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REPORT

WAY 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"One Youth - One World, We Are the World"

10th -13th December 2009
Puteri Resort Ayer Keroh, Melaka, Malaysia

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Acknowledgement

On behalf of the President of World Assembly of Youth, the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam, the Executive Committee and the Preparatory Committee Members, we do extend our gratitude and appreciation to all those who assisted in making this event a successful one. To all the participants both local and international, we do thank you for the time spent with us to celebrate this auspicious day.

Summary

From London to Melaka, 1949-2009, aptly describes the journey that WAY¹ has taken from

its inception to the present day. WAY has seen its headquarters move from London, Paris,

Brussels, Copenhagen and then to Melaka, Malaysia. As a way of show-casing its

achievements, the WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration was held from the 10th -13th December

2009, at the Puteri Resort, Ayer Keroh in Melaka Malaysia.

In attendance were delegates from all walks of life who took part in various events and

activities that were organised to commemorate this day. Over 50 countries were represented

with over 200 delegates being in attendance throughout the whole event. To solidify WAYs

core governing principal of Democracy, a 2 km walk that was held, "Youth and

Democracy", attracted over 2000 participants.

As a way of appreciating the past leadership and youth leaders, various awards were

presented to them as well as youth organisations that have played a significant role in youth

development issues.

The true essence of the event was to show the unity and steadfast passion in which both old

and young people, past and present leadership view and work together with regards to youth

issues and development.

¹ WAY-World Assembly of Youth

Introduction

Background

This report has been written as summary of events that took place during the celebration of

the 60th Anniversary of the World Assembly of Youth that was held in the historical city of

Melaka, Malaysia from the 10th –13th of December 2009.

Introduction

In August of 1949 an initiative was taken to form a youth organisation that would promote global

cooperation and understanding among the world's youth. The fruit of the initiative was the

establishment of the World Assembly of Youth. WAY as it is fondly known recognises the

Universal Declaration of Human Rights as its bases for its action and service.

60 years down the road and WAY continues to work for the promotion of youth and youth

organisations in programme areas such as, youth employment, environment, human rights,

democracy, population, health, HIV/AIDS, drugs and community development and leadership

training.

On the 12th of December WAY celebrated its 60th Anniversary, in Melaka, Malaysia. The

celebrations were a culmination of three months of planning and organisation of the various

events that would take place from the 10th to 13th December 2009. Also included in the

celebration was the awarding of the 5th Prime Minister of Malaysia-WAY World Youth Award. In

attendance to this event were various VVIP, VIP members of the Diplomatic Corp and dignitaries'

and international and local youth leaders from all walks of life.

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The theme for the event was "One Youth-One World: We are the Word" and its set objectives were as follows:

- To celebrate the significant roles and contributions that WAY has established throughout its 60 years
- To strength its role as a global youth institution for development
- To establish networks between the past, present and future youth leaders
- To invigorate youth participation in youth issues

Event Planning and Organization

Planning of the Event

Organizers

The WAY's 60th Anniversary Celebration was organised by the World Assembly of Youth in

partnership with the Melaka State Government, the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia),

the Malaysia Youth Council and the Asian Youth Council. Appendix 1 gives a list of

organizers for the event.

Event Committee

Four key committees were formed to assist in the organisation of the event. This included:

Steering Committee

International Organising Committee

National Organising Committee

o Committee Members group

Appendix 2 gives the break down of members for each committee stated above. As a way of

ensuring continued progress monitoring of the preparation of the event, meetings were held

regularly. The preparatory meeting committee had the task of ensuring that task allocated

and deadline set were met. Appendix 3 shows the members of this group.

Various committees were set up to assist with the hosting of the event. These committees

included:-

1. Secretariat

The committee administered the overall planning of the event.

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2. Research and Documentation

The committee was tasked with tracing the history and achievements of WAY from 1949 to the present day. All the information collected was then compiled and present as a coffee table book.

