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The background of the cover is a large, semi-transparent photograph of a diverse group of young people, likely participants in the assembly, posing for a group photo. They are smiling and some are making peace signs. In the background, a banner for 'MITC' (Malaysia Trade Fair) is visible. The image is overlaid with a dark blue diagonal shape on the right side and a gold diagonal shape on the bottom left.

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

FOREWORD



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PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)

Firstly, I would like to express how grateful I am, to have my privilege as the President of the World Assembly of Youth to witness and be a part of this fruitful yet challenging journey of the year 2018.

I also would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all members of the Secretariat, Executive Committee, member organisations, and all participative parties for their determined effort and innumerable support which shaped the success of year 2018. All of those achievements in year 2018 have been possible because of collaboration from all parties involved.

The annual report elaborates a whole year journey of 2018 given the opportunities, challenges, efforts, and step-by-step ride towards attainment of our major goal of existence which is serving young people worldwide. This includes our fundamental mission in tackling youth issues and striving for their betterment. I am confident that this annual report shall provide all information that is required by our members, partners, and other interested parties on WAY's progress for the complete course of year 2018.

This annual report contains information on all the programmes which WAY conducted and jointly organised in the recognition and attainment of our forth Millennium Plan of Actions 2015 – 2018 as well as the objectives stipulated in the WAY Charter. Looking back at all of those, I am glad that the World Assembly of Youth was able to strongly carry out its impact at international level by maintaining partnership with various United Nations agencies like UNICEF, member organisations, and other international organisations.

Last but not least, I hereby, invite all stakeholders to join hands with us in welcoming another great and productive year ahead!

Together, we could create a better and sustainable world for not only young people, but also for all and next generations to come!

Thank you!

PREFACE



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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)

On behalf of the WAY Secretariat and Executive Committee, I would like to gratefully present our 2018 Annual Report which encompasses all specifics, concerning our undertakings, commendable publications, and other pertinent information. With the procedural notes aside, this report obliges as a substantiation of the hard work and commitment contributed by all parties involved in making year 2018 as yet another prolific year.

With utmost gratitude, I would like to pay complement to our brilliant volunteers, and members of Secretariat; without whose fortitude, keenness and cooperation, our accomplishments in year 2018 may have not been possible.

My appreciation also goes to all of our distinguished colleagues on the Executive Committee as well as to our member organisations for their immeasurable support, contribution, and instrumental confidence, even in the face of volatile atmosphere of the year.

Not forgetting, our thankfulness goes out to all partners and stakeholders, youth inclusive, for their absolute assurance in always supporting our efforts towards serving young people worldwide.

Looking back the whole year of 2018, there have been lots of challenges but those did not make our undertaking towards the end to be less exciting and gratifying. In spite of all the uncertainties and obstacles encountered throughout the year, WAY has prolifically kept on track in acting as a better and more youthful international organisation serving as an advocate for youth around the world.

Do enjoy reading this report and I gladly welcome any comments.

(For feedback, please write to us at info@way.org.my.)

Thank you!

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BACKGROUND

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), since 1949, has taken an active role in its position as the international coordinating body of 140 member organisations consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations from around the world.

WAY acknowledges the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the foundation of its actions and services for the young people and youth worldwide.

According to the WAY Charter, WAY aims to:

- ❖ Increase inter-ethnic respect and to foster inter-cultural and international understanding and cooperation;
- ❖ Facilitate the collection of information about the needs and problems of youth;
- ❖ Disseminate information about the methods, techniques and activities of youth organisations;
- ❖ Promote the interchange of ideas between youth of all countries;
- ❖ Assist in the development of youth activities and to promote, by mutual aid, the extension of the work of voluntary youth organisations;
- ❖ Cooperate in the development of national youth councils of voluntary youth organisations;
- ❖ Establish and maintain relations international organisations, both voluntary and governmental;
- ❖ Support and encourage the national movements of non-self-governing countries in their struggle for national liberation;
- ❖ Promote tolerance, understanding, solidarity and cooperation among youth men and women irrespective of race, sex, language, religion or political orientation;
- ❖ Encourage the full participation of young men and women in the development process of their countries;
- ❖ Improve the equality between young men and women;
- ❖ Act as a representative body of national youth councils to the U.N. and other appropriate governmental and non-governmental international bodies.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), instituted in 1949, has retained a special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and worked side-by-side with several agencies of United Nations, such as: UNEP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNEPA, UNV, UNDP, ILO, and UNAIDS. Up to present day, WAY has acted as the international coordinating body of 140 member organisations consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations around the world.

The realisation of WAY's aims and initiative in unraveling youth potential has been steered by the numerous global networks that it has and the continuous support from all of its members, stakeholders, and volunteers. Reporting the year 2018 is with all gratification, as we underscored more than a few significant aims towards enabling the collection of information about both needs and issues of youth, stimulating the interchange of ideas between youth from different countries, facilitating the development of youth-based activities, and boosting full participation of young people in their countries' developmental and decision making processes.

It has been decades now since our establishment, and we always have, and continue to bestow our best efforts towards providing and burgeoning the right environment for young people to advance effectively and efficiently at their utmost potential. As part of our internal enhancements, at WAY-Headquarters, we unceasingly heighten our working system and resources to whole-heartedly serve the youth and members.

