



*Youth for Environmental Sustainability:
Our future, our care*

REPORT

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REPORT ABSTRACT

This report details the presentations, discussions and conclusions held at the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue attended by selected stakeholders consisting of youth and youth leaders from the respective National Youth Councils; Youth Organisations; Ministries of Youth; Ministries of Environment; Environmental preservation related organisations; International Organisations; and other establishments.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises discussions and recommendations from the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue themed **“Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care”** held from 26th to 30th June 2016 at Kings Green Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia.

The dialogue was organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia), Melaka State Government, International Institute for Global Health of United Nations University, Asian Youth Council and Malaysian Youth Council.

Amongst the youth and youth leader participants in attendance of 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, the opening ceremony was officiated by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia, Hon. Dato Sri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar. Other dignitaries included WAY President cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron; President of Asian Youth Council, Hon. Hun Many; Hon. Datuk Wira Hj. Norpipah Binti Abdul, Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage; and our very own WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari were also present. We also had in our midst, the presence of the High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia to Malaysia, Her Excellency Anne Namakau Mutelo; the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Malaysia, His Excellency Qaley Allahverdiyev; representatives from our members and partners; State EXCOs of Melaka and various government officials from national and regional levels.

WAY firmly believes that young people have remarkable potential in inflicting betterment in their societies. Thus, maximising their talent and contribution is, indeed, a key to achieve environmental sustainability which was major focus of the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue in recognising the critical stage of our planet and emphasising on the role that young people and youth leaders could play.

However, the public and private sectors should develop mutual understanding and operational partnerships, so that real benefits could 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 processes about the issues that directly or indirectly affect them and the world they live.

This report provides details of the presentations and discussions that took place at this Dialogue. This covered several vital topics, plenary sessions and workshops including:

- The Significant Role of Stakeholders in Achieving Environmental Sustainability
- Opportunities and Challenges towards Attaining Environmental Sustainability
- Promoting The Green Agenda Globally: Youth Inclusive
- The Role of All Stakeholders in Achieving Environmental Sustainability

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BACKGROUND

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 youth 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 and national youth councils to address the selected issues.

INTRODUCTION

Youth have both special concerns and responsibilities in relation to the environment protection and conservation. The quote "The Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth", without a doubt, points out the dependency that we have towards the environment. For centuries, environmental aspects and impacts are mostly disregarded, leaving many of natural resources including water, air and soil to be depleted and our climate is changing in unpredictable ways. The impacts of the environmental deterioration have been felt even stronger in recent days and have caused many natural disasters that cost in loss of hundreds of thousands of lives.

It has been known that the environmental degradation is a result of socio-economical, technological and institutional activities, such as: population growth, increase in energy-use, industrialisation, urbanisation, elevation in consumption level, modernisation in agriculture and other sectors. The indisputable facts and statistics below show that our Earth has deteriorated because of many of our actions.

- ❖ Environmental degradation and climate change are major drivers in both forced and voluntary migration. (UNEP)
- ❖ Average sea level is predicted to rise by 9 to 88 cm by 2100 and millions of people are projected to be flooded annually. (UNFCCC)
- ❖ 14 billion pounds of trash is dumped into the ocean every year, when 84% of all household waste could be recycled. (UNFCCC)
- ❖ The human population has grown more in the last 50 years, than it did in the previous 4 million years. (UNFPA)
- ❖ At least 50 million acres of rainforest are lost every year. (UNEP)

Our planet is warming up faster than ever because of the vast amount of greenhouse gases that are being pumped into the atmosphere as the result of our actions. It is now our chance to protect and sustain what is left of it. Many global gatherings organised by various United Nations Agencies and Civil Society Organisations have pointed out means of fighting environmental deprivation, and promoting environmental sustainability. The recent event was the Conference on the Parties (COP) 21 in Paris, which intended to achieve a legal binding and universal agreement on climate change, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C.

Hence, this year, we selected '**Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care**' as the theme for the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue. This theme was selected to recognize the critical stage of our planet and emphasised on the role that young people and youth leaders could play, to achieve environmental sustainability. In this Dialogue, youth highlighted their role and concerns towards environmental affairs, as it is now their time and opportunity to act and declare that yes, they do care!

THEME

The theme for the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue '**Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care**' has been realised to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating environmental deterioration and achieving environment sustainability. As well as, finding innovative solution and adopting sustainable living in which the coexistence with the nature, shall be tailored in every activity and at all levels of the society.

An interactive dialogue on this topic was of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth towards environment at the different levels of society that they represent. Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, representatives from public and private sector, media persona, and members of various NGOs and CSOs, gathered to call for action and structure experiences on the issue of environmental protection and sustainability. They also charted a course towards the attainment of the sustainable and greener environment and an improved balance ecosystem. The outcome document shall enhance youth contribution towards a better and sustainable future of our planet.

OBJECTIVES

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

- To promote awareness and empower young people in advocating towards environmental sustainability;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the protection of the environment and the promotion of economic and social development;
- To foster action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the environment, as well as the society;
- To address the determinants of environmental deterioration and its impact to the society, young people inclusive;
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, NGOs and others, in supporting young people's effort towards environmental sustainability;
- To identify and gather good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to preserve the environment and promote sustainable living;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the preservation of the environment;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of environmental sustainability;

PRE-EVENT STRUCTURE

Mindful of the importance of ensuring an orderly transition towards the organising of MIYD and the efficient operation of this Dialogue, the already established preparatory committee, comprising of various institutions, organisations and departments was chaired by Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, President of the World Assembly of Youth. During his absence, the next high-committee member would then represent him in chairing the meeting. The committee members, in their capacity, met on two separate preparatory meetings and discussed the tasks and duties which led to requests for assistance thereby making all its decisions based on consensus. The Secretariat subsequently made follow ups before convening into the final meeting.

