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“Youth Leadership Power and Its Influence to the society”

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1. SUMMARY

Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme hosted by the World Assembly of Youth with the aim of bringing together young people and youth leaders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has been convened on a wide range of topical issues. More than 2,500 young people have attended the MIYD since its inception.

This report is based on the events, delegates, financial reports, and feedback and findings of the 10th Melaka International Youth Dialogue that was held in MITC Ancasa Hotel, Melaka on the 24th to 26th of June 2010.

2. INTRODUCTION

The World Assembly of Youth in partnership with the Melaka State Government, the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia), the Malaysian Youth Council, the Asian Youth Council organize the MIYD–Melaka International Youth Dialogue annually.

The theme selected this year was “Youth Leadership Power and its Influence to the Society”. This theme was selected in realization of the need to educate, increase awareness, to promote leadership among youth. The numbers of delegates expected this year were more than 200 from around the world. There was an estimate of 20 international volunteers from around Malaysia to join the already existing Secretariat in organizing the event to reach the proposed objectives of the Dialogue.

3. EVENT MANAGEMENT

a. ORGANISATION

Organisation of the event was done by the preparatory committee, chaired by the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Hj. Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, President, World Assembly of Youth and was represented by Hon. Datuk Kapt (B) Hj Ab Karim Bin Sulaiman, Chairman of Melaka State Committee for Welfare, National Unity, Youth and Sports, Melaka. Three preparatory meetings were held in which various companies, organisations and state departments were involved.

The delegation of tasks and requests for various aid was done during the first and subsequently followed up in the second and third meetings.

Appendix 1 shows the delegation of the tasks and requests to the various members of the preparatory committee.

The WAY secretariat was given the task of handling the flow of events. Five divisions, each managed by a member of staff were set up. These included:

- Registration
- Transport
- Protocol
- Publication, Media and IT
- Finance

Various reports of these mentioned division are available in *Appendix 2*.

b. SPEAKERS' TOPICS

From the selected theme, 8 speakers were invited to present talks on various issues pertaining to youth leadership.

Table 1 shows the name of the speakers and the topics they presented

SPEAKERS NAME	TOPIC PRESENTED	COUNTRY
Hon. Pohamba Shifeta	Youth Leadership: A Human Rights Approach	Namibia
Mr. John Thorton	Taboos on youth Leadership Created Through the Mindset of the Society	UK
Dr. Rohani Mohd Tahir	How Youth Leadership Have Influenced the Society	Malaysia
Mr. Jeton Mehmeti	In search of Moral Leadership: Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders	Kosovo
Mr. Munsoo Kurrimbaccus	National Youth Empowerment Programme for Ethical Leadership: A case study in Mauritius	Mauritius
Dr. Axel Bosselmann	Influence of Youth Leadership on Minority Groups: Refugees	Australia
Mr. John A. Pickens	The Necessity of Youth Leadership within Cultural Diversities	USA
Dr. Robert A. Stebbins & Mr. Lee Kwan Meng	Youth Leadership towards Social Entrepreneurship in Contributing to Society	Canada Malaysia

TABLE 1: MIYD SPEAKERS

c. SCHEDULE OF EVENT

The following was a tentative program provided for the MIYD,

DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	VENUE
23 June	All day	Arrivals	Kuala Lumpur International Airport
	2000hrs	Welcoming Dinner	MITC Ancasa Hotel
24 June	0800hrs	Breakfast	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	0900hrs	Plenary Session 1: - “Youth Leadership: A Human Rights Approach”, Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, Namibia - “Taboos on Youth Leadership Created Through the Mindset of the Society”, Mr. John Thorton, UK - “How Youth Leadership Have Influenced the Society?”, Dr. Rohani Mohd Tahir, Malaysia	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1030hrs	Tea Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1100hrs	Plenary Session 2: - “In Serach of Moral Leadership: today’s Youth, Tomorrow’s Leaders” Mr. Jeton Mehmeti, Kosovo - “National Youth Empowerment Programme for Ethical Leadership: a Case Study in Mauritius”, Mr. Munsoo Karrimbaccus, Mauritius - “Influence of Youth Leadership on Minority Groups: Refugees”, Dr. Axel Bosselmann, Australia - “Transforming the Leadership Potential of Youth for National Building”, Prof. Ranganathan J, India	MITC Ancasa Hotel