3. Finance and Sponsorships

Sourcing of funds and sponsorship was the task allocated to this group. Various organisation were approached to assist financially and material for the overall success of the event.

The other committees involved were:

•	Participation
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Publicity and media

Invitation

First Aid and Safety

Food and Beverage

Presentation

Protocol

• Tour

• Technical and Facilities

Accommodation

Organisation of the Event

a) Duration

The event was held over a three day period, from the 10th to 13th of December 2009.

b) Schedule of Events

Appendix 4 shows how the event was schedule.

c) Activities during the Event

Various activities were schedule for the celebration. This includes:-

o Official launch of the WAY Headquarters at Ayer Keroh, Melaka, Malaysia

Democracy Youth Walk

WAY International Bowling Competition

5th Prime Minister of Malaysia-WAY World Youth Award

WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration Grand Dinner

Tour of the Historical City of Melaka

10th December 2009

Arrival of International Delegates

International delegates started arriving as early as 8am in the morning. Delegates were

transferred from the airport, Kuala Lumpur International Airport and transported to the hotel

at Puteri Resort, Ayer Keroh Melaka Malaysia.

Welcome Dinner

On the 10th December a welcome dinner was held at WAY president's residence from 8pm

till 11 pm. The welcoming dinner was held in conjunction with the Human Rights Day

2009. This dinner was held to welcome both the local and international delegates who were

to attend the event. The event was graced by Rt. Hon Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, WAY

President who gave the welcome address and the key note address that was given by Hon.

Dato' Razali Ibrahim, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia. The opening address

for the event was done by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, WAY Acting Secretary General. Delegates

were entertained by cultural performance and had a taste of Malaysia cuisine for their

dinner.

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11th December 2009

Delegate Registration

Over 200 delegates from various National Youth Councils, local and international youth

organizations, various government representatives and officials and persons from all walks

of life were registered for this event. Over 50 countries were represented during this event.

Some of the countries that were represented included, Malaysia, Namibia, Kenya, Denmark,

Libya, Singapore, Philippines, Korea, China, Mauritius, Germany, Yemen, France, Sudan etc

Appendix 5 gives a breakdown of the delegates and the countries representation.

In attendance to the event were delegates from "The One Asia Forum" that was organised

by the Asian Youth Council, who joined other delegates for the WAY 60th Anniversary

Tour of Melaka

On the 11th of December 2009, a tour of the historical city of Melaka was undertaken. The

areas visited by the delegates and guest included

Youth Museum

Sultanate Museum

Royal Malaysian Navy Museum

Taming Sari Tower

Eye On Malaysia

Pahlawan Square Walk

The tour lasted from 2.30pm till 6.30pm after which the delegates were returned to the hotel

for their dinner.

² More information can be found at http://oneasiaforum.blogspot.com/



• Picture 1 : Melaka Tour



• Picture 2: Melaka Tour



• Picture 3: Melaka Tour

A second tour in the evening saw the delegates take a tour on the Melaka River Boat Cruise.

A second visit to the Pahlawan Square walk was done and delegates returned to Puteri Resort at 10.00pm



• Picture 4: Night River Cruise

12th December 2009

Youth Walk for Democracy

The walk started at approximately 9am and covered a distance of 2km. The theme for the walk was Youth and Democracy and it involved over 2000 people who took part in it. (See pictures below). The walk ended at the WAY headquarters where participants attended the official launch of the WAY headquarters and World Youth Complex.



• Picture 5: Youth Walk on Democracy



• Picture 6: Youth Walk on Democracy



• Picture 7: Youth Walk on Democracy

Official Launch of WAY Headquarters at Ayer Keroh Melaka Malaysia

This took place on the 12th of December 2009 from 10am. till 1am. The official opening of the World Youth Complex and the official launch of the WAY Headquarters was done by Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka and president of the World Assembly of Youth. In attendance were the Malaysian Youth Council President, Hon Dato' Shamsul Anuar Nasarah, former WAY president Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen, Executive Committee Members, members of the Diplomatic Corp., international and local youth leaders, delegates and other invited guest.