In our quest for success and sustainability, we, as a team, have been developing and planning activities and programmes which have been and will continue to be implemented in line with our Millennium Plan of Actions (MPACs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), those are specially designed for young people to advance accelerately and to add value towards the progression of societies as a whole. In addition to all events which have been productively conducted in 2018, we, at our Headquarters, will continue to offer a platform for youth to grow further through our internship opportunity and volunteers programme.

On the year 2018, WAY took on a tremendous challenge to focus on global issues that have been concerns for multiplicity of parties on international level, such as the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (18th MIYD) themed on Sustainable Urbanisation . This is in line with WAY's efforts in taking into consideration the challenges and difficulties that young people, throughout the world, encounters. Hence, the need for proper organisation, communication, hard work, group effort and commitment are the substantial components in order to address young people's issues and make WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action a reality. World Assembly of Youth (WAY) shall carry on to fundamentally converging on youth issues with practical emphasis on internal excellence and professional handling at national, regional and international levels.



9th SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM

FORUM BANDAR SEDUNIA



KUALA LUMPUR • 7-13 FEB 2018

ABOUT WORLD URBAN FORUM

The World Urban Forum (WUF) is the World's premier conference on urban issues. It was established in 2001 by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanisation and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies. Organised and convened by UN-Habitat, the Forum has become one of the most open gatherings on the international arena, for exchanging views and experiences on urban challenges. The inclusive nature of the Forum, combined with high-level participation, makes it a unique United Nations conference and the premier international gathering on urban issues.

OBJECTIVES

The World Urban Forum has the following objectives:

- Raise awareness of sustainable urbanisation among stakeholders and constituencies, including the general public;
- Improve the collective knowledge of sustainable urban development through inclusive open debates, sharing of lessons learned and the exchange of best practices and good policies; and
- Increase coordination and cooperation between different stakeholders and constituencies for the advancement and implementation of sustainable urbanisation.

ABOUT WORLD URBAN FORUM 2018 (WUF9)

WUF9 mobilised urban actors in national governments, subnational and local governments, civil society, private sector and academia to share knowledge and solutions for sustainable urban development; facilitated stakeholders' inputs to monitoring and reporting on the New Urban Agenda and facilitated strong multi-stakeholder partnerships. The Forum gathered a wide range of experts from every walk of life. Participants of the Forum included, but were not limited to, national, regional and local governments, non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, professionals, research institutions and academies, professionals, private sector, development finance institutions, foundations, media and United Nations Organisations and other international agencies. It was recognised as the foremost global arena for interaction among policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental organisations and expert practitioners in the field of sustainable urban development and human settlements.

THE THEME OF WUF 9, "CITIES 2030, CITIES FOR ALL: IMPLEMENTING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA"

The theme of the Ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) "Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda" – placed the Forum's focus on the New Urban Agenda as a tool and accelerator for achieving Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. WUF9, therefore, provided a great opportunity to garner the efforts of all relevant actors to deliberate on, identify and commit to implementation of concrete solutions for the transformative commitments made in the New Urban Agenda (which were also fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals): Sustainable Urban Development for Social Inclusion and Ending Poverty; Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Prosperity and Opportunities for All; and Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient Urban Development.

OVERVIEW OF WORLD URBAN FORUM 2018 (WUF9)

The ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from Wednesday, 7 February, to Tuesday, 13 February 2018, on the theme "Cities 2030 – Cities For All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda." WUF9 was the first Forum to convene since the adoption of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) at the Habitat III conference in Quito, Ecuador, in 2016. The Forum accordingly focused on arrangements and actions for implementation, with many delegates and participants emphasizing the importance of public, private and civil society cooperation in order to fully achieve the NUA. Many speakers highlighted the NUA as a way of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and called for aligning NUA

monitoring and reporting with the follow-up and review process for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 11 on sustainable cities.

Najib Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, opened WUF9 at an official ceremony on Thursday, 8 February. WUF9 welcomed UN-Habitat's new Executive Director, and Maimunah Mohd Sharif, former Mayor of Penang, Malaysia. The week of meetings began with five World Assembly meetings of the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) constituency groups that previously provided input to the Habitat III process. Dialogues, special sessions, networking events and exhibitions took place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and at various venues around Kuala Lumpur during the week. Ministerial-level roundtables and many special sessions convened to discuss concerns and share examples of good policies and practices toward sustainable and inclusive urbanisation.

KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION ON CITIES 2030

The Declaration was drafted during WUF9 by an advisory group that included representatives of the host country and UN-Habitat. The Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030 calls for accelerating NUA implementation by promoting and adopting:

- Frameworks for implementation, inclusive platforms for dialogue amongst all stakeholders, integrated territorial development and diversified means of implementation;
- Governance and partnerships that engage all levels of governments to ensure co-responsibility in activities, and that promote multi-stakeholder constituency-based coalitions to use the NUA to respond to urban crises; and
- Innovative solutions that foster a culture of creativity, implement monitoring and data collection including of community-generated data, create an enabling environment through municipal and other financing; and adopt accessibility and universal design as core principles.