	1300hrs	Lunch	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1400hrs	Opening Ceremony: - Welcoming Remarks by the WAY Acting Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari - Opening address by the WAY President cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam - Souvenir Presentation - Photo Session	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1530hrs	Tea Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1600hrs	Plenary Session 3: - “The Necessity of Youth Leadership within Cultural Diversities”, Mr. John A Pickens, USA - “Youth Leadership Towards Social Entrepreneurship in Contributing to Society”, Dr. Robert A Stebbins, Canada and Mr. Lee Kwan Meng, Malaysia - Q & A	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1700hrs	Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1900hrs	Dinner	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	2200hrs	River Cruise	Melaka
25 June	0800hrs	Breakfast	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	0900hrs	Workshops: - Challenge to the youth from the NGOs, Governments, Private Sector and Media on Youth Leadership	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1030hrs	Tea Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1100hrs	Workshops (cont.)	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1300hrs	Lunch	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1400hrs	Workshops (cont.)	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1530hrs	Tea Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1600hrs	Workshops (cont.)	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1730hrs	Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel

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	1900hrs	Dinner hosted by President, World Assembly of Youth cum Chief Minister of Melaka	Botanical Garden, Melaka
	2200hrs	Drafting Committee Meeting	MITC Ancasa Hotel
26 June	0800hrs	Breakfast	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	0900hrs	Draft Declaration Presentation	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1030hrs	Tea Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1100hrs	Declaration Adoption	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1300hrs	Lunch	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1400hrs	Tour of Melaka: - Malaysia Youth Museum - Literature Museum - Melaka's Sultanate Palace Museum - Flora De La Mar Museum - Maritime Museum (Phase 2) - Zoo Melaka	Melaka
	1700hrs	Break	MITC Ancasa Hotel
	1900hrs	Farewell Dinner / Gala Dinner: - Welcoming Remarks by the WAY Acting Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari - Address by the WAY President, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam - Closing Ceremony by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia, Dato' Ahmad Shabery bin Cheek - Certificate & Award Presentation - Souvenir Presentation - Photo Session	MITC Ancasa Hotel
27 June	All day	Departures	MITC Ancasa Hotel - Melaka to KL International Airport

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d. OPENING CEREMONY

The official opening ceremony was presided over by the Chief Minister of Melaka Datuk Seri Mohd Ali bin Rustam, President of WAY. He emphasized the importance of forums such as MIYD and the impact that can be made if delegates are prepared to take the thoughts and suggestions presented and use them to make a difference.

The Acting Secretary General Miss Ediola Pashollari summed it up by saying:

“It is imperative that we:

Do more than belong; participate.

Do more than care; help.

Do more than believe; practice.

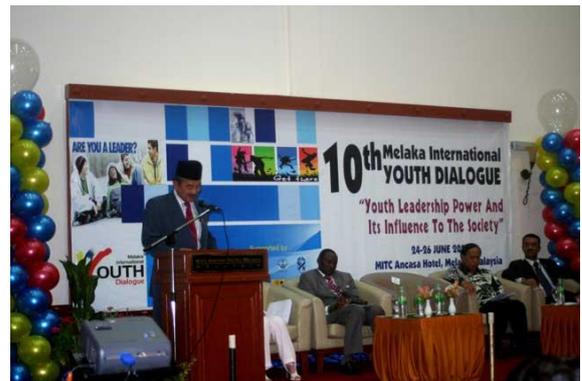
Do more than be fair; be kind.

Do more than forgive; forget.

Do more than dream; work.”



Chief Minister of Melaka Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam giving a speech at the opening ceremony of 10th MIYD



Acting Secretary General Ediola Pashollari speaks to delegates.



Some of the VIPs that attended the opening ceremony.

e. WORKSHOPS

The workshops were conducted by facilitators and moderators. The delegates were divided into 6 groups, each given a unique name as a means of distinctively identifying them.

Each of the groups was asked to deliberate on the role of government, education, private sector, media and NGO's on youth leadership and its influence to society. They later presented their recommendations which were noted by their facilitators and moderators.



Delegates discussing with facilitators during the workshop.



Delegates listen to presentations made by group leaders during the workshop



Facilitators listen to the presentations

f. DECLARATION

Based on the recommendations presented by the various groups during the workshop, a committee composed of the speakers, group leaders and the WAY staff sketched out the 10th MIYD declaration.

The draft declaration was presented to the delegates who deliberated and voted on changes and adaptations.

Appendix 3 shows the final 10th MIYD declaration that was passed by delegates.



Delegates read and follow the draft declaration



Dr. Rohani Mohd Tahir listening to suggested amendments of the declaration.



A delegate gives his opinion on changes on different topics of the declaration

g. TOUR

A tour around Melacca was held on the last day of the dialogue. There was no ample time for delegates to visit all areas mentioned in tentative program provided, therefore the areas visited included:

- Malaysia Youth Museum
- Literature Museum
- Melaka's Sultanate Palace Museum
- Flora De La Mar Museum



Delegates coming down the stairs after viewing the tombs.



