United Nations aim to capture people’s voices, priorities and views, so that world leaders can be informed as they begin the process of defining the next set of global goals. Over 8.5 million people have shared their perspectives on the new agenda on MY World. This would not be possible without the hundreds of partners who enabled the UN to listen to millions of people’s voices, including those of many who don’t often get any say in global debates. A bold new global agenda to end poverty by 2030 and pursue a sustainable future was unanimously adopted on September 25th 2015 by the 193 Member States of the United Nations.

Through creative online and offline methods, MY World asks individuals which six of sixteen possible issues they think would make the most difference to their lives. The sixteen issues have been built up from the priorities expressed by poor people in existing research and polling exercises and they cover the existing Millennium Development Goals, plus issues of sustainability, security, governance and transparency.

On 13th of September 2015 the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) distributed my world survey to participants who attended the Aspirasi Patriotisme Belia Melaka (APBM) event which took place at Melaka Taming Sari, Malaysia. At the end 99 participants filled the survey. The data below described the result of the survey.

Result of the Survey

The Gender of the Participants

Male	20%
Female	79%

The Age Group of the Participants

2001- 2010	16%
1991 - 2000	62%
1981 - 1990	10%
1970 - 1980	1%
No response (Did not state their state)	9%

The Countries of the Participants

Malaysia	95%
No response (Did not state their state)	4%

States in Malaysia Where the Participants Were From

Melaka	75%
Sabah	5%
Johor	1%
Penang	1%
Selangor	1%
Perak	1%
No response (Did not state their state)	15%

Education Background of the Participants

Some primary	27%
Finished primary	9%
Finished secondary	32%
Beyond secondary	14%
No response (Did not state their state)	17%

Overview of the Most Important Things Chosen by the Participants

Better job opportunities	64%
A good education	86%
Better health care	74%
Affordable and nutritious food	33%
Support for people who can't work	22%

Freedom from discrimination and persecution	22%
Access to clean water and sanitation	25%
Reliable energy at home	22%
Action take non-climate change	10%
Protecting forests, rivers and oceans	35%
An honest and responsive government	41%
Better transport and roads	36%
Protection against crime and violence	30%
Equality between men and women	7%
Phone and internet access	42%
Political freedoms	17%
ADD YOUR OWN	0%

The Six Most Important Thing Chosen by the Participants

Better job opportunities	64%
A good education	86%
Better health care	74%
An honest and responsive government	41%
Better transport and roads	36%
Phone and internet access	42%

The Six Less Important Things Chosen by the Participants

Support for people who can't work	22%
Freedom from discrimination and persecution	22%
Reliable energy at home	22%
Action taken on climate change	10%
Equality between men and women	7%
Political freedoms	17%

Conclusion

In conclusion the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) will try it's possible best to tackle these issues especially the six most important issues which are better job opportunities, a good education, better healthcare, an honest and responsive government, better transport and roads and phone and internet access. The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) will also like to encourage the government, the private sector, the Media, other NGOs and also the youth to put hands together and work in the same direction to tackle these issues.