The WAY Secretariat, headed by the Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari, performed the following necessary functions to ensure the efficient preparation of the Dialogue as set out below:

a. *Administrative, budgetary and financial matters:*

- Preparation of proposals from the Secretariat on the relevant documentations for accommodation, equipment, transportation, protocol requirements, that was provided to all organising committee, participants, volunteers and the Secretariat;
- Preparation of the estimated budget for the operation of the MIYD;
- Introduction and provision of rules, training, tasks and duties was given to the selected Youth Volunteers that joined the Organising Committee;
- Steering the involvement and participation of partners towards the success of the event.

b. *Institutional, procedural and legal matters:*

- Assessment of proposals and approbation of the papers submitted by interested experts to be in accordance with the theme and satisfying "The Millennium Plan of Action(MPAC-4) 2015 to2018";
- Preparation of recommendations to the Preparatory Committee concerning the appropriate arrangements with respect to relations with other organisations participating and/or organising;
- Preparation and submission of a report on its activities to the institutions, organisations and government bodies involved in the MIYD;

c. *Matters related to the activities of the MIYD within its scope and functions:*

- Convocation and preparation towards the implementation of a successful Dialogue;
- Initiation of the work programme arising from discussions at the WAY Executive Committee meetings and also undertaking the work resulting from decisions of the Preparatory Committee meetings;
- Discussions on the suggestions for the inclusion of additional items on the agenda of the MIYD's work programme; and
- Preparation of proposals concerning the composition of a Draft Declaration Committee in accordance with the criteria set out in the MIYD Documents and Agenda.

DIALOGUE PROGRAM

The Dialogue agenda included plenary sessions, workshops, networking dinners, declaration drafting, adoption of declaration, and field trips to various environmental attractions as well as toured at different institutions in Melaka, Malaysia.

Plenary sessions composed of introductory speeches and paper presentations from national, regional and international views of today on specific topics, and also personal experience sharing from youth with relevance to the theme.

Workshops were brainstorming sessions for participants, where the participants were divided into smaller groups to deliberate on the subject of environmental sustainability and the role of young people as well as other stakeholders in achieving it. After the group discussions, each of them presented their outcome recommendations. In these sessions, emphases were made that there should be no debate, no criticism, and no cross talk. Instead, moderators called for suggestions and noted them, all of them, and later prioritised the list of suggestions to come up with a supporting document that assisted the committee while drafting the declaration. The "brainstorming" was very structured and focused and the participants were asked to learn and practice the ground rules.

The draft committee for the Declaration was made up of leader from each group during the workshops, speakers, facilitators and WAY staffs.

1. OPENING CEREMONY

To commence the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, **'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care'**, we had in attendance the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia, Hon. Dato Sri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar to officiate the opening ceremony. The welcoming remarks were given by WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari followed by the President of Asian Youth Council, Hon. Hun Many; the United Nations Secretary General's Youth Envoy, Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi whose goodwill message was read by a youth leader, Mr. Mahmoud Yehia Gebril; and WAY President cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron.

Among our delegation at the opening ceremony of 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, we were honored to have in attendance the Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage, Hon. Datuk Wira Hjh. Norpipah Abdul; the High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia to Malaysia, Her Excellency Anne Namakau Mutelo; the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Malaysia, His Excellency Qaley Allahverdiyev; representatives from our members and partners; State EXCOs of Melaka and various government officials from both national and regional levels.

The Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Miss Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of 16th MIYD, **'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care'**. She welcomed all participants to the dialogue and thanked all the youth organisations, members, government bodies, sponsors, speakers, delegates and dignitaries for contributing their time to be part of this successful dialogue.

Following the opening remarks, a video presentation on the Journey of MIYD was projected. Afterwards, an address by the President of Asian Youth Council, Hon. Hun Many, was delivered, who encouraged young people to tackle and take environmental issues seriously. He further reiterated the importance of this youth dialogue and the role that young people in the region could play.

Thirty students from SMK Infant Jesus Convent brought a unique yet elated coral speaking performance at the opening ceremony which received a standing ovation from all present. Shortly after the performance, a goodwill message from Mr. Ahmah Alhendawi, the United Nations Secretary – General's Envoy on Youth, was read by one of WAY volunteers, Mr. Mahmoud Yehia Gebril.

President of WAY, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, gave his speech on global climate change that is severely impacting the natural balance of our planet and the green energy, clean fuels and carbon tax that are much needed foundation in the new human revolution. Furthermore, he spoke on the Green City Action Plan for Melaka, that it reflects Melaka's long term commitment to tackle climate change by pursuing low carbon growth, improving environmental quality and strengthening economic competitiveness.

In addition, Hon. Dato Sri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, at his officiating remarks, presented on how countries need to prepare their national plans of action with their own targets adopted and adapted to their respective needs, putting sufficient resources in government budgets to ensure enough support as well as action underway.

The opening ceremony was brought to conclusion with the presentation of tokens of appreciation to all guests of honour and dignitaries present, followed by photo sessions with representatives from different countries.

2. PLENARY SESSIONS

A. SESSION I: THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS IN ACHIEVING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Chaired by **Mr. Ahmed Mostafa Kamal**, Founder cum CEO of AM Foundation for Career Development

Speaker Topic: **“Social Entrepreneurship in Environmental Services”**



By **Miss Adrienna Zsakay**, Founder of Keep ASEAN Beautiful

Miss Adrienna started her presentation with a brief introduction on what is social entrepreneurship. She explained that becoming an entrepreneur has become quite trendy and in fact, government agencies across Asia are highly encouraging entrepreneurs to drive creativity and innovation as SME sector is the backbone of every economy of one nation.

She also went on describing the relations among investors, engineers and businessmen as well as all problematic situations that put our surrounding environment on risk. She added that young people who are known as agents of change could make a difference and contribute in saving and preserving our environment. The key solution is laid on social entrepreneurship which has great potential in shifting the focus of today entrepreneurship from profit-maximization oriented to dignified effort of bringing betterment to the societies.

She gave some of example scenarios of social entrepreneurship such as those industries in plastic recycling endeavours as well as her own established organisation of Keep ASEAN Beautiful. At the end, she pinpointed several pivotal steps in starting social entrepreneurship including performing research on the market, surveying on the feedback; establishing the organisation; and identifying the potential sponsors as well as other financial sources. She then gave some essential tips for successful waste plastic recycling project.

