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**“Developing Human Capital: The Role of Women in Human Capital
Development”**

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Government Officials

Members of the Diplomatic Corps

Invited Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to the 6th Melaka International Youth Dialogue.

This annual event for the past 6 years had gatherers young people and youth leaders from all over the world. Experience and knowledge obtained from this event had been spread throughout the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, the topic that I am presenting today will be based on the Role that Women are Playing in Developing the Human Capital. What and how; they contribute to this development and their contribution to the world development.

When everyone hears the word women, they mean mother, wife, fiancée, girlfriend, etc. Their most important step is how they associate with these roles. We all know the role that mothers play in everyone's life, such as building the character, teaching how to survive this world with its advantages and disadvantages.

Mothers and wife, or women in general, do provide the most important role in our lives, they provide the parenting skills, I must say that even fathers and husbands give their contribution, but mothers are the teachers that informally educate us; they are there to ensure the social, emotional and mental development of the child.

Women for centuries have been trying to achieve and contribute to the development of the world and they have been an important activist of our society. They are trying to be an active member of the organisation which sees to the welfare of womenfolk. They are fighting for women's right, gender discrimination, domestic violence, etc. They are to be the catalyst of gender equality.

Their first request was achieving the gender equality, by this they needed to build their partnership, they did not wish to be treated differently any longer. They wished to be the same as their opposite gender; they wanted to be the same in the family, work place, outside and even overseas. For achieving equality they did organise a lot of protests, activities, programmes, they even created their own organisations so that they can help and assist countries or women around the world to be educated how to be treated equally.

Being in this hard century that we are living on, everyone wants to be educated and experienced in order to get educated, employed, or to even socialise. In some countries that are bound to follow up their traditions. Quite difficult I might say, because the world is developing but the traditions remain the same, still old and difficult to endure. However, women nowadays are trying to educate themselves without breaching the rules of their tradition; they are trying to update and apply it by making more appropriate and modernize in the best interest of everyone.

One of their main activities, in the role of human development, is the poverty reduction. Years ago, women were not supposed to work, but today in some cases they are the primary finance provided in the families. Through their experience, they are providing and conducting public education for everyone, especially the one who cannot effort to go to school. They are even providing working opportunities and voluntary work for the needy people.

Human rights or in this case women's rights have been breached through domestic violence, gender discrimination, prohibiting of freedom of speech, interference on decision making, prevention of their continuity in higher education and even prevented on attaining their health care.

There is no wall, force or rule that will stop women for believing and doing what's right. Great example are - Mother Tereza, Oprah Winfrey, Joan of Arc, Isabella I, Elizabeth I, Mbande Nzinga, Catherine the Great, Tzu-hsi, Margaret Thatcher, and many more...

The World assembly of Youth throughout all the activities and programmes that had organised or will organise in the future are based on educating youth. Half of these youths are female and they have attended and shared their experience with us all. They have always tried to make a difference and their message has been spread to all our members to that a better life to be provided to everyone.

Programmes that we held in our past were mostly on World Peace, Gender Equality, Democracy, Discrimination, Youth Development, etc. WAY, though all the youth, young leaders and member countries have always spread the message of equality, peace and contribution to the development of youth, future generation or I must say the world.

The number of the women into the society, contributing continuously; its increasing. Now they are not just equal, they are country leaders, queens, ministers, leaders ... they are playing their role and their role is being noticed by everyone...

Women are the other half of this world; they contribute, help and assist anyone and everyone.

Would like to thank all of you for coming to this dialogue.

Thank you,