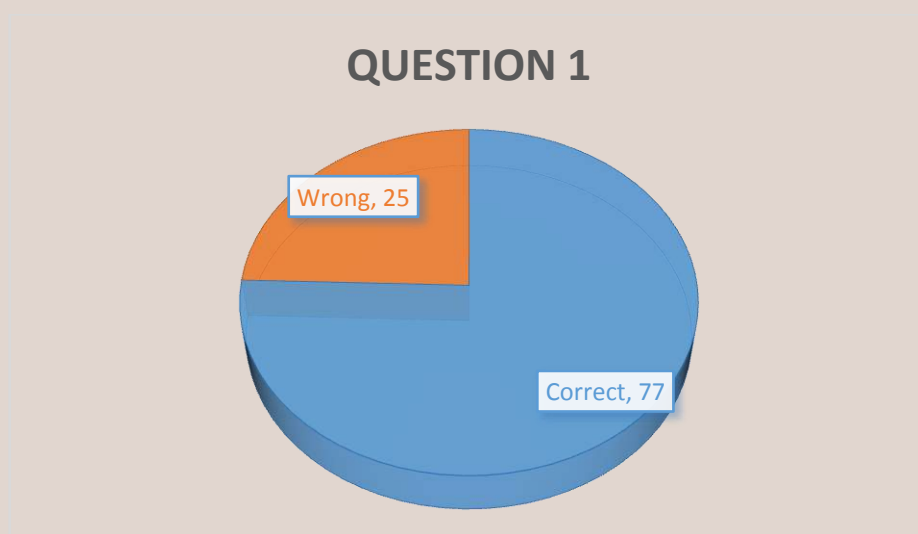
QUIZ REPORT

The Educational Campaign on International Phenomena

On 13th of September 2015 the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) distributed a ten question quiz to participants who attended the Aspirasi Patriotisme Belia Melaka (APBM) event which took place at Melaka Taming Sari, Malaysia. At the end 102 participants answered the quiz. The data below described the result of the quiz.

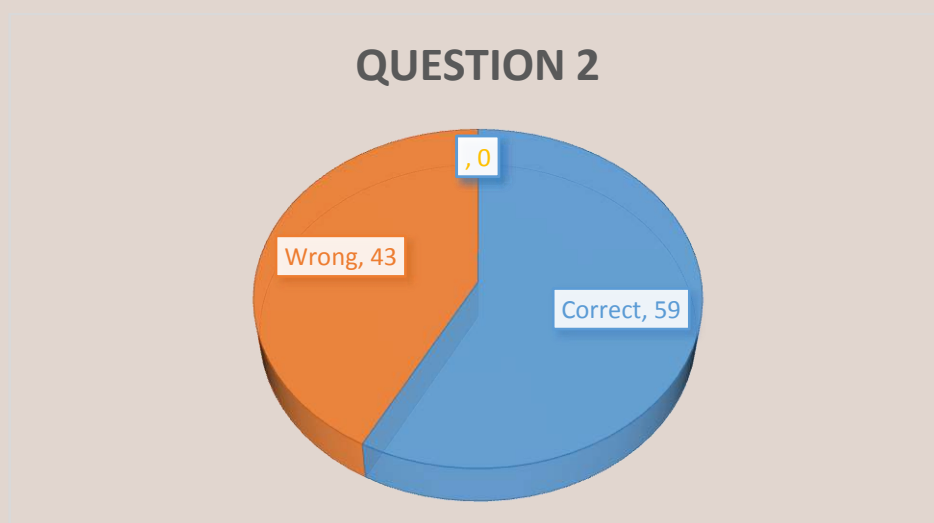
Question 1: Who is the secretary general of the United Nations currently?

Answer: Ban ki Moon



Question 2: Which year was United Nations founded

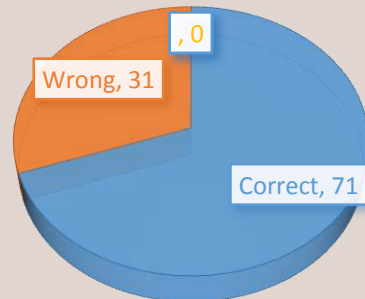
Answer: 1945



Question 3: Which year was the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) founded?

Answer: 1949

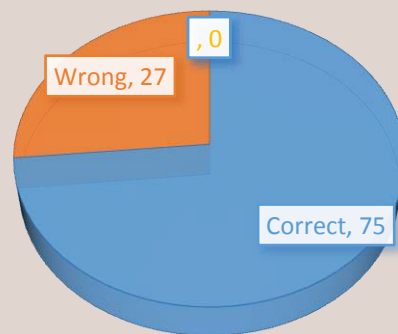
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Question 4: What is the slogan of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY)?