Speaker Topic: **“Acting for Health and Environment – Where Are the Co-Benefits?”**



By **Miss Uta Christine Dietrich**, Research Fellow at International Institute for Global Health of the United Nations University

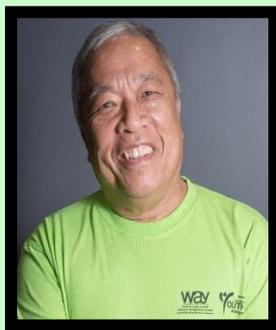
Miss Uta brought to stage detailed explanation on Anthropocene and Boyden's bio-sensitivity triangle which elucidates the correlation among human activities, health of people and health of our planet.

She emphasised on the fact that in 2008, more people lived in urban rather than rural areas and this figure is increasing to almost 70% by mid-century. Most of that growth is happening in small and median size cities particularly those are in Africa and Asia continents. She also added that living in cities can be associated with better health due to better access to health services and education and safer working environment.

However, air pollution, stress, housing conditions, and other factors can make people living in cities unwell, predominantly those living in poorer neighbourhoods.

Understanding on that paradigm, Miss Uta expressed the importance of newly improvised discipline, eco-social systems approach, which tailors planetary health lens for all policies and actions in order to sustain the welfare of our planet. Some of the practices of this approach include a well-integrated public transport system linking to walk- and cycle-ways which would improve traffic congestion and health at the same time by decreasing pollution and accidents as well as increasing physical activity through weight control and improvement of mental health. These types of connections between health and wellbeing and urban economic, ecological and social dimensions can be made within all urban domains, from food systems, housing, energy and water, to governance, culture and heritage.

Speaker Topic: **“Known and Unknowns of Rainforest Biodiversity: Not Knowing What We Don’t Know in Time”**



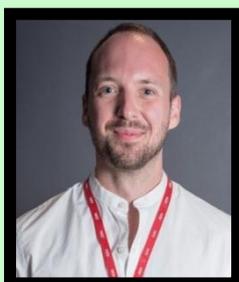
By **Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohamed Ghazali Ismail**, Vice Chancellor at University College Sabah Foundation

Prof. Datuk Dr. Ghazali shared his valuable knowledge and experience on incredible biodiversity of species found in Borneo ranging from plants, insects, reptiles to various mammals. With over 4500 species of plants, 326 species of birds, and 100 mammalian species documented to date, Borneo is listed among the most important biological sites in the world.

In his next slides, Prof. Datuk Dr. Ghazali made his points about the importance of rain forests which provide living resources for agriculture, medical benefits and home for all wildlife creatures. Human exploitation has caused many disparaging impacts in not only the natural habitat but also the flora and fauna.

In fact, anthropogenic threats including pollution, habitat loss, poaching and wildlife trade are pushing some of these highly endangered species to the brink of extinction. Prof. Datuk Dr. Ghazali also highlighted the imperative of a sustainable strategy in conserving our biodiversity heritage. He added that conserving and responsibly using living resources will well maintain vital stocks of plants and animals so that their benefits could be enjoyed by succeeding generations. Unless we guarantee the pace of economic development does not exceed our conservation effort, we run the risk of not knowing what we do not know in time. That would be an inordinate loss to humanity

Speaker Topic: **“Education and Environment Protection”**



By **Mr. Lukasz Wojciech Kosowski**, Youth Advocate

Mr. Lukasz who is himself a youth advocate, presented on the interesting topic of inter-relation between education and environment protection. He brought into the picture that everything in our cycle is inter-connected given it is culture, technology, community or even

society. Understanding on that connection, he focused on how pertinent to blend environmental affairs into today's education in order to edify young people on the importance of environment protection for sustainability of both our planet and all creatures living inside it.

He started with the explanation of three types of education which are formal, in-formal and non-formal education. As for today's complex and advanced situation, all stakeholders, particularly young people, are required to be creative and able to think beyond ordinary. In fact, for the affairs pertaining to environment and its protection efforts, active and responsible citizens have one main role of sustaining what they have for next generations to come.

However, young people of today are unfamiliar with the issues of environment that are happening and urgently require our immediate attention and action. In recognition on that matter, Mr. Lukasz added that for successfully educating young people on environmental protection, blended methodology of having global recognition on the significance of environmental protection in education curriculum, raising awareness via outdoor activities and utilising family in introducing the value and knowledge of environmental protection is beneficially efficient in doing the trick.

B. SESSION II: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES TOWARDS ATTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Chaired by **Mr. Eugene F. Arokiasamy**, Senior Secretary - Special Programmes at Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor, University Putra Malaysia

Speaker Topic: **“The Negawatt Revolution – Solutions for Life and Work to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint and Save Money”**



By **Mr. Matthias Gelber**, Green Ambassador cum Co-Founder of Green Business JV Marketing Sdn Bhd/ Maleki GmbH/ Ecowarrior Malaysia

Talking about the concept of Negawatt Revolution, Mr. Matthias explained its aim of reducing total environmental impact in particularly amount of carbon footprint by saving electricity and reducing monthly electricity bill which, overall, reduce monthly utility expenses. He further elaborated attainment of this aim by dividing it into two major consumption patterns which are personal and business consumption.

In term of personal consumption, Mr. Matthias emphasised on simple and daily changes that every one of us could do. These includes reducing the use of air conditioning, reducing the use for energy consumption in other areas such as the need to use heaters, using daylight to minimise the use of lights and reviewing all appliances that utilise significant amounts of electricity.

He also added that the attempt of saving energy can be done in business environment. By changing our conscious mindset and taking good care of lighting, cooling as well as other aspects of building usage and maintenance. He believes that all of us can significantly reduce electricity consumption without unnecessarily investing huge amounts of money. He hoped that by introducing the concept of Negawatt Revolution, it helps bringing conscious awareness in the societies about the importance of energy saving and carbon-footprint reduction.

