

**SPEECH BY MISS EDIOLA PASHOLLARI**  
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**AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE**  
**WORLD YOUTH COMPLEX & WAY HEADQUARTER**  
**12 December 2009**  
**WAY HQ, Melaka, Malaysia**

Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka  
and the President of the World Assembly of Youth

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WAY Executive Committee Members,

Representatives of WAY member organisations,

WAY 60<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration participants,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen: Good Morning.

Welcome to World Assembly of Youth Headquarters!

This special day marks another historic milestone in the life of WAY. For today we shall officially launch the headquarters of WAY. We are ever so grateful that this land was donated and designated for the purpose of Youth Work. Youth work and addressing youth issues are the driving factor behind all the work that is done here in this place.

In the year 2000, the ground breaking ceremony was done by Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamed the then Prime Minister of Malaysia. Finally, WAY moved in November 2005 and the successful establishment of WAY Headquarter and its entire program in the short space of only 4 years is unprecedented in the annals of WAY.

Today we are not just officially launching this building as the new Headquarters of WAY but also the World Youth Complex. The building housed the World Assembly of Youth Headquarter, the World Youth Foundation and the World Youth Institute.

Since being located here I have had the opportunity to build many relationships with the youth leaders here in Melaka and in Malaysia as a whole. There had been great and meaningful opportunities for us all to be involved in their programs and helping them achieved their goals.

Working alongside the youths of the world has been the core of our existence. Another great opportunity is working with the many NGO's that

are present in Malaysia. They have been a great help to us with their source of information.

We are also in the process of building the World Youth Hotel.

Up to this point we have built the Youth Hostel and it is being rented to students studying in the Tertiary Institutions here in Melaka. In having the World Youth Hotel it will allow Youth leaders, representative and participants from around the world to stay when they attend the WAY events.

We are also looking at the feasibility of building a hall that can accommodate between 500 – 1000 people, so that we could house the many programs that are held yearly here in Melaka. WAY has hosted many world youth leaders and will continue to do so. Thus, having this hall will be a great benefit to all concerned.

Ladies and Gentlemen, once again I thank you all for coming this morning to celebrate this historic event with us. I also thank you for all your support throughout the years and for all your involvement.

Our door is always open to hear your desire and dreams and plans for your youth organization. We are here to serve you, to assist you and help to promote your program so that we can achieve the dreams one Youth- One – World – We are the World. So, do come and visit us anytime.

Now I would like to invite Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka and the President of the World Assembly of Youth to officially launch the headquarters of WAY by cutting the ribbon.

Thank you,