Answer: In the service of youth since 1949

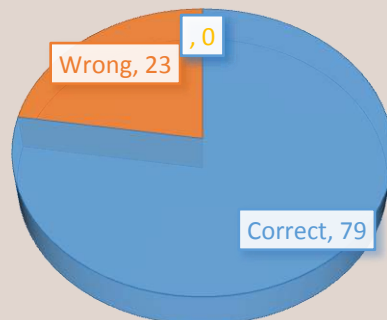
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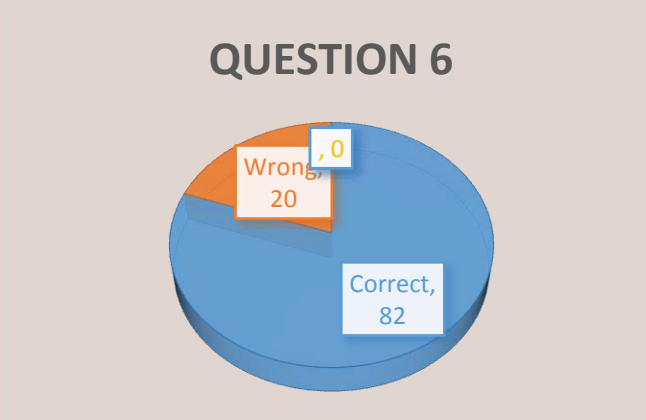
Question 5: Where is WAY headquarters currently?

Answer: Melaka, Malaysia

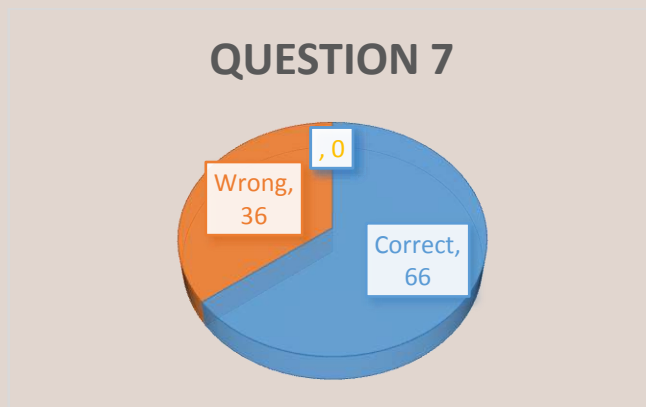
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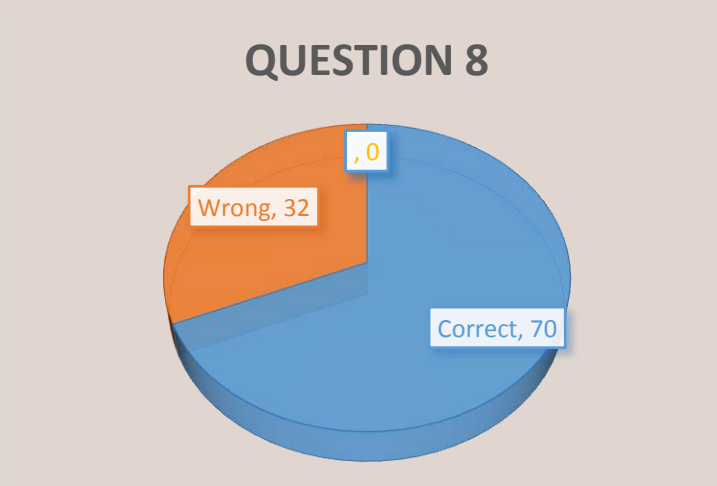
Question 6: Beside well-known for its Baba Nyonya culture, Melaka becomes main attraction of international tourists. What is the main reason of Melaka’s popularity?
Answer: Historical City recognized by UNESCO



Question 7: What does SDGs stand for?
Answer: Sustainable Development Goals



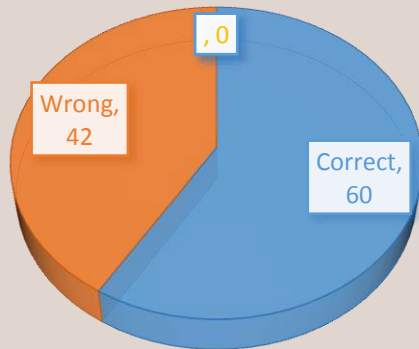
Question 8: How many goals are in SDGs that has been agreed consensually by 193 countries?
Answer: 17 goals



Question 9: SDGs are meant to replace MDGs which will be expired at the end of 2015. What does MDGs stand for?