The opening address for the event was done by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, WAY Acting Secretary General. Prior to the launch delegates and all in attendance had participated in a 2 km walk for democracy.



Picture 8: Launching of WAY Headquarter and World Youth Complex



• Picture 9: Launching of WAY Headquarter and World Youth Complex



Picture 10 : Launching of WAY Headquarter and World Youth Complex



• Picture 11 Launching of WAY Headquarter and World Youth Complex

WAY 60th Anniversary "International Bowling Competition"

The bowling competition was a time when both local and international delegates took some time out to mix and mingle. The competition was held to foster relationships and build networks between the delegates and the youth leaders and youth who attended it. It was held at the newly built Melaka International Bowling Center-MIBC located in Melaka, Malaysia.

The delegates were grouped into teams as well as individuals that competed together; with the highest scorer being award trophies. The event was held on the 12th of December 2009 from 2.30pm till 5.30pm.



• Picture 12: WAY International Bowling Competition



• Picture 13: WAY International Bowling Competition

WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration Grand Dinner

The focus of the whole event was the WAY 60th Anniversary Grand Dinner that was held at the Dewan Seri Negeri, Ayer Keroh from 8pm till late into the night. The focal point of the event was the official opening ceremony speech given by Hon. Dato Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia, the key note address presented by Former WAY president, Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen and the welcoming address was given by Rt Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, WAY President.

The awarding of the 5th Prime Minister of Malaysia-WAY World Youth Awards took place as well during this celebration where various categories of the award were presented to various winners. Appendix 6 shows the list of award recipients.

Dignitaries that graced the event included

- Hon. Dato Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia
- Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka and President of WAY
- Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen, Former WAY President
- Hon. Shifeta Pohamba, Deputy Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports Namibia, and WAY Executive Member
- Hon. Moammar Mutahar Mohamed Al-Eryani, Deputy Minister of Youth, Yemen

Other events for this auspicious evening included

- Launching of the coffee table book "WAY 60th Anniversary: A Journey from London to Melaka"
- Presentation of the World Youth Awards
- Presentation of certificates and token of appreciation
- Photo sessions
- Cultural performance by
 - o KAB³ Cultural performance group from Bangladesh
 - o Cultural performance from Kazakhstan
 - Cultural performance from Malaysia

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³ Kathak Academy Bangladesh



• Picture 14: WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration Grand Dinner



• Picture 15: WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration Grand Dinner



• Picture 16: World Youth Award



• Picture 17: World Youth Award



Picture 18: WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration Grand Dinner



• Picture 19: WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration Grand Dinner

Finances

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

Appendices

Appendix 1: List of Organisers

- Senior Private Secretary to the Chief Minister of Melaka
- Deputy State Secretary-Administration
- Asian Youth Council
- Malaysian Youth Council
- Melaka State Youth Council
- Melaka Chief Ministers Office
- Kuala Lumpur International Airport
- Royal Malaysia police
- Royal Malaysian Custom
- Melaka Tourism Action Council
- Historic Melaka city Council-MBMB
- Melaka Protocol and Council Management Unit
- Melaka Tourism Promotion Division
- Melaka Broadcasting Department
- Melaka Information Department
- Melaka Public works department
- Melaka Youth and Sports Department
- Melaka Road and Transport Department

- Melaka Immigration Department
- Melaka Special Affairs Department
- Melaka Anti Drug Agency
- Melaka Water Board
- Melaka Stadium Corporation
- Melaka Foundation
- Melaka Museum Corporation
- Melaka River and Costal Development Corporation
- Melaka Public Library Corporation
- Resource Center Division
- Eye on Malaysia
- Taming Sari Malaysia
- Melaka ICT Holdings
- Puteri Resort Ayer Keroh, Melaka
- Melaka Mass Media club
- Melaka Volunteers club
- World Youth Foundation

