



9th MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

“YOUTH AND GENDER EQUALITY”

25 – 27 JUNE 2009

Melaka, Malaysia

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 pertinent youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has been convened on a wide range of topical issues. More than 2,000 young people have attended the MIYD since its inception. The MIYD produces a declaration which serves as a guideline for youth to address the selected issues.

MIYD 2009 THEME

The theme selected for MIYD 2009 is *Youth and Gender Equality*. This theme has been selected in realization of the need to educate, increase awareness, to promote gender equality among youth. All countries are affected by the consequences of gender equality. However, with this selected theme all young people, youth leaders, government and organization officers will gather to call for action in areas such as: Assessing the problem; Tackling the problem; Forging partnership; Focusing on special needs; Sending the right message; and Building experience.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of MIYD 2009 are:

- To achieve a behavior modification amongst youth;
- To promote equality of opportunities between young women and young men in all its functions;
- To eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment on ground of sex amongst youth;
- To increase youth awareness and their responsibilities regarding the gender equality issue;

- To promote equal access to decision-making amongst youth;
- To provide and create gender-positive media message amongst youth;
- To improve the national and international policies that deal with the gender equality and its effects on society;
- To recommend improvements to the current systems of education for youth worldwide on gender equality;
- To improve cooperation between governments, civil society and private sector to address gender equality;
- To have a stronger, more effective national youth councils with leading roles in the fight against gender inequality.

ORGANISERS

The MIYD is organized by the World Assembly of Youth in collaboration with the Melaka State Government, Malaysian Youth Council, Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia), Asian Youth Council and Committee for ASEAN Youth Cooperation.

PARTICIPANTS

WAY invites participants from National Youth Councils, Youth Organizations, Ministries of Youth, etc. National delegations are encouraged to register gender-balanced groups. There is no specific age limit but delegations are encouraged to include young people below the age of 30. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 200 from at least 70 different countries.

REGISTRATION

All delegates should register with the WAY secretariat by the 10th June 2009. Registrations shall be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. Once all places are full registration will be closed. All details of flight information should be received by WAY by 15th June 2009.

PARTICIPATION FEE

A participation fee of US\$150 (one hundred and fifty US dollars), inclusive of registration fee, twin-sharing accommodation and food shall be levied on all participants. This fee is payable in advance or on arrival.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The programme for the MIYD shall be as below. Specific details on speakers and facilitators shall be provided in due course.

DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	VENUE
24 June	All day	Arrivals	Kuala Lumpur International Airport
	2000hrs	Welcoming Dinner hosted by the World Assembly of Youth	Hotel
25 June	0800hrs	Breakfast	Hotel
	0900hrs	Opening Ceremony	Hotel
	1030hrs	Tea Break	Hotel
	1100hrs	Plenary Session 1:	Hotel
	1300hrs	Lunch	Hotel
	1400hrs	Plenary Session 2:	Hotel
	1530hrs	Tea Break	Hotel
	1600hrs	Plenary Session 3:	Hotel
	1700hrs	Break	Hotel
	1900hrs	Dinner hosted by WAY President	Seri Bendahari
26 June	0800hrs	Breakfast	Hotel
	0900hrs	Workshops	Hotel
	1030hrs	Tea Break	Hotel
	1100hrs	Workshops (cont.)	Hotel
	1300hrs	Lunch	Hotel
	1400hrs	Workshops (cont.)	Hotel
	1530hrs	Tea Break	Hotel
	1600hrs	Workshops (cont.)	Hotel
	1730hrs	Break	Hotel
	1900hrs	Dinner hosted by Ministry of Youth, Malaysia	Hotel
2200hrs	Drafting Committee Meeting	Hotel	

27 June	0800hrs	Breakfast	Hotel
	0900hrs	Draft Declaration Presentation	Hotel
	1030hrs	Tea Break	Hotel
	1100hrs	Declaration Adoption	Hotel
	1300hrs	Lunch	Hotel
	1400hrs	Tour of Melaka	Melaka
	1700hrs	Break	Hotel
	1900hrs	Farewell Dinner / Gala Dinner	Hotel
28 June	All day	Departures	Melaka to KL International Airport

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