The Declaration called for further developing the role of UN-Habitat as a focal point in the UN system to support countries and mobilisation of stakeholders in the implementation, follow-up and review of the NUA.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 7 February 2018

09:00 - 10:30

Joint Opening for the WUF9
Assemblies

10:30 - 17:30

Women's Assembly

Business Assembly

Children and Youth Assembly

17:30 - 18:30

Assemblies conclusions

Thursday 8 February 2018

08:30 - 15:00

AFINUA

One UN Room

09:00 - 11:00

Networking Events

09:00 - 19:00

Urban Library

11:00 - 14:30

World Assembly of Local and
Regional Governments

Ministers Roundtable

Grassroots Assembly

11:30 - 14:00

Side Events

15:00 - 17:00

Official Opening

17:00 - 18:00

Side Events

17:00 - 18:30

AFINUA

17:00 - 19:00

One UN Room

17:00 - 18:00

Plenary Conclusions

Friday 9 February 2018

8:00 - 9:00

Caucus Meetings

9:00 - 11:00

Networking events

9:00 - 12:00

High Level Roundtable
Cities for All and housing at the center

Dialogue
National Urban Policies

9:00 - 18:30

One UN room

AFINUA room

Listen to Cities room / Local Action

09:00 - 19:00

Urban Library

9:00 - 11:00

Stakeholder Roundtable
Persons with disabilities

Special Session
Unlocking positive impacts of migration in cities

Special Session
Security of tenure, land market and segregation

11:00 - 12:00

Plenary Conclusions

11:00 - 14:00

Training events

14:00 - 15:00

Side events

14:30 - 17:30

High Level Roundtable
The urban dimension in climate change action

Dialogue
Governance and legislative frameworks

14:30 - 16:30

Stakeholder Roundtable
Civil Society Organizations

Special Session
Leveraging diversity and culture, shaping the cities for all

Special Session
Informal settlements and slum upgrading

16:30 - 17:30

Plenary Conclusions

15:00 - 17:00

Networking events

17:00 - 18:00

Side events

19:00 - 20:00

Urban Talk

Saturday 10 February 2018

8:00 - 9:00

Caucus Meetings

9:00 - 11:00

Networking events

9:00 - 12:00

High Level Roundtable
Urbanization and Development: investing in the transformative force of cities

Dialogue
Addressing urban complex crisis and conflict

9:00 - 18:30

One UN room

AFINUA room

Listen to Cities room / Local Action

09:00 - 19:00

Urban Library

9:00 - 11:00

Stakeholder Roundtable
Research and Academia

Stakeholder Roundtable
Older persons

Special Session
Local economic development, productivity and youth employment in cities

Special Session
Urban labs for urban extension and urban renewal

11:00 - 12:00

Plenary Conclusions

11:00 - 14:00

Training events

14:00 - 15:00

Side events

14:30 - 17:30

High Level Roundtable
An integrated territorial approach to sustainable development

Dialogue
Making resilient cities

14:30 - 16:30

Stakeholder Roundtable
Parliamentarians

Special Session
Creative investment and financing mechanism for local government

Special Session
Affordable housing for all (diverse income and multi-generational cities)

Special Session
Access to basic services for all

16:30 - 17:30

Plenary Conclusions

15:00 - 17:00

Networking events

17:00 - 18:00

Side events

19:00 - 20:00

Urban Talk

Sunday 11 February 2018

8:00 - 9:00

Caucus Meetings

9:00 - 11:00

Networking events

9:00 - 12:00

High Level Roundtable
Innovative governance for open and inclusive cities

Dialogue
Urban planning and design for local implementation

9:00 - 18:30

One UN room

AFINUA room

Listen to Cities room / Local Action

09:00 - 19:00

Urban Library

9:00 - 11:00

Stakeholder Roundtable
Professionals

Stakeholder Roundtable
Indigenous Peoples

Special Session
Smart Cities and the growing role of frontier technologies in sustainable urbanization

Special Session
Restoring hope: Building back cities and communities together after disaster