Answer: Millennium Development Goals

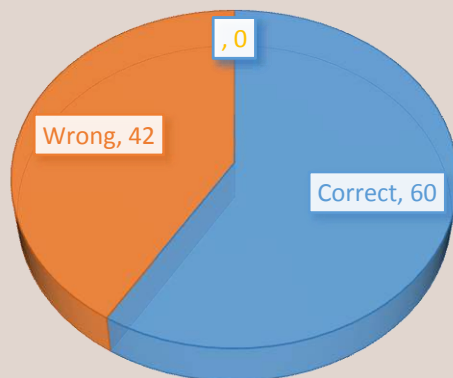
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Question 10: When the adoption of the SDGs will be held?

Answer: September 2015

QUESTION 10



Conclusion

The main objective of these questions was to test the participant's knowledge and also educate them at the same time about these international phenomena. Creating awareness and educating the youth is one of the strategies applied by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in tackling youth issues. The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) will also like to encourage all sectors to develop the habit of educating the youth because knowledge is power.



THE FIRST ANNUAL WAY-DCIS-LEAD INTERNATIONAL TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND ARTS FEST

'IT IS TIME TO SHIFT'

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

7TH – 10TH OCTOBER 2015

AURARIA CAMPUS, DENVER CO.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Background

Chet W. Sisk, founder of LEAD Leadership Development and the Leadership Development Specialist for the World Assembly of Youth, along with Dr. Dan Lutz, the founder of The Denver Center for International Studies in Denver, Colorado, held a series of discussions between them on ways of helping young people become leaders more in keeping with the technological, philosophical and economic changes in the world. From those discussions, Sisk and Lutz created a non-profit organization called CO-LEAD in 2014. This organization was dedicated to three central themes: 1. Sharing information to emerging leaders about the global paradigm shift and how this shift will affect how the world operates. 2. Develop new leadership models among young people that reflected the dramatic changes in the world so that the leadership models are based on 21st century knowns instead of 20th century concepts and ideas. 3. Further increase global competency among young adults in our sphere of influence. From the development of CO-LEAD, came the proposal of a conference that would feature a collaborative virtual internship leading up to the gathering. The conference would be in partnership with the World Assembly of Youth and would invite WAY members along with Denver Center for International Studies to attend. The conference was held October 7th & 8th on the University of Colorado Auraria campus in Denver, Colorado.

1.1 Opening and Closing of the Project.

The conference project formally opened in the summer of 2014 which allowed Chet W. Sisk to share the intent of the project with WAY members at the WAY conference in Tirana, Albania in December of 2014. The project was formally closed October 10th after all attendees returned home and the conference was concluded. The basic

outputs of the conference were delivered, the closing date was reached and the budget was expended.

Highlights and Innovations

Some of the highlights and innovations of the conference include the following:

We created online virtual internships that paired Denver Centre for International Studies members with World Assembly of Youth members. These internship teams would tackle specific issues in the world and create a team solution that can be practically applied in the world.

We introduced the members of WAY and DCIS to ideas surrounding a dramatic shift in how the world operates. We have labelled this the current world paradigm shift. The current world paradigm shift includes:

- The emergence of the Sharing Economy, where we share more than we own, which reduces consumer debt and makes more things within reach of more people.
- The emergence of Bitcoin and other open source monetary units, which will allow more individuals to do trade and commerce around the world.
- The emergence of Ubuntu or connectedness as a world philosophy. This philosophy is in keeping with the emerging technology which indicates collaboration is a more effective and efficient way to manage things in the world.
- The rise of Social Entrepreneurship that emphasizes new companies must combine doing good (social responsibility) with doing well (profits).

We introduced a new avenue for the US to be more regularly engaged with the WAY membership. We feel this is critical at a time when world tensions can lead to less contact. We believe this is a time for more.