Speaker Topic: **“Seeking Your Path to Environmental Sustainability”**



By **Miss Chong Sheau Ching**, Executive Director of eHomemakers

Miss Chong started her presentation by bringing up the root cause of today's environmental issues which are based on human's selfishness, greed and apathy and thus, require spiritual and cultural transformation.

In her presentation, she focused on how young people could contribute tremendously to the achievement of environmental sustainability through early engagement and simple effort. She also encouraged young people to begin their effort of bringing nature in their lives and daily activities. This effort can be initiated by creating their own home garden to spike up the green aspect in their neighborhood.

In the end of her presentation, she added the importance of work-life balance in young people's journey of life. She advised all young people present to be flexible as life is not a straight-lined journey. It is pivotal for young people of today to love what they do in order to have life-time commitment in improving both their skills and knowledge. Besides being ambitiously curious and eager in learning, she also advised them to be calm, patient as well as humble while observing every opportunity that life could offer.

Speaker Topic: **“Youth and Environment Sustainability: A Working Partnership for the Future”**



By **Mr. Asu Oku Okang**, Honourable Commissioner of Ministry of Youth and Sport Development, Cross River State in Nigeria

Mr. Asu shared his experience and success story of engaging young people in Nigeria towards the attainment of environmental sustainability.

He started his talk by sharing several environmental challenges and prospects that Nigeria is facing including desert encroachment and mangrove as well as rainforest issues. He explained that Cross River State, located in the South Southern Region of Nigeria with Calabar as its Capital City, is considered one of the richest biodiversity reserves in all of Africa and is part of the “Gulf of Guinea” forests, a global biodiversity hotspot, with a rich diversity of primates, birds, butterflies, plants, reptiles, amphibians and other species.

He, then, continued by explaining that the success story of Cross River State will be much relevant considering that State holds its environment as one of the most treasured assets and sources of pride. In fact, successive governments of Cross River State have partnered with young people of Cross River to sustain the environment through many innovative programs and projects, such as the 30 Million Seedlings Programme, Civil Security (Vigilante) Programme, beautification and cleaning of public places as well as green carnival. All of these efforts have earned Calabar and Cross River State as the greenest and cleanest city and state in Nigeria.

Speaker Topic: **“The Green and Innovation GEM Framework Preparing Youth for a Sustainable Tomorrow”**



By **Dr. Pek Chuen Khee**, Director of Undergraduate Programmes at Nottingham University Business School

As an educator himself, Dr. Pek introduced the concept of GEM Framework briefly and understandably. He elucidated that realisation of a sustainable tomorrow requires a community of youth, who believe in green and innovative growth. Moreover, the proposed GEM framework, combining green economics, eco-innovation and eco-entrepreneurship, and marketing eco-innovation offers youth a perspective on the synergies and strategic-fits of green environment, eco-entrepreneurship and eco-marketing, and a society of eco-innovation.

He, then, explained the definition of eco-innovation which combines and improves how business has been done by tailoring environmental protection aspect. By doing so, business becomes not only new opportunity but also more competitive by saving resources and ensuring future generations have a better life.

He as well added that green economics, such as renewable resource use, guides responsible input sourcing and allocation, while eco-entrepreneurship is both business models and strategies that companies can implement to achieve economic and environmental sustainability. In addition, marketing eco-innovation can be adopted to disseminate initiatives of innovation in the societies and markets. Going green and innovative are the ways forward of today's business and daily lifestyles. Young people could as well contribute to the practise of GEM Framework by rigidly supporting the policies, awareness campaign or even green-innovation products that have been produced and sold.

C. SESSION III: PROMOTING THE GREEN AGENDA GLOBALLY: YOUTH INCLUSIVE

Chaired by **Dr. Rohani Mohd. Tahir**, Director/Consultant of the American Global English Group

Speaker Topic: **“Role of Youth in Sustainable Development”**



By **Miss Kehkashan Basu**, Founder/President cum World Future Council-Youth Ambassador of Green Hope

Due to unexpected circumstances, Miss Kehkashan was unable to be physically present at 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue. Nevertheless, the organising committee was able to bring in her knowledge by projecting her video presentation to all delegates.

In her video presentation, she introduced on the background of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which are eight targets ranging from poverty eradication to building global partnerships that were supposed to transform our world and set it on the road to sustainability. In that historic summit fifteen years ago, world leaders committed to “spare no effort to free our fellow men, women and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty” and urged governments to “put people and their needs at the forefront of policy making”.

She, then, went on explaining that our journey to sustainable world has just started acknowledging human suffering has continued to plumb new depths and the gap between the haves and have nots widened even further. While the MDGs reportedly lifted more than a billion people out of extreme poverty, inequalities and disparities in living conditions and opportunity continue to grow.

Lastly, she emphasised that achievement of sustainable future can only be realised if every stakeholders work as one and grow together in peace as well as harmony. The current trend of economic growth today at the cost of environment and it must be stopped. Young people have an obligation to protect the natural resources and ensure that the environment is left in at least the same good condition as it was received.

Speaker Topic: **“The Role of Young People towards Achieving Environmental Sustainability”**



By **Mr. Ifeoluwa Bukunmi Ayansina**, Youth Engagement Coordinator of the ASEAN Work – Life Balance Project

As an active young people himself, Mr. Ifeoluwa shared his understanding on how young people can contribute in achievement of environmental sustainability. Before he went on explaining in detail his approach and strategy, he began his speaking session by defining the environmental sustainability which merely means an ability to maintain the qualities that are valued in the physical environment.

On his next slides, he gave several imminent facts regarding the role of young people and environmental affairs. He mentioned that carbon pollution is one of the biggest global killers, affecting over 100 million people comparable to diseases like HIV/AIDS.

However, with persistence, young people could be the active trend-setter and agent of change in promoting green living at the grass root level. Green living is a lifestyle which intentionally seeks to bring into balance the conservation and preservation of Earth's natural resources, habitats and biodiversity with human culture. He added that green living can be started small in every little thing of daily lifestyle including reducing water-waste, using recycled products or even practicing work-life balance.

He clarified that work-life balance could be a key solution as it utilises telecommunicating in order to reduce the daily expenses of both employee and employer as well as allows employees work from remote locations while being connected to his or her employer.