11:00 - 12:00

Plenary Conclusions

11:00 - 14:00

Training events

14:00 - 15:00

Side events

14:30 - 17:30

High Level Roundtable
Sustainable urban development for peace and security

Dialogue
Urban economies, productive cities and municipal finance

14:30 - 16:30

Stakeholder Roundtable
Foundations and philanthropies

Stakeholder Roundtable
Trade Unions and workers

Special Session
Urban Data

Special Session
Urban mobility and safe and accessible transport for all

16:30 - 17:30

Plenary Conclusions

15:00 - 17:00

Networking events

17:00 - 18:00

Side events

19:00 - 20:00

Urban Talk

Monday 12 February 2018

8:00 - 9:00

Caucus Meetings

9:00 - 11:00

Networking events

9:00 - 12:00

Dialogue

Open and big data: measuring the urban reality

9:00 - 18:30

One UN room

AFINUA room

Listen to Cities room / Local Action

09:00 - 19:00

Urban Library

9:00 - 11:00

Stakeholder Roundtable

Business and Industries

Stakeholder Roundtable

Women

Special Session

Inclusive multi-stakeholders platforms

Special Session

Risk Reduction

Special Session

Urban-rural linkages

11:00 - 12:00

Plenary Conclusions

11:00 - 14:00

Training events

14:00 - 15:00

Side events

14:30 - 17:30

Dialogue

Transformative partnerships in urban management

14:30 - 16:30

Stakeholder Roundtable

Children and Youth

Stakeholder Roundtable

Farmers

Special Session

Urban ecological landscapes: Achieving urban health addressing climate change

Special Session

Housing at the Center

Special Session

Civic engagement and participation

16:30 - 17:30

Plenary Conclusions

15:00 - 17:00

Networking events

17:00 - 18:00

Side events

20:00

Gala dinner

Tuesday

13 February 2018

8:00 - 9:00

Caucus Meetings

9:00 - 11:00

Networking events

9:00 - 12:00

One UN room

AFINUA room

Listen to Cities room / Local Action

09:00 - 12:00

Urban Library

9:00 - 11:00

Stakeholder Roundtable

Media

Stakeholder Roundtable

Grassroots organizations

Special Session

Low carbon and energy efficient cities

Special Session

Urban Safety and Accessibility

11:00 - 12:00

Plenary Conclusions

11:00 - 12:00

Side events

12:30 - 14:30

Official Closing

7-13
February 2018

9:00 - 18:30

WUF9 Exhibition

City Events & WUF9
Village

Parallel Events



**INTERNATIONAL HPV AWARENESS DAY
CAMPAIGN
4TH MARCH 2018
MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

BACKGROUND

The International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS) is a globally respected professional society devoted to research on HPV and HPV-related disease, international education, public awareness and improved HPV prevention and management strategies. IPVS serves as the organisational structure for biomedical scientists and physicians engaged in all manner of papillomavirus research. Besides, IPVS also promotes translational research of basic and clinical scientists as well as epidemiologists and public health workers at academic, government and corporate laboratories and hospitals. As part of its global advocacy mission, IPVS has announced that the first International HPV Awareness Day took place on 4th March 2018 with the theme '**HPV affects everyone**'. However, in order to raise awareness and understanding of HPV, it required collaboration from other supporting organisations. Realising the importance of collaboration, in year 2018, IPVS established partnership with the World Assembly of Youth in making this campaign a fruitful one.

ABOUT HUMAN PAPPILOMAVIRUSES (HPV)

Human Papillomaviruses (HPVs) are sexually transmitted viruses that are very common worldwide. There are more than 200 different HPV types, eighty percent of people will have HPV at some point in their lifetime and while for many it will cause no harm, some types of HPVs are known to cause certain cancers such as cervical, anal and oropharyngeal cancer. Worldwide, cervical cancer is the fourth most frequent cancer in women and an estimated 270,000 women die of cervical cancer every year.

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL HPV AWARENESS DAY CAMPAIGN

On March 4, 2018, the World Assembly of Youth joined forces with around eighty organisations worldwide to commemorate the first annual International HPV Awareness Day. The goal of the day was to spark conversation and promote a worldwide exchange of ideas, knowledge, and research materials about Human Papillomaviruses (HPV) and their associated diseases. Besides, this Awareness Day Campaign aimed to raise awareness of the diversity of people directly affected by HPV, and the wider impact on our families and communities. It as well provided evidence-based information about how individuals could address HPV and reduce their risk of HPV-associated diseases.

OBJECTIVES

- To share insights, experiences, and best practices in order to deliver a strong global HPV awareness campaign;
- To provide a collaborative direction representing the diverse expertise and perspectives that would be integrated in relation to the awareness on the HPV and its associated diseases;
- To disseminate engaging messages and informational and marketing material around the theme “HPV Affects Everyone”;
- To assist in publicising International HPV Awareness Day at relevant conferences or meetings or social media.



GLOBAL MONEY WEEK

“MONEY MATTERS MATTER”

12TH – 18TH MARCH 2018

Global Money Week (GMW) is a celebration, with local and regional events and activities aimed at inspiring children and youth to learn about money, saving, creating livelihoods, gaining employment, and becoming an entrepreneur. It is coordinated, supported and facilitated by the Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) Team, but the events themselves are organised by schools, universities, government ministries, central banks, and financial institutions, members of the civil society and communities of active youth worldwide.

WHY CELEBRATE GMW?

What makes GMW activities so exceptional is the active involvement of children and youth in the planning, organising and actualisation of events, as well as in the discussions and knowledge sharing opportunities that commence. We want to make sure that the opinions of the next generation are heard so that the decision makers of tomorrow may take active part in the policy discussions of today. Your participation brings the world one step closer to ensuring

that every young person will have access to economic education, the opportunity to use financial services, a reliable source of income, and the ability to develop money-managing skills.

ABOUT GMW 2018, ‘MONEY MATTERS MATTER’!

It is more important than ever for children and youth to be economically equipped and empowered to close inequality gaps and build a brighter future! Every child deserves a brighter financial future but no child will get there alone. Through Global Money Week (GMW), children, governments and institutions, all over the world have been raising their voices to demand a better introduction into the financial world. The theme for the GMW 2018, ‘Money Matters Matter’ has been selected because of the pertinence of the knowledge and skills for children and youth in order to make smart financial decisions throughout their life.

From 12th – 18th March 2018, Global Money Week 2018 was celebrated in a record-breaking 151 countries and overseas territories across all continents, serving as a strong reminder of the world’s determination to tackle financial exclusion by celebrating ‘all things money.’ From Central Banks to local branches, to schools and stock exchanges, youth financial inclusion and economic empowerment found their way to the top of agendas in a plight to create a financially secure generation. Launched by H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, GMW set precedence for global financial inclusion campaigns.