Project Performance

Our planned performance of the conference did not match the actual outcome. There were several challenges that affected the performance.

- a. The issuance of VISAs for participants who were coming from other countries. This primarily had to do with CO-LEAD's unfamiliarity with the process and our lack of communication with WAY in order to help us manage this.

- b. Funding from local sources. Our local funding efforts for the conference were short of what we needed to pull off the conference more effectively.
- c. Our staff organization was an area that could have been developed more effectively in order to manage the many variables that putting on a conference of this magnitude required including our communication with WAY.
- d. Members of one of the participating DCIS schools experienced challenges in getting to the conference and thus, were not able to present.

There were several pluses that helped the conference actualize some exceptional success,

- a. We invited members of World Denver as well as The University of Colorado to attend the conference. The energy they brought to the event helped empower our students who were presenting.
- b. The presentations by many of the DCIS students on the issues they were well received by the attending audience. The question and answer session was particularly strong and informative.
- c. Several of the participating DCIS students mentioned how much the information we introduced to them concerning new leadership models and the trends transforming the world have changed their thinking and their future career and life plans.
- d. One of our teams managed to utilize Google Hangout and have communication with WAY members and established dialogue on their projects.

Performance against Objectives

In assessing our performance against objectives, we can say that we missed several significant benchmarks:

- a. We did not create all of the successful teams we sought to create. Only 1 out of the 7 successfully created ongoing conversations between WAY and DCIS members. The objective was to create seven groups that would have online conversations and then would present at the conference their recommendations.
- b. The revised objective before the conference began was to have 150 members who would all be members of the individual global teams. All total from the two days of the conference, we had 67 participants.

- c. We initially set out to obtain \$150,000 in funding, based on the comps provided to me from WAY. However, our funding efforts fell short due to the relative newness of our organization, CO-LEAD to the non-profit funding community. They were not familiar with our work, which presented an obstacle in developing funding relationships.

Performance against Schedule

In assessing our performance against schedule, we were able to achieve some timely goals.

- a. The date for the conference was set for October 6 months out, so we were able to keep that date.
- b. It would have worked in our favour to start the invitation to the conference sooner so that potential attendees could have started their VISA process much earlier to provide time to resolve any conflicts.

Performance against Budget

All of our major budget expenses were in-kind from the University of Colorado-Denver. While we were short in our fund raising efforts to accommodate a larger gathering, we were able to cover the expenses of the smaller gathering.

Lessons Learnt

In order to find out more of the areas of the conference that worked and what could be improved, we provided the DCIS attendees an evaluation form of the event. They provided us with these basic recommendations:

- a. Explain more about the nature of the conference.
- b. Provide more details about each subject matter to be covered by each team.
- c. Help resolve the VISA challenges early so that the member to member connection could be focused on the subject matter rather than on VISA applications.

Chet has performed informal surveys with WAY members who ran into VISA issues before the conference. Here is what was recommended to him:

- a. Start the VISA process earlier to help resolve conflicts.
- b. Provide a stamped letter for the VISA which would expedite the process.
- c. Get information out about the conference much earlier.

Recommendations

Here are the recommendations that we have arrived at for a future conference we'd like to bring to the US in 2017.

1. Come to an agreement with WAY to handle all registration and VISA arrangements with attendees from other countries.
2. Have a complete staff and infrastructure in place by the fourth quarter of 2016 to manage the conference and to maintain our communication with WAY.
3. Leverage our new 501 (c)3 status to start raising funds in 2016 for the conference in 2017.
4. Meet our budgetary goal by first quarter of 2017 in order to have the conference by fourth quarter 2017.
5. Attend several WAY conferences and events in 2016 to socialize and re-introduce the conference to members.
6. Create 60 Day Internships leading up to the conferences that would include DCIS and WAY members.

With these recommended changes to our strategy, we are certain that the second CO-LEAD/WAY event will be an even greater success in 2017.