Speaker Topic: **“Boosting Environmental Sustainability through Environmental Advocacy and Education”**



By **Mr. Mohamed Abdulrahman Saeed Al-Samet**, Director for Information and Research Committee of the ClimateEducate Project of Alpha Team Organisation (ATO)

Mr. Mohamed Al-Samet shared on ATO's experience in boosting up environmental sustainability through environmental advocacy and education. Firstly, he explained on how significant the role of young people as well as the issue that they face including unemployment.

Later on, he briefed on how young people nowadays are actively engaged at national and global levels in awareness-raising, running educational programmes, planting trees, promoting renewable energy and adopting energy-saving practices. Acknowledging that, the United Nations supports youth in combating climate change through educational programmes, adaptation initiatives and participative involvement including pertinent international programmes such as COP 21. However, he stated that the world needs more platforms to discuss sustainability issues and exchange expertise in wide discussions among youth and experts globally to move with concrete goals towards boosting environmental sustainability.

Mr. Mohamed also mentioned that a better inclusion for youth in civil society can be achieved through strategically youth environmental action which contributes to positive youth development (PYD). In fact, understanding PYD can help environmental educators extending their impacts with youth by incorporating PYD principles in program planning, implementation, and evaluation. It is, then, projects like the ClimatEducate Project which is an advocacy project of the Alpha Team Organization-ATO aiming to conceptualise climate change education through vector graphics and Community immersion, comes in handy as a provider of environmental advocacy and education.

Speaker Topic: “**Youth for Environmental Sustainability**”



By **Miss Syeda Nishat Naila**, Climate Mentor of Climate Reality Project at University of Dhaka

As a climate mentor, Miss Syeda gave interestingly informative presentation about the causes, effects and possible solutions of climate change issue by utilising many graphics and pictures in order to well elaborate her knowledge. She started her presentation by explaining the causes of climate change which are based on human irresponsible activities such as rapid increasing of global carbons emission which eventually lead to greenhouse effect warming up our planet to cautious stage.

Prolonging her talk, she briefed on several major effects of climate change ranging from dangerous heat wave, extinction of precious species, food-deficiency, rising of sea surface, extreme weather catastrophes, such as Malaysia's worst flooding disaster in Kelantan which has driven over 260,000 people from their homes and many others.

Yet, she emphasised that it is still not too late to reduce the effects created and achieve environmental sustainability. Certainly, trade-offs need to be made and individual involvement is pivotal. Many initiatives have been completed, for example agreement between countries towards emissions caps and reduction, introducing alternative green energy like solar power or even international agreement on climate change in achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions (Paris Agreement). In line with that, she as well encouraged young people to join the climate reality project and other organisations committed to solving the climate crisis. Besides, young people also can contribute through practising smart thinking in creating greener and sustainable standard of living.

3. WORKSHOPS

Based on the introductory perspective and case studies from the invited speakers and presenters, who led structured discussions of the relevant issues pertaining to the theme, the practical involvement of the youth in decision making processes was born in the workshops which were considered interactive and brainstorming sessions.

In the workshops the participants were divided into smaller groups and discussed on the challenges and roles played by the Public and Private Sectors, the Non-Governmental Organisations, Media, society, and young people, in achieving environmental sustainability. This later led into the creation of the Draft Declaration which, afterward, was presented to the participants for its adoption. *Refer to the pictures in the Appendices*

4. DECLARATION

The Declaration is a document bearing recommendations agreed by the participants that they feel ought to be implemented by the public and private sectors, NGOs, Media, as well as related Youth Organisations. The participants through their thorough discussions, debates, thoughts, and experiences during the plenary sessions and workshops, guided by the dialogue objectives, agreed to the final Draft Declaration in unity as they were brought together for the dialogue.

The adopted Declaration was then distributed to all participants present and later on was published and forwarded to all WAY members, CSOs, Ministries of Youth, UN Agencies, and other related institutions. *Refer to the Appendices*

5. TOUR

The field trips were organised as informative visits based on the theme of the Dialogue and scheduled on the afternoon of the 29th June, 2016. For these tours, the participants were transported to visit various environmental related attractions and institutions, including Botanical Garden, 1000 Flowers Garden, Bird Park, Malaysian Institute of Chemical and Bioengineering Technology (MICET) Faculty in the UniKL Campus and Youth Centre. The night before, at the welcoming dinner in Restaurant Melayu, the participants toured through the Melaka River Cruise as well as visited the Taming Sari Tower. These trips were very extensive as they played a significant role, adding a remarkable yet memorable feather to the entire dialogue. *Refer to Pictures in the Appendix*

6. CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony and farewell gala dinner of the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue commenced with the welcoming remarks by WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari who welcomed all respected guests and participants. She went on to appreciate all the participants for their efforts in making the 16th MIYD a fruitful and motivating dialogue. The remarks of Miss Ediola were followed by the reading of the adopted Declaration of 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue and video presentation on the theme of MIYD, ***'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care'***.

After the inspiring video presentation, the guest of honour Hon. Datuk Lim Ban Hong, the Melaka State EXCO for Transport, Project Recovery and International Trade, took the stage to present his closing remarks which emphasised on the importance of the earth as our and only home and thereafter. He went on saying that the world has to find a common denominator for the youth and environmental matters.

After the closing ceremony was concluded, dinner was served consisting of various local and international delicacies while accompanied by different cultural performances and entertainments. Subsequent to that, souvenirs and certificate awards were presented to sponsors and volunteers who had incredibly shown their dedication in supporting the organising of 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue until the end. The evening was concluded with photo sessions and unforgettable momentous.

The next day, all participants and speakers departed back to their home countries.

DELEGATES

This year's MIYD **'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care'** was graced by nearly 200 youth and youth leaders from all regions, as expected by the organisers. The participants were able to tap into valuable insights of the forerunners in the environmental affair and its preservation field. They also championed and elucidated on recent developments and challenges while exploring better policies in the achievement of environmental sustainability for all.