GMW2018 OUTREACH



Global Youth
Service Day



Youth
Changing
the World

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY CAMPAIGN (GYSD)

“PROMULGATING KINDNESS BY YOUTH”

20TH – 27TH APRIL, 2018

MELAKA, MALAYSIA

ABOUT GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY (GYSD)

Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is celebrated via urging and mobilising young people in contributing to their communities through services. GYSD is the largest service event in the world and the only one dedicated in the promotion of 365 days-youth's participation towards community services. It is celebrated annually in more than 100 countries, through young people working together – and with involvements of schools, youth organisations, non-profits, community and faith-based organisations, national service programmes, government agencies, and adult mentors, in order to address the world's most critical issues and bring favourable changes into their communities.

- **Why:** To mobilise young people to voice out their concern, take action, and make impact in tackling issues that they encounter.
- **How:** Thousands of youth-led service projects to assist in the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- **What:** Impact on youth (acquiring employment and leadership skills) and contribute into community (achievement of the Global Goals).
- **Who:** Young people, coming from diversified backgrounds, nations and economic circumstances and possess various talents.
- **Where:** Over 100 countries from all seven continents of the world.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY CAMPAIGN

The 30th Anniversary celebration of the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) took place from 20th – 22nd April in year 2018. In commemorating the GYSD, WAY organised an online-based campaign for a week, starting from 20th to 27th April 2018. This online campaign showcased two different formats, where young people could share their stories of happiness for themselves or others, taking into consideration that young people are always on the go, following up their social media updates. There were two main online campaigns conducted in which each of them are listed and elaborated as follow.

1. Share Kindness via Photos and Short Stories in WAY's Social Media

On April 20-27, WAY conducted a social media awareness campaign in which young people were encouraged to share their kindness-story in a form of photos together with a short story-telling (max 100 words) explaining about those photos. *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WAYHQ/>; Twitter: @way_hq*

2. 'Make A Stranger Smile Today' Campaign

On April 20-22, WAY conducted photos-based campaign in its social media: *<https://www.facebook.com/WAYHQ/> and @way_hq* in which young people were encouraged to upload 1 photo per social media account showing the smiling face of a happy stranger.



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ABOUT MIYD:

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 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 to address the selected issues.

INTRODUCTION

Over the years, cities all over the world have competing in acceleration for their economic developments and wealth creation. This on-going process is known as urbanisation. Urbanisation and its uncertainly luring promises have attracted many people from outside the cities to move to the cities in search for better job opportunities and living conditions. The greater percentage of these people is youth. It is without a doubt that urbanisation is one of the most important global trends occurring in the 21st century.

Over fifty-percent of the urban population lives and is predicted to continue to live in small urban centers with fewer than half a million inhabitants. Today more than half of the world's population lives in urban areas, and by 2030 this is expected to rise to sixty-percent. In the same period ninety-percent of the world's population growth will take place in cities, particularly in Africa and Asia. The rate of urbanisation is expected to be the highest in Africa and Asia over the coming decades. Over the next four decades, urban population is likely to treble in Africa and to increase by 1.7 times in Asia.

In order to harness urbanisation, mitigate its negative externalities and promote an “urban paradigm shift”, there is need for a coordinated approach and clear policy directions.

Unfortunately, this is lacking in many countries, where several government departments are in charge of dealing with different aspects of the urbanisation challenge. The key step for reasserting urban space and territoriality is the development of an effective national urban policy. It is also vital to provide the needed direction and course of action in supporting the sustainable urban development.

The sustainable urban policy provides an overarching coordinating framework to deal with the most pressing issues related to rapid urban development, including slum prevention and regularisation; access to land, basic services and infrastructure; urban legislation; delegation of authority to sub-national and local governments; financial flows; urban planning regulations; urban mobility; and urban energy requirements as well as job creation.

The pertinence of urbanisation and its underlying issues have captured the attention of the United Nations and its global members that have gathered together during the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum. This Forum focused on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda adopted in Habitat III. The New Urban Agenda of the Habitat III provides comprehensive guidelines on how to strengthen the relationship and coexisting correlation between urbanisation and sustainable development. UN-Habitat's contribution to a national urban policy includes country assessment; advice on setting up of national processes and stakeholder participation; documentation of good practices to support national processes; analysis of urban planning policies and instruments; facilitation of local-national dialogue on reforms; dissemination and capacity development on the urban policy across the full range of actors.

UN-Habitat encourages governments, institutions and individuals in power to always involve youth, making up a majority of world population, in shaping the new urban agenda as well as identify sustainable urbanisation as their top priority. Various key stakeholders have shown their concern through promoting and directly contributing to many programmes, especially those that are designed to promote urbanisation at local, national, regional and international levels.

It is crucial that we attempt to find and provide best ways for youth to participate in bringing about the best strategy in attainment of the sustainable urbanisation to their respective countries as well as the global level. For that reason, it was essential to have intercultural platforms like the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue in order to gather all stakeholders in discussing relevant factors and matters on the issue of Urbanisation, and recommend solutions as well as contributions towards the achievement of a sustainable urbanisation and a better tomorrow.