Appendix 2: Key Organizing Committees

Steering Committee

Patron: Rt. Hon. Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abd Razak

Prime Minister of Malaysia

Advisor: Hon. Dato' Ahmad Shabery Cheek

Minister of Youth, Malaysia

Chairman: Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam

Chief Minister of Melaka and President of World Assembly of Youth

Deputy Chairman: Hon. Datuk Hj. Idris Hj. Haron

Deputy President of the Malaysian Youth Council

Secretary: Ms. Ediola Pashollari

Acting Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth

Mr. Mohd Zaidi Azziz

Assistant Secretary General of the Malaysian Youth Council

Assistant Secretary: Mr. Mohd Nizam Omar

Secretary General of the Melaka State Youth Council Director of Sahabat Belia, Melaka Chief Minister Department

International Organizing Committee

Chairman: Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam

Chief Minister of Melaka and President of World Assembly of Youth

Vice Chairman: Mr. Nurdkeswarsing Bossoondyal

Vice President (Africa), World Assembly of Youth

Hon. Pohamba Shifeta

Executive Committee Member, World Assembly of Youth

Member: Mr. Mohamed Abuza Gaza

Executive Committee member, World Assembly of Youth

Mr. Mohd Salah

Observer WAY Member, General Sudanese Student Union

Miss Ediola Pashollari

Acting Secretary General, World Assembly of Youth

National Organizing Committee

Chairman: Hon. Datuk Hj. Idris Hj. Haron

Deputy President of the Malaysian Youth Council

Deputy Chairman: Ms. Ediola Pashollari

Acting Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth

Mr. Mohd Zaidi Azziz

Assistant Secretary General of the Malaysian Youth Council

Secretary: Mr. Mohd Nizam Omar

Secretary General of the Melaka State Youth Council Director of Sahabat Belia, Melaka Chief Minister Department

Appendix 3: Preparatory Meeting Committee

Preparatory Meetings Committee

Advisor: Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam

Chief Minister of Melaka and President of World Assembly of Youth

Chairman: Hon. Hasan Abd Rahman

Deputy Chairman, Welfare, Unity, Youth and Sports

Assistant Secretary: Mr. Mohd Nizam Omar

> Secretary General of the Melaka State Youth Council Director of Sahabat Belia, Melaka Chief Minister Department

Members:

Senior Private Secretary to the Chief Melaka Road and Transport

Minister of Melaka Department

Deputy State Secretary-Melaka Immigration Department Administration Melaka Special Affairs Department Asian Youth Council Melaka Anti Drug Agency

Malaysian Youth Council Melaka Water Board

Melaka State Youth Council Melaka Stadium Corporation

Melaka Chief Ministers Office Melaka Foundation

Kuala Lumpur International Airport Melaka Museum Corporation Royal Malaysia Police Melaka River and Costal Royal Malaysian Custom **Development Corporation**

Melaka Tourism Action Council Melaka Public Library Corporation

Resource Center Division Historic Melaka city Council-MBMB

Melaka Protocol and Council Eye on Malaysia Management Unit Taming Sari Malaysia Melaka Tourism Promotion Division Melaka ICT Holdings

Melaka Broadcasting Department Puteri Resort Ayer Keroh, Melaka

Melaka Information Department Melaka Mass Media club Melaka Public works department Melaka Volunteers club Melaka Youth and Sports World Youth Foundation

Department

Appendix 4: Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Agenda/Item	Venue
	All Day	Arrivals	Kuala Lumpur International Airport to Puteri Resort, Ayer Keroh, Melaka
10 th Dec	2000pre		WAY Presidents Residence
11 th Dec	0800hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort
	0900hrs	Registration/Networking	Puteri Resort
	1200hrs	Lunch	Puteri Resort
	1430hrs	Tour in Melaka • Youth Museum • Sultanate Museum • Royal Malaysian Museum • Taming Sari Tower • Eye on Malaysia • Pahlawan Square Walk	Melaka
	1900hrs	Dinner	Puteri Resort