The representatives from various National Youth Councils showed why their organisations are the beacon of light for the youth in the country, their prolific contributions to this Dialogue have made their voices heard on the impact of the unattended issues of environment around the world. The participants recognised this Dialogue as a potential driver for sustainable development and indulged in efforts to exploit the benefits that could be reaped from young people present and in the future.

This intensified an atmosphere of self-motivation and networking opportunities aimed to bring together young people and youth leaders to discuss these imminent issues. This Dialogue created a platform to formulate guidelines that encompass the suggestions brought forward during the workshop sessions.

With the outcome document, the MIYD Declaration, WAY Secretariat believes that the delegates shall play their role in disseminating the gained knowledge and information to all their peers and relevant institutions in their respective countries. This will further assist to form partnership with all relevant stakeholders, and also reach to the grass root levels as well as the community at large, with the aim to promote the role of young people in achieving environmental sustainability in the society.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A complete financial report is available upon request from the secretariat.

APPENDICES



**16TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
“YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:
OUR FUTURE, OUR CARE”
26th - 30th JUNE 2016
KINGS GREEN HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

DECLARATION

1 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 We, the 160 young people from 56 countries around the world, attended the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), convened in Melaka from 26th – 30th June, 2016 for an annual program organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).
- 1.2 Recognising the vital role of young people on environment, and following the recent adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Paris Agreement, WAY has made an obligation to encompass the sustainability of environment as an enduring concern faced by the youth and themed the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue “ Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care”.
- 1.3 This theme has emphasised on the actions that young people and other stakeholders should take towards combating environmental deterioration and attaining environmental sustainability. This dialogue has identified the roles and concerns of all stakeholders towards environmental issues, and declared that now is the right time and opportunity to act in partnership.

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

- To promote awareness and empower young people in advocating towards environmental sustainability;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the protection of the environment and the promotion of economic and social development;
- To foster action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the environment, as well as the society;
- To address the determinants of environmental deterioration and its impact to the society, young people inclusive;
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, NGOs and others, in supporting young people's effort towards environmental sustainability;
- To identify and gather good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to preserve the environment and promote sustainable living;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the preservation of the environment;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of environmental sustainability;

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Participants have identified key recommendations for implementation by stakeholders including: public sector, private sector, NGOs/IGOs, media, and young people alike. In addition, participants also established commitments and outcomes in pursuit of a sustainable environment globally.

2.1 PUBLIC SECTOR

2.1.1. To create, implement and enforce local, national and trans-national eco-policies related to biodiversity, eco-system, aquaculture, heritage, rainforest, green-living, flora and fauna, etc.

2.1.2. To strengthen existing environmental laws in line with global agreements, communique and resolutions.

2.1.3. To support environment friendly projects by subsidising investment in green and social initiatives.

2.1.4. To provide resources for youth-based programmes and initiatives, including youth organizations geared towards the attainment of environmental sustainability.

- 2.1.5. To impose Taxes on non-recyclable commodities in order to prompt relevant stakeholders in finding eco-friendly alternatives.
- 2.1.6. To provide for an equalisation fund that would preserve biotope and avoid further deterioration of environment.
- 2.1.7. To include theoretical and practical programmes on environmental sustainability in the curriculum, at all levels of formal, informal and non-formal education.
- 2.1.8. To provide adequate resources for environmental regulatory agencies, and promote severe penalties on violators of environmental laws.
- 2.1.9. To ensure that relevant stakeholders comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in order to mitigate the negative impact of their activities on the environment.

2.2 PRIVATE SECTOR

- 2.2.1 To promote market research that would consider environmental protection at every stage of business development.
- 2.2.2 To invest adequate amount of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) resources for the pursuit of related environmental sustainability programmes.
- 2.2.3 To encourage eco-friendly behaviour by applying the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) in and out of the work place.
- 2.2.4 To offer affordable and accessible eco-friendly products and services through innovation in order to conserve the natural environment.
- 2.2.5 To take initiative, ownership and responsibility for effective waste management and design innovative solutions for waste disposal in an eco-friendly manner.
- 2.2.6 To pledge not to discharge hazardous materials into water bodies.
- 2.2.7 To create a linkage between economic and social development in order to achieve environmental sustainability.
- 2.2.8 To encourage partnership with relevant stakeholders, youth inclusive, using directed environmental awareness campaigns.

2.3 NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

- 2.3.1 To design, support and carry out environmental programmes, projects and activities for the betterment of society.
- 2.3.2 To intensify community based engagement in environmental protection and preservation.
- 2.3.3 To research, monitor and form independent, grass-root based reports on the current status of environment.
- 2.3.4 To develop impactful and content-oriented awareness campaigns, using the latest tools: social media, crowd funding services, etc.

- 2.3.5 To streamline focus of NGOs and not to stray from the original path and goal towards the protection of environment.
- 2.3.6 To create training and capacity building programmes designed to empower the youth in the field of environment advocacy to the decision makers.
- 2.3.7 To appoint youth green-ambassadors who would propagate their efforts to the relevant stakeholders in order to strengthen cross-sectoral collaboration.

2.4 MEDIA

- 2.4.1 To dedicate space in all media outlets that would promote environmentally related issues on a daily basis, to constantly remind readers on the danger of environmental degradation and deterioration.
- 2.4.2 To periodically share impactful environmental news, good practices, and green innovations to the broader public through public and private media.
- 2.4.3 To create educational programmes for young people in order to teach them about protection, preservation and methods of advocating for environmental sustainability.
- 2.4.4 To encourage the general public in taking an active role in the production of media content related to environmental issues.
- 2.4.5 To influence all stakeholders in developing and implementing vital policies for achieving environmental sustainability.

2.5 YOUTH

- 2.5.1 To create and implement environmental awareness programmes and activities to be carried out by the youth for the youth.
- 2.5.2 To engage in meaningful activities that promote environmental sustainability and development for all.
- 2.5.3 To create trends that promote environmental sustainability via social media and other avenues.
- 2.5.4 To establish platforms that would strengthen the role of young people in the decision making process and implementation on environmental sustainability at the local, national, regional and international level.
- 2.5.5 To nurture positive values within their communities by continually applying the principles of the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) in their daily lives.