PRESS RELEASE ON WAY SATELLITE EVENT



'Youth Role in Marching Towards Attainment of the Global Goals'

**20th October 2015 @ 08.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.
Casuarina @ Meru Hotel, Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan**

PUSAT KERJAYA AMANJAYA – PRESS RELEASE



**PUSAT KERJAYA
AMANJAYA**

Satellite Event in Conjunction 'Pangkor International Development Dialogue'

Pusat Kerjaya Amanjaya (PeKA) is one of Perak state initiatives which was aspired by Menteri Besar Perak, Dato' Seri Di Raja Dr. Zambry. The main objective of PeKA being created is mainly to solve unemployment issue in the state. PeKA was established officially on 21st March 2011 to train, assist and equipping graduates with the quality needed for their future employment. PeKA's core mission is crating job opportunities and job matching thus, increasing quality of life for all Perakians. Through PeKA, graduates and youth that are unemployed will get the full spectrum of anything related to career opportunities and will be ready to enter the ever competitive world of job market.

Under Y.B. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Datuk Yahya, Youth Sports and Human Resources Committee Chairman, PeKA sponsoring one of the 'Satellite Event' programs that mainly focused on youth development in Perak. This program will be organized by 'World Assembly of Youth' which will bring 3 international speakers to discuss the topic of 'Youth Role in Marching towards Attainment of the Global Goals'. Forty participants consist of Heads of Youth NGOs and students from local universities will be participating in this prestigious event.

At the same time, PeKA will bring forward 5 companies to interview job seekers that are coming to this program. There will be more than five (5) thousand job vacancies made available from various positions and industries during this program.

PeKA will also be organizing a forum session on the 20th October 2015 and will be attended by final semester students from both private and public colleges. Three key speakers will be invited from the local industries to discuss job marketability issues among youth. Through this program, it is hoped that youth can focus on enhancing their knowledge and skills in paving their career pathway.



IFNGO YOUTH HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WORKSHOP

YOUTH RESOLUTION

15TH - 18TH NOVEMBER 2015

**PLKN JAYA GEMILANG CAMP, A' FAMOSA RESORT, MELAKA,
MALAYSIA**

We, the participants of *IFNGO Youth Healthy Lifestyle Workshop*, organised by the Malaysian National Association Against Drug Abuse (PEMADAM) in collaboration with the Malay and Islamic World Secretariat (DMDI) and the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), assembled from 15th to 18th November 2015 in the PLKN Gemilang Jaya Camp, A'Famosa, Melaka, Malaysia.

We acknowledge that increase in violence behaviour, dropping out of schools, unhealthy life style and destruction of families, are some of the side effects and causes of drug abuse. Therefore, we realise that time has come for young people to take action, as they are prominent role players and productive contributors towards a healthy environment and sustainable society.

After participating in plenary sessions, group discussions, workshops and field trips, we, the participants, of IFNGO Youth Healthy Lifestyle Workshop, call upon young people and all stakeholders to consider the following:

PUBLIC SECTOR

- To encourage every individual, inclusive of public sector, private sector, NGOs, media and family to conduct training, workshops and programmes for awareness on drugs abuse;
- To coordinate an exclusive control over the manufactures, sales and availability of legal intoxicants including tobacco and alcohol;
- To enforce the laws or implement policies that forbid smoking in public areas;
- To conduct annual or semi-annual mandatory urine tests for students and employers in order to identify individuals that use drugs;
- To establish fundraising programmes in order to conduct research on drugs abuse prevention and treatment;
- To enforce strict punishment for drug dealers and suppliers;

PRIVATE SECTOR

- To increase the percentage of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in order to support activities against drugs abuse;
- To establish, partake and strengthen the partnership amongst other stakeholders in the fight against drugs abuse;
- To minimise harmful and addictive substances in the manufacturing of cigarettes;

NGOs

- To establish organisations in the educational institutions that shall empower youth in battling against drug abuse;
- To intensify civic education on the consequences and disadvantages caused by drugs abuse;
- To partner with other stakeholders in providing treatment, rehabilitation and support to former drugs abusers;
- To design and implement more awareness programmes and activities on drugs related matters, by the youth, for the youth;
- To utilise all forms of media in order to bring awareness on drugs abuse in the society;