	2100hrs	Tour in Melaka Tour of Melaka River Cruise Pahlawan square Walk	Melaka
	0700hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort
	0800hrs	Youth Walk "Democracy"	MITC - WAY HQ
12 th Dec	1000hrs	Official Launch of the World Youth Complex and WAY HQ • Welcome Address by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, WAY Acting Secretary General • Address by Hon. Dato' Shamsul Anuar Nasarah, Malaysian Youth Council President • Official Opening by Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka and WAY President • Ribbon cutting • Photo session	WAY HQ
	1100hrs	Tree Planting	WAY HQ
	1300hrs	Lunch	Puteri Resort
	1430hrs	WAY 60 th Anniversary "International Bowling Competition"	Melaka International bowling Center-MIBC
	2000hrs	 WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration Grand Dinner Way 60th Anniversary Video presentation Welcome address by Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka and WAY President Key note address by Hon. Ole Lovig Simonsen, Former WAY President Address and Official Opening Ceremony by Hon. Dato' Ahmad Shabery Cheek Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia 	Dewan Seri Negeri, Ayer Keroh

		 Launching of the Coffee Table Book-WAY 60th Anniversary Presentation of the World Youth Award Presentation of Certificates and Appreciation Tokens Photo session Dinner cultural performance 	
13 th December	0800hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort
	All day	Departures	Melaka to KLIA

Appendix 5: Delegate Breakdown

Country	No of Delegates	Namibia	3
Vietnam	4	Nepal	1
Uzbekistan	5	Nigeria	7
Bangladesh	40	Pakistan	9
Brunei Darussalam	6	Philippines	9
Cambodia	5	Seychelles	1
China	2	Singapore	5
Egypt	1	Somali	5
Germany	1	Sri Lanka	3
India	9	Sudan	4
Indonesian	17	Thailand	4
Iran	2	Yemen	11
Iraq	1	Denmark	1
Jordan	2	Mauritius	1
Kenya	5	Albania	2
Korea	5	Zimbabwe	1
Libya	3	Saudi Arabia	2
Malaysia	27	UAE	3
Mongolia	1	Uganda	2
Myanmar	2	Total	212

Appendix 6: 5th Prime Minister of Malaysia-WAY World Youth Award

Organisations:

Winner - The National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea-NCYOK

1st Runner up - National Youth council of Namibia

2nd Runner up - National Organisation of Libyan Youth

Outstanding Lifetime Individual Youth Award:

Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen

Individual Youth Award:

- Mr. Arthur Gillette (USA)
- Hon. Tolorunjuwon Joseph Faniyi (Nigeria)
- Mr. TS Zorigtbaatar (Mongolia)
- Dr. Kwang-Sun Cha (Korea)
- Hon. Moammar Mutahar Mohamed Al-Eryani (Yemen)
- Prof. Ranganathan J. (India)
- Mr. Stig Fog Jensen (Denmark)
- Mr. Joyti Shankar Singh (India)
- Mr. James Chin (China)
- Mr. Amir Gharib (Egypt)
- Mr. Albert Otruba (Slovakia)
- Mr. Shiv Khare (India)
- Dato' Seri Mohd Tajol Rosli Mohd Ghazali (Malaysia)
- Datuk Dr. Hj. Jamaludin Abd Rahim (Malaysia)
- Datuk Seri Panglima Hj Lajim Bin Hj Ukin (Malaysia)
- Rev. N.N. Nanyak (Nigeria)
- Mr. Khalid M. Farouk (Sri Lanka)

- Mr. Ronald Waarde (Suriname)
- Dato' Hj Hasan Bin Malek (Malaysia)
- Dato' Fuad Hj Hassan (Malaysia)

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