3 CONCLUSION

We, the participants of the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, recognise the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills

and proper attitude to protect and preserve the environment for the current and future generations. Recognising that in line with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Paris Agreement we, the young people should be at the forefront of universal transformation taking actions in order to save our Mother Earth. Hence, we believe that with the continuous support of all the stakeholders, we should reach our desired goal which is the environmental sustainability for all.

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Gabon
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India
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Iran
Iraq
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Libya
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
New Zealand

Nigeria
Pakistan
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Poland
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CULTURAL PERFORMANCE



WORKSHOPS



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CLOSING CEREMONY



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

DAY 1 - 16TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE, "YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: OUR FUTURE, OUR CARE"

DATE: 26TH JUNE 2016

Melaka, 26th June 2016 – THIS day marked another outstanding event for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), as vastly zealous and commended participants, speakers and volunteers assembled for the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), which is taking place from 26th to 30th June 2016 at Kings Green Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia.

The theme for this year is 'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care' selected to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating environmental deterioration and achieving environmental sustainability. In this dialogue, youth can realise their role and concerns towards environmental affairs, as it is now their time and opportunity to act and declare YES! They do care! With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement, there is, now, a clear framework for international cooperation to reach just world that values and conserves nature.

We have the honour to welcome various speakers including Miss Uta Christine Dietrich, Mr. Matthias Gelber, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohamed Ghazali Ismail, Mr. Asu Oku Okang, Mr. Lukasz Wojciech Kosowski, Dr. Pek Chuen Khee, Miss Syeda Nishat Naila, Miss Adrienna Zsakay, Mr. Mohamed Abdulrahman Saeed Al-Samet, Miss Chong Sheau Ching, Mr. Ifeoluwa Bukunmi Ayansina and few knowledgeable chairpersons, who will assist during the plenary sessions. It was indeed an enticing moment. An informal dinner was also held to welcome all speakers and chairpersons as well as to brief them on the detailed programmes for the next 4 days.

As a form of welcoming the delegates, an ice breaking session was held in the evening to serve as a casual way to get all participants to mingle with one another. With the arrival day gone, everybody is looking forward to both the opening ceremony and plenary sessions happening the next day. The participants will gain knowledge from the invited speakers and moderators that will challenge, encourage, inspire and stimulate them as well as highlighting on the significance of environmental sustainability.

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PRESS RELEASE

DAY 2 - OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 16TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE 'YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: OUR FUTURE, OUR CARE'

DATE: 27TH JUNE 2016

Melaka, 27th June 2016 - WAY Headquarters hosted yet another successful opening ceremony for the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (16th MIYD) at the Kings Green Hotel here in Melaka, today.

The opening ceremony was officiated by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia, Hon. Dato Sri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar. Other dignitaries included WAY President cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron; the President of Asian Youth Council, Hon. Hun Many and our very own WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari. We also had in our midst, the presence of the High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia to Malaysia, Her Excellency Anne Namakau Mutelo; the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Malaysia, His Excellency Qaley Allahverdiyev; and various government representatives from both national and regional levels.

The Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Miss Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of the MIYD, '**Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care**'. She welcomed all 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 this event.

President of WAY, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, who was present during the opening ceremony, presented on global climate change as severely impacting the natural balance of our planet and the green energy, clean fuels and carbon tax that are much needed foundation of the new human revolution. Furthermore, he spoke on the Green City Action Plan for Melaka, that it reflects Melaka's long term commitment to tackle climate change by pursuing low carbon growth, improving environmental quality and strengthening economic competitiveness. He encouraged the delegates to actively participate in the dialogue as well as enjoy their stay in Malaysia, particularly Melaka.

In addition, Hon. Dato Sri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar spoke on how countries need to prepare their national plans of action with their own targets adopted and adapted to the specifics and needs of each country, putting sufficient resources in government budgets to ensure enough support as well as action underway. He urged all young people to take part in the role suggesting better ideas on how to tackle environmental issues. The President of Asian Youth Council, Hon. Hun Many, encouraged the youth to tackle and take environmental issues seriously. He further reiterated the importance of this youth dialogue. 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.

During the three plenary sessions, we had motivating speakers from different countries talking about the significance role of stakeholders in achieving environmental sustainability, opportunities and challenges towards its attainment and promoting the green agenda globally, youth inclusive. The sessions were educational as speakers shared their knowledge and awareness on environmental sustainability: our future, our care. After that, the day was ended with dazzling cultural performances from all participants, volunteers and staff.

Overall, it was a remarkable way to get through another day and we look forward to more incandescent days!

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PRESS RELEASE

DAY 3 - 16TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE 'YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: OUR FUTURE, OUR CARE'

DATE: 28TH JUNE 2016

Melaka, 28th June 2016 – TODAY, 28th June 2016, was a day filled with bright ideas and fervour! Youth leaders from all around the world discussed and worked in expressing their opinions and thoughts in form of recommendations, which will be adopted for development of environmental policies.

Prospects were given to all participants as one of the principal concerns of young people worldwide as it has direct implications for their well being both now and in the future. 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 all stakeholders in achieving environmental sustainability. A platform was given to participants as an opportunity to share their ideas and recommend ways to improve them.

After a busy day, the participants were treated to a delicious delicacies at Restaurant Melayu continue with relaxing Melaka river cruise filled with joy and happiness. A short tour was also taking place at Taming Sari Tower, in which the participants enjoyed the view of Melaka from 150 meters above the ground.

A meeting to draft the declaration of recommendations pertaining to youth and environmental sustainability was convened at night. The purpose was for all participants to give their different views and perspectives related to the issues of environment to come up with the most suitable solutions and recommendations. The 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 yet another fruitful day.