Delegates inside the museum in Melaka



Delegates enjoy the view and history of the Maritime in Melaka



h. CLOSING CEREMONY

As the Honourable President of WAY was unavailable for the official closing ceremony of the dialogue, Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, Deputy Minister, Ministry Of Youth and Sports, Namibia cum Executive Committee Member, World Assembly of Youth stepped in to conduct it. In his speech he said to all the participants “It is necessary for all of us - leaders, agencies, youth organizations - to work together to put into practice the wealth of commitments that we have just conceived.” He went on saying that “This is when our work begins. If all the ideas have been set out, if our strategy has now been clarified and approved, the important thing now is to implement it.”



Acting Secretary General gives a speech at the closing ceremony



Hon. Pohamba Shifeta giving a token



Hon. Pohamaba Shifeta Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports(Namibia) hits the gong to officiate the closing ceremony of the 10th MIYD



Delegates enjoying the gala dinner that marked the end of the MIYD

4. DELEGATES

Over 150 delegates including dignitaries and participants attended the event from various countries. The countries represented were:

- Albania
- Australia
- Botswana
- Canada
- China
- Eritrea
- Ghana
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Kenya
- Kosovo
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Malaysia
- Mauritius
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Philipines
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Thailand
- Timor Leste
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Yemen

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Available upon request.

6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

In conclusion, the 10th MIYD was a fun filled event with youth mingling with leaders from around the world. Various topics were discussed, a declaration created to empower youth effectively to participate and achieve the role of youth leadership and influence the society, and finally new networks were formed.

As we tried to deter any dissapointments to fulfill all expectations of participants, feedback from the delegates was requested upon completion of the closing ceremony. As expected results were above average with most delegates looking forward to the 11th MIYD.

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: delegation of tasks for preparatory committee

Duties /Task	TIME	DEPARTMENT
Transport - Buses - Van - Cars VVIPs - Escort	23-27 June	JKM Anti Drug Agency Police Immigration
Protocol - VVIPs seating / Transport	23-27 June	WAY Melaka Protcol Department
Goodie Bags - Flyers - Souvenirs - T-shirts - Water - Others	23 June	MBM MGBM
Tour - Malaysia Youth Museum - Literature Museum - Melaka's Sultanate Palace - Flora De La Mar Museum - Maritime Museum (Phase 2) - Aborigines Museum - Zoo Melaka	26 June	PERZIM River Cruise Zoo Melaka
Entertainment		
Performance - Seri Bendahara - Closing Ceremony	25 and 26 June	Cultural Department
Gong - Opening Ceremony - Closing Ceremony	24 and 26 June	PERPUSTAM Pusat Sumber
Recording Pictures Security	24 - 26 June	
- Hotel - Tour	23and 27 June	Police Department

KLIA Passes	22-28 June	KLIA
- VVIPs pick up		Immigration
- Foreign Delegates pick up		Custom
		WAY
IT	24-26 June	MICTH
- Laptop		
- Projector		
- Screen		
Accomodation	23-27 June	WAY
		MITC Ancasa Hotel

Appendix 2: WAY secretariat task breakdown

Duties /Task	NAME	DEPARTMENT
VVIPs	Ediola Pashollari	Acting Secretary General
Finance	Chua Mew Leng	Secretary
Transport	Geoffrey Aligula	Secretary
Registration	Mariam Melissa Nakintu	Staff
Publication, Media & IT	Raymond M. Parwot	Staff
Protocol	Ibtisam Kassim	Staff
Driver	Joharizal Bin Abdul Jalil	Staff

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DECLARATION

1 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 We, the participants of the 10th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) convened in Melaka from 24th-26th June 2010 an annual program organized by the World Assembly of Youth which brings together young people and youth leaders from around the world to discuss pertinent and topical youth issues.
- 1.2 The theme selected for MIYD 2010 is “Youth Leadership Power and its Influence to the Society”. This theme was selected in the realization of the need to educate, increase awareness and promote youth leadership among youth. All countries are affected by the consequences brought up by the lack of youth leadership amongst the youth.
- 1.3 However, with this selected theme all the young people, youth leaders, government and organization officers are gathered here to call for action in areas such as: assessing the problems, tackling the problems, forging partnerships, focusing on special needs, sending the right messages and building experiences.
- 1.4 After thorough deliberations through plenary sessions, workshops and other events, we the participants have put together this document with the following recommendations that we strongly feel ought to be implemented to empower youth effectively to participate and achieve the role of youth leadership and its influence to the society.