THEME:

The theme for the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue ‘Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation’ has been selected to uplift ideas and leverage the role of young people towards attaining a strategic and sustainable urbanisation. Additionally, the outcomes guided by this selected theme contributed favorably in youth development as well as betterment of societies as a whole.

Youth play a key role in delivering this promise and need to be viewed and treated as assets and drivers of sustainable development. There is currently a demographic “youth-bulge” in the developing world, where there are more people under the age of 25 today, totaling nearly three billion or almost half of the total global population. Hence, 1.3 billion of that total are between the ages of 12 and 24. These youth live, by and large, in cities and towns. The cities of the developing world account for over 90 percent of the world’s urban growth and youth account for a large percentage of those inhabitants.

If youth are not included in urbanisation and governance processes then they could become an obstacle to economic development. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to encounter the poorly designed urbanisation that does not cater for the needs of youth in which it shall eventually become a significant source of poverty and inequality. Exclusion of youth in such activities like policy making in regard to issues affecting them could lead to a stronger informal sector and higher marginalisation, which, in turn, could cause a rise in social conflicts and even threaten the economic, social, and environmental stability of the respective countries

An interactive dialogue on this topic was of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth for a conducive and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society that they represent. Thus, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, representatives from public and private sector, media persona, city and national councils as well as members of various NGOs and CSOs, gathered to call for action and structure experiences on the issue of Urbanisation and Youth Development. The outcome document also enhanced youth contribution towards the attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ORGANISERS:

The 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) was organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia), Melaka State Government, the Asian Youth Council, the Commonwealth Youth Council, the Malaysian Youth Council and the



OBJECTIVES:

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

- To find effective and efficient solution in ensuring adequate shelter for all;
- To discover means to promote security of residence, especially for those residing in the developing world;
- To come up with mechanism to support vulnerable groups as well as minorities, especially women and the poor;
- To uncover proper methods in providing adequate and equitable access to basic urban services;
- To promote awareness and analyse problems as well as inventories of programmes, services, facilities, and resources available related to youth roles in solving issues of urbanisation;
- To foster action and establish methods in order to effectively promote sustainable global urbanisation;
- To increase availability of more coordinated private and public investments in urban development and consequent improvement of cities' productivity, inclusiveness and environmental conditions;
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, city and national councils, NGOs and others, in promoting strategic urbanisation and supporting constructive youth development as well as youth leadership;
- To gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to contribute in promoting the ongoing urbanisation schemes;
- To distinguish well-defined responsibilities for the qualified agencies, institutions and personnel involved in preventive efforts;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the attainment of sustainable urbanisation;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of urbanisation;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

PARTICIPANTS:

Participants of 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue were between the ages of 18 and 35, gender balanced groups representing their respective National Youth Councils; Youth Organisations; Ministries of Youth; Ministries of Housing and Development, Municipalities, Organisations that address urbanisation; Youth Development Organisations; International Organisations; United Nations Agencies, and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme was 140, from 42 different countries.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was a prolific event in not only providing a favorable platform where urbanisation issues were comprehensively discussed, but also resulting on the outcome documentation: the 18th MIYD Declaration, which encompasses the recommendations of solutions to all relevant stakeholders in tackling the issues of urbanisation. At the end of this dialogue, all the delegates, who were coming from 42 different countries, recognised the importance of empowering and equipping the youth with the right knowledge, skills, proper attitude and approach for achieving sustainable urbanisation. Acknowledging the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Urban Agenda, young people were encouraged to be at the forefront of universal transformation taking actions in order to advocate and protect the cities and human settlements that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. Hence, in this dialogue, all participants corroborated on the importance of the continuous support of all the stakeholders in order to reach the desired goal which is, sustainable urbanisation for all.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE
24th June	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA / KLIA2 – Pantai Puteri Hotel
	2000HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	2100HRS	ICE BREAKING SESSION: ➤ Introduction ➤ Briefing on 18 th MIYD Programme	Pantai Puteri Hotel
25th June	0700HRS	Breakfast	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	0900HRS	OPENING CEREMONY: ➤ <i>Welcoming Remarks by Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari</i> ➤ <i>Video Presentation: ‘Journey of MIYD’</i> ➤ <i>Video Presentation: Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation</i> ➤ <i>Official Opening Address by President of World Assembly of Youth, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron</i> ➤ Souvenir Presentation ➤ Photo Session	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1030HRS	VIP Press Conference	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1045HRS	PLENARY SESSION 1: Impacts Of Urbanisation – Challenges And Opportunities - “Urbanisation: International Trends, Challenges And Opportunities” by Dr. Amjad Rabi, Deputy Representative and Senior Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF, Malaysia - “Exploratory Study On Challenges And Issues Of Urbanisation” by Dr. Wesam AL Madhoun, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Univeristi Teknologi Petronas, Palestine - “Addressing The Issues And Challenges Of Rapid Urbanisation” by Mr. Fathudin Kamaruddin, President Youth Wing, Malaysian Institute of Planners, Malaysia Chairperson: Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, President of World Assembly of Youth	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1300HRS	Lunch	Pantai Puteri Hotel