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PRESS RELEASE

DAY 4-CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 16TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

DATE: 29TH JUNE 2016

Melaka, 29th June 2016 - THE last day of the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was filled with many remarkable moments. The day began with the presentation of the 16th 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 various field trips in Melaka including Botanical Garden, 1000 Flowers Garden, Bird Park, UniKL MICET campus and Youth Centre. It was an overwhelming experience for the participants and volunteers as they got to know many captivating 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 16th MIYD a fruitful dialogue. The pulpit was later left to the Hon. Datuk Lim Ban Hong, the State EXCO for Transport, Project Recovery and International Trade, who gave a touching closing speech that the earth is our and only home, therefore, the world has to find a common denominator for the youth and environmental matters.

After the 16th 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 16th 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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**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
DAY 5 - 16TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
DATE: 30TH JUNE 2016**

Melaka, 30th June 2016 – TODAY is the last day of the 16th 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 a heartbreaking moment 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 17th MIYD, with more mirth and jubilant moments.

We also would like to exploit this opportunity to thank all partners, sponsors, organising committee, volunteers and all parties who were dedicatedly involved in making this dialogue a grand success. Our honour and gratitude are also dedicated to all participants of 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue who worked so hard in constructing the declaration which contains a number of recommendations for implementation by stakeholders including Public Sector, Private Sector, NGOs/ IGOs, Media and young people alike. In addition, participants also established commitments and outcomes in pursuit of a sustainable environment globally.

The participants of the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue recognised the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills and proper attitude to protect and preserve the environment for the current and future generations. In line with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Paris Agreement, the young people should be at the forefront of universal transformation taking actions in order to save our Mother Earth. Hence, they believe that with the continuous support of all the stakeholders, they should reach their desired goal which is the environmental sustainability for all.

We are delightful to have all your support and we shall count on youth leaders, especially from our member organisations and 16th MIYD participants, in channelling the declaration to the right stakeholders.

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Perjuangkan isu kelestarian alam sekitar global

Hormati suara generasi muda

oleh APUEZA AKHSAD & AZHAR YUSOF

BANDA HILIR 27 Jun - Ketua Menteri, Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron mahu golongan muda menjadi sebahagian dari entiti penting dalam masyarakat menitikberatkan peranan menanganai masalah pencemaran alam sekitar.

Katanya, suara generasi muda akan ada di peringkat rasmi dan antarabangsa wajar dihormati kerana mereka juga harus memajukan produktiviti persekitaran negara secara jaya.

"Mereka sebenarnya dididik dan diasahkan mengenai peri pentadbiran pemerintahan alam sekitar bagi kesedaran alam sekitar jadi memandangkan isu ketidakelestarian alam menjadi topik memancing terunggul di peringkat antarabangsa.

"Ini kerana kelestarian

alam sekitar merupakan isu penting yang harus diutamakan dalam kalangan generasi muda ke arah memajukan kelestarian dunia pada masa akan datang.

"Maklumlah, kesedaran itu, generasi muda dapat menyalakan peranan lebih aktif dan menggerakkan tenaga solidari yang serta menyelesaikan masalah berkaitan isu persekitaran," katanya.

Idris berkata demikian semasa bertacar dalam Program Dialog Bella Antarabangsa Melaka (MYD) Kali Ke-16 di King Green Hotel di sini, hari ini.

Majlis perantaraan diempunkan Menteri Serober Auli dan Akeri Sekitar, Datuk Seri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar.

Hadir sama, Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri, Datuk Wira عثمان Mahamad dan

Tirubukan, Ecom Pembangunan Bella dan Wira, Datuk Nor-piah Abdul.

Tuanku haqir, Presiden Majlis Bella Asaan, Han Mary; Setananda, Agong WAW, Ecolia Pendidikan dan Presiden Majlis Bella Malaysia, Mustamar Ghafiq Samakula.

Idris yang juga Presiden Perhimpunan Bella Sedunia (World Assembly of Youth-WAY) berkata, ahli-ahli muda dan pakar ekonomi mahu memajukan kesedaran ekonomi dan alam sekitar yang serta sekiranya diluluskan krisis bersejarah akan itu.

"Amaraun global sebahagian besarnya dipisahkan akibat aktiviti manusia yang tidak purata kesedaran kolektif bagi memajukan dasar-dasar sosial tersebut.

"Pada ketika itu nanti, pelbagai keadilan tidak ditangani berlaku dan perpaduan sosial manusia boleh menyebabkan masalah awam dan ancaman keselamatan kepada masyarakat sekitar.

"Fasteri, sebagai langkah bersejajar, bagi menggalakan peristiwa rasmi yang berpotensi memunculkan ekonomi global, generasi muda wajar cari sebaharinya," katanya.

Menurut Idris, hari ini tidak akan dapat dilaksanakan kecuali dengan adanya kesedaran kolektif dan usaha bersepadu bagi meniadakan dan menyemai kesedaran golongan belia terhadap kepentingan alam sekitar.

"Alam semula jadi adalah khazanah paling berharga dan



IDRIS berucap pada Program MYD Kali Ke-16 di King Green Hotel, semalam.



IDRIS dan Wan Junaidi beramah mesra dengan peserta Program MYD.



Wan Junaidi dan Idris beramah mesra dengan Pelajar SMK Infant Jesus Convent yang membuat persembahan 'Corel Speaking' tentang kelestarian alam sekitar.



ENDD Pengangkutan, Pembaikan Projek dan Pertandingan Antarabangsa, Datuk Lim Ban Hong beramah mesra dengan peserta.



PELAJAR SMK Infant Jesus Convent mengadakan persembahan 'Corel Speaking' mengenai kelestarian alam sekitar.

Perjuangkan isu kelestarian alam sekitar global

Hormati suara generasi muda

BISTARI curah kasih sayang pada rakyat



IDRIS dan Wan Junaidi serta tetamu lain bersama peserta Program Dialog Bella Antarabangsa Melaka (MYD) Kali Ke-16 di King Green Hotel, semalam.

KETUA Menteri, Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron mahu golongan muda menjadi sebahagian daripada entiti penting dalam usaha menanganai isu kelestarian alam sekitar di peringkat global dan berharap semua pihak menghormati suara orang muda yang turut berjuang mencari solusi terhadap permasalahan tersebut.



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