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

- To achieve a behavior modification and equal access to decision making amongst youth;
- To comprehend the role of leadership in different societal, cultural and religious contexts

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- To identify good leadership traits and skills
 - To promote leadership responsibilities between young women and young men in all its functions
 - To eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment on ground of sex amongst youth
 - To provide and create leadership-positive media messages amongst youth;
 - To improve the national and international policies that deal with leadership and its effects on society;
 - To recommend improvements to the current systems of education for youth worldwide on leadership and its role to the society;
 - To improve corporation between governments, civil society and private sector to address the issue of leadership;
 - To have stronger, more effective national youth councils with leading roles with leadership and its influence to the society;

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Education

As education encompasses all the sectors, we recommend the need to:

- 2.1.1 Establish formal and informal learning to extracurricular activities to elevate the leadership potential among young people.
- 2.3.2 Remove the taboos and stereotypes placed on the weaknesses of youth leadership characteristics by the older generations in society.
- 2.1.3 Empower parents to recognize, nurture and facilitate the leadership traits among their children and the youth to enhance moral values and family bonds within their communities.
- 2.1.4 Acknowledge current role models among the youth leaders in order to generate and inspire youth to rise up in leadership.

We further recommend to;

2.2 Government

- 2.2.1 Develop policies that promote the role of youth leadership in ministries;

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- 2.2.2 Develop national legal instruments that would create and maintain a conducive, sustainable and nurturing environment which enhances the role of youth leadership.
 - 2.2.3 Implement sustainable action plans that provide equal opportunities for both genders in urban and rural areas to function in youth leadership.
 - 2.2.4 Provide necessary resources to facilitate the collaboration of NGOs and other stake holders dealing with youth on issues of leadership and its influence to the society.
 - 2.2.5 Ensure an efficient and functional budgetary provision for the youth leadership programs.
 - 2.2.6 Establish training and mentoring centers that will create a platform for youth to develop their leadership skills.

2.3 International, Regional and National NGOs

- 2.3.1 Create policies to advance youth leadership power and its influence to the society.
- 2.3.2 Embark upon programs and activities aimed at unleashing leadership potentials of youth.
- 2.3.3 Provide structural leadership platforms with tools that will involve the youth in the decision making process to enable them to be heard.
- 2.3.4 Equip young people with the knowledge and skills through global programs to assist in addressing the potential growth of youth leadership qualities.
- 2.3.5 Unify local, regional and international networking channels as an avenue to distribute information on the role of youth leadership in the rural and urban areas.
- 2.3.6 Increase preferential treatment of communities towards the NGOs working with youth leadership programs.
- 2.3.7 Encourage young people to become proactive and bring awareness towards the needs of the society in including them in leadership roles.
- 2.3.8 Increase leadership accountability within and among NGOs to the youth and society at large.

2.4 Media

- 2.4.1 Create a channel of communication and publication to showcase the achievements and potentials of the youth leaders to society.
- 2.4.2 Maximize the usage of information technology to inform and to educate communities in the benefits on the influence and impact of youth leadership.
- 2.4.3 Establish an unbiased perception towards youth leadership in all media forms of communication.
- 2.4.4 Intensify greater social responsibility towards the young people in areas of youth leadership.
- 2.4.5 Dedicate regular programs that focus on traits and qualities of youth leadership, e.g. inspirational stories of past and present youth leaders.
- 2.4.6 Provide information, education and communication resources and services to the youth in order to educate them on the impact of youth leadership.
- 2.4.7 Publish educational and communicational materials that will facilitate the awareness of youth leadership power and its influence to the society.

2.5 Private sector

- 2.5.1 Establish collaboration with the private sector to support programs in promoting youth leadership.
- 2.5.2 Create suitable programs through which leadership can be acquired and enhanced.
- 2.5.3 Allocate annual grants to equip young people with the skills and positive attitude reinforcement to further develop youth leadership.
- 2.5.4 Strengthen corporate and social responsibilities to develop leadership skills among the youth to influence society.

3 GENERAL COMMENTS

- 3.1 Strengthen partnership between the private sectors, societies, governments NGOs and media.
- 3.2 Motivate and encourage all decision makers in the process towards the promotion of youth leadership roles in society.
- 3.3 Identify and display role models to influence positive behavioral change in societies.
- 3.4 Grant opportunities that would allow the youth to participate, create, develop and stand for the empowerment of youth in leadership.
- 3.5 Encourage policy formulation towards the enhancement of youth leadership in the society.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 We, the participants of the 10th MIYD, realize and recognize the importance of youth leadership power and its influence to the society in the lives of young people. We shall seek to create youth dialogues for the lobbying and advocating of legislations, policies and declare at all levels of society the positive influence that exists in the lives of the young people worldwide.