1400HRS	PLENARY SESSION 2: Youth Voices Towards A Sustainable Urbanisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Youth Participation In The Midst Of Economic Growth and Urbanised Development” by Dr. Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori, Senior Analyst, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Iraq - “Empowering Youth in Urban Rejuvenation” by Mr. Mohd Riduan bin Ngesan, Programme Executive, Think City Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia - “Melaka’s Initiative towards Achieving Our ‘Green Technology City By 2020’ by Mr. Badrul Hisham Badrudin, CEO, My Bio Science Lab, Malaysia <p>Chairperson: Mr. Nick Atkinson, Master of Ceremony and Voice Talent</p>	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
1530HRS	Refreshments	Pantai Puteri Hotel
1545HRS	PLENARY SESSION 3: The Role Of CSOs And NGOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Civil Society And SDGs” by Ms. Maryam Majidova, Secretary General, National Assembly of Youth Organisations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan - “Leading A Generation To Change The World Through Entrepreneurship” by Mr. Tauseef Rasheq Ahad, Regional Director and national Director, Hult Prize Foundation, Bangladesh - “Role of Indigenous Knowledge in Urban DRR” by Mr. Ganesh Dhungana, Executive Director, Action Nepal, Nepal - “Youth In Sustainable Environment And Community Engagement-NGOs Perspective” by Ms. Rene Fu Swee Yun, Youth Activist, Zero Waste Malaysia, Malaysia <p>Chairperson: Mr. Dhanesh Basil, Coordinator of Commonwealth Youth Council</p>	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
1700HRS	Free and Easy	Pantai Puteri Hotel
2000HRS	Dinner	Pantai Puteri Hotel
2100HRS	CULTURAL PERFORMANCES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WAY Volunteers ➤ MIYD Participants 	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
0700HRS	Breakfast	Pantai Puteri Hotel

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27 th June	0900HRS	WORKSHOP: The Role Of All Stakeholders In Attainment Of A Sustainable Urbanisation: ➤ Public sector, ➤ Private sector, ➤ NGOs / IGOs, ➤ Media, and ➤ Young people.	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1045HRS	WORKSHOP (Continues)	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1300HRS	Lunch	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1400HRS	WORKSHOP (Continues)	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1530HRS	Refreshments	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1545HRS	WORKSHOP: GROUP PRESENTATIONS	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	2000HRS	Dinner	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	2100HRS	Drafting Committee Meeting	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	0700HRS	Breakfast	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	0900HRS	Presentation of 18th MIYD Draft Declaration	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1045HRS	Adoption of 18th MIYD Declaration	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1300HRS	Lunch	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	1400HRS	Excursion	Puteri Beach, Melaka
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	2000HRS	FAREWELL GALA DINNER AND CLOSING CEREMONY: ➤ Welcoming Remarks by Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth , Ms. Ediola Pashollari ➤ Address by President of Malaysian Youth Council , Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin ➤ Address by Vice President of Asian Youth Council , Dr. Ali Mohd Mansoor	Ballroom, Pantai Puteri Hotel

- Video Presentation: **Journey of 18th MIYD**
- Official Closing Address by **President of World Assembly of Youth**, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron
- Certificate and Award Presentation
- Souvenir Presentation
- Photo Session
- Musical and Cultural Performances

28th June	0700HRS	Breakfast	Pantai Puteri Hotel
	All Day	Departures	Pantai Puteri Hotel - KLIA/KLIA2



“Moral and Innovative Leadership for Peace and Development”

6th – 15th August 2018

**Washington D.C., Philadelphia, New York
United States of America**

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS ASSEMBLY (IYLA)

The International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA) is a partnership-driven leadership development program that empowers young leaders to positively impact their communities, nations, and the world. IYLA hosts university students, young professionals, and globally significant leaders at annually held interactive programs in the U.S. and abroad. Delegates acquire first-hand experience in leadership, join a lasting global leadership network and build a platform to tackle current critical issues.

BACKGROUND OF IYLA

The inaugural IYLA in Atlanta in 2012 was jointly organised by the Global Peace Foundation, the Points of Light Foundation, The Global Young Leaders Academy and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. The program included engagements with the Americas Summit at the Carter Presidential Center, the Global Peace Convention and at the King Center. The second IYLA drew 800 young leaders from over 70 countries for programs at the United Nations Headquarters and permanent missions in New York, the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, and the US Capitol, World Bank, Organisation of American States, think tanks and embassies in Washington DC. This ten-day program concluded at the 50th celebration of Dr. King’s famous I Have a Dream speech at the Lincoln Memorial addressed by U.S. presidents Carter, Clinton and Obama. With the encouragement of many co-sponsoring agencies, embassies and organizations, this three-city program in the US has become an annual undertaking. The subsequent IYLAs expanded to Malaysia, Thailand and Paraguay, and will continue to be organised in meaningful regions throughout the world.

Each IYLA engages its own slate of relevant partners and sponsors. The initiating co-conveners, the Global Peace Foundation and the Global Young Leaders Academy continue to anchor the program at GPF's Washington DC headquarters. The IYLA incorporates a robust internship program with unequalled opportunities to work with leading institutions in diplomacy, development, policy and education while honing skills in communication, innovation and useful tech applications.