SOCIETY

- To establish a community-based organisation that aims to fight against drugs abuse;
- To set up neighbourhood watch that patrols their respective community for drugs dealers and users;
- To organise activities and campaigns in order to promote drugs abuse-free lifestyle at all levels of society;
- To nurture healthy lifestyle by being responsibly attentive towards the effects, dangers and disadvantages of abusing drugs or toxic substances;

MEDIA

- To increase the standard of film filtering in minimizing the show of drugs abuse in the movies;
- To have artistic advertising campaign in order to encourage healthy lifestyle among all;
- To use popular celebrity (icon) in order to promote healthy lifestyle;
- To conduct and broadcast sessions with former drug abusers, in order for them to share their journey and advise youth accordingly;

FAMILY

- To encourage parents to educate their children on the dangers and effects of drugs abuse;

- To encourage parents to be a great role model in practicing healthy lifestyle in their daily life;
- To motivate family members in providing support and encouragement to members that are drug addict, as they undergo rehabilitation;
- To encourage each family member to always be aware of other members' activities in order to protect each other from wrongdoing;

We conclude, in order for the above recommendations to be met by young people and all stakeholders, that the active involvement and partnership of all stakeholders is pivotal. We further invite a continued commitment of young people and all stakeholders in the fight against drugs abuse.

Together, we can and will achieve healthy lifestyle for all!

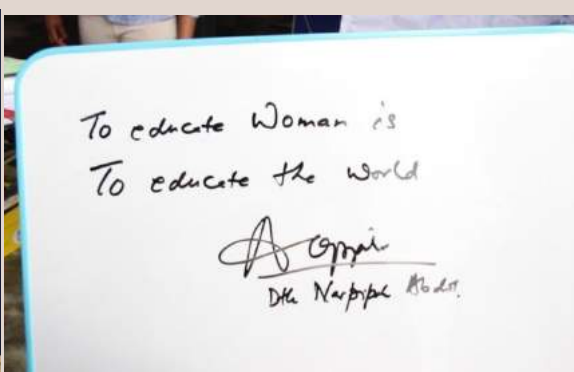
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Melaka, Malaysia on 17th November 2015



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AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN
SUBMARINE MUSEUM, MELAKA, MALAYSIA
8TH MARCH 2015



GLOBAL MONEY WEEK
AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN
8TH AND 14TH MARCH 2015
MELAKA AND PAHANG, MALAYSIA



YOUTH RUN: FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABILITY
18TH APRIL 2015
MELAKA RIVER SQUARE
MELAKA, MALAYSIA



15TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
“YOUTH AND ARMED CONFLICT: TO EXPRESS WITHOUT A FEAR, TO
PROGRESS WITHOUT A THREAT”
22ND to 24TH JUNE 2015
KINGS GREEN HOTEL, MELAKA



EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON INTERNATIONAL OCCURRENCE
YOUTH PATRIOTISM ASPIRATION OF MELAKA (APBM)
13TH SEPTEMBER 2015
TAMING SARI TOWER, BANDAR HILIR, MELAKA



THE FIRST ANNUAL WAY-DCIS-LEAD INTERNATIONAL
TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND ARTS FEST
'IT IS TIME TO SHIFT'
7TH – 10TH OCTOBER 2015
AURARIA CAMPUS, DENVER CO.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



WAY SATELLITE EVENT
'YOUTH ROLE IN MARCHING TOWARDS ATTAINMENT OF THE GLOBAL
GOALS'

20TH OCTOBER 2015 @ 08.30 A.M. TO 01.00 P.M.
CASUARINA @ MERU HOTEL, IPOH, PERAK DARUL RIDZUAN



**WAY WORKSHOP
'YOUTH STAND AGAINST DRUGS ABUSE'
16TH NOVEMBER 2015
2. 30 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.
PLKN GEMILANG JAYA CAMP, A'FAMOSA, MELAKA**





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