ABOUT THE 2018 IYLA

The 2018 IYLA was an ambitious 10-day program where university student leaders and young professionals ages 18 to 35 from around the world shared experiences related to peace and development beginning in Washington DC at the World Bank, State Department, US Congress, embassies and think tanks. They continued to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and concluded in New York City. The 2018 IYLA was co-convened by Global Peace Foundation (GPF), the Global Young Leaders Academy (GYLA) and the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).

The 2018 International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA) gathered youth delegates from countries around the world from August 6 – 15, 2018 in a ten-day program that began in Washington D.C., continued through Philadelphia, and culminated in a summit at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. The 2018 International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA) was a partnership-driven leadership development program that empowered young leaders to positively impact their communities, nations while encouraging them to think of "moral and innovative" ways to become young global leaders.

What to look forward to:

- ❖ Explore values-based leadership frameworks needed to raise moral leaders;
- ❖ Build confidence in millennials by engaging globally significant institutions where they actively contribute and add value through their passion, energy, and creativity;
- ❖ Provide a platform for global young leaders to build lasting friendships and expand their network for present and future collaboration to address the prevalent challenges surrounding humanity;
- ❖ Encourage peer learning by sharing best practices and tools to make a greater impact in their communities, nations and world;
- ❖ Inspire high-level institutions to actively include youth as stakeholders and owners to collectively address pressing issues in the world today.

PROGRAMMES HIGHLIGHT

1. Global Summit in New York

The Summit brought over youth leaders from more than 100 countries committed to their

communities and the world for networking opportunities and plenary sessions featuring youth leaders, and officials from globally significant institutions.

2. Training at American Red Cross

International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is the legal framework applicable to situations of armed conflict and occupation. Delegates received a briefing on the workings of the IHL within the American Red Cross, and participated in an interactive training centered on identifying appropriate military targets.

3. Forum on the Declaration of Independence

At the National Constitution Center, delegates learned about the global implications of the Declaration of Independence, explored the importance of vision, principles and values in nation-building, and explored one of America’s most historic cities.

4. IBM Leadership Training

In 2012, IBM was named as the number 1 company for leaders, and the world’s fifth most valuable brand in 2015. The IBM Executive Leadership Training was a way for delegates to reflect on their unique leadership journey. Delegates received the same training that IBM employees receive within the company.

5. Congressional Youth Forum

A leadership forum on Capitol Hill provided delegates the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills. Each delegate delivered a speech centered on their leadership experiences, goals, and passions.

6. Briefing at State Department

The U.S. state department is the lead U.S. foreign affairs agency and the oldest federal department. At the State Department, delegates participated in group discussions on relevant current events and were briefed on what is the purpose of the State Department.

7. Six-Party Talks simulation at Korean Economic Institute

During the simulation, delegates acted as lead negotiators for the six countries involved in the North Korea nuclear negotiations (i.e., United States, Russia, South Korea, North Korea, China, and Japan). As government representatives, the delegates were tasked to come to an agreement for establishing peace and security in Northeast Asia.

8. Global Youth Summit at World Bank

The Summit commemorated International Youth Day featuring interactive panel discussions with influential leaders, networking opportunities, and a workshop centered on the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

THE 29TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM (IYF)



“THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WITH YOUTH: LIFE IN THE FUTURE” SEOUL AND GOYANG CITY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA 17TH – 23RD AUGUST 2018



ABOUT THE 29TH IYF

The 29th International Youth Forum with the selected theme, “*The 4th Industrial Revolution with Youth: Life in the Future*”, took place from 17th – 23rd August, 2018 in Seoul and Goyang City, Republic of Korea. This event was hosted by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Republic of Korea (MOGEF) and organised by the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK) in partnership with the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).

ABOUT THE THEME

We stand on the brink of a technological revolution that will fundamentally alter the way we live, work, and relate to one another. In its scale, scope, and complexity, the transformation will be unlike anything humankind has experienced before. We do not yet know just how it will unfold, but one thing is clear: the response to it must be integrated and comprehensive, involving all stakeholders of the global polity, from the public and private sectors to academia and civil society. Facing the new era, 29th IYF offered a special opportunity to the participants from all around the world to share their ideas on 3 main topics for the 4th Industrial Revolution. The youth who will lead the future society, will create results on how to make a successful era of the 4th Industrial Revolution through interactive and participative approach interactive and participative approach.

THREE MAIN TOPIC AND SUB-CATEGORIES

A. The Identity of the 4th Industrial Revolution: Changing Society

- Sub-category 1: Big Data and A.I.
- Sub-category 2: Two Sides of Personal Information Protection
- Sub-category 3: ImaginableFuture of Urban Regeneration

B. The Change of Jobs Caused by the 4th Industrial Revolution: New Paradigms of Career

- Sub-category 1: Disappearing Jobs

- Sub-category 2: Collaboration with A.I.
- Sub-category 3: Differentiated Capabilities for Human Being

C. The Role of Youth in Preparation for the 4th Industrial Revolution: Youth Policy

- Sub-category 1: Future Society that Youth will Create
- Sub-category 2: Solidarity and Cooperation among Youth around the World
- Sub-category 3: Solidarity and Cooperation around the World

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To increase youth's understanding of global issues, offering an opportunity to tackle them and to find alternative ways or solutions;
- ❖ To improve cooperation and enhance mutual understanding among youth across cultures and nationalities;
- ❖ To spread goodwill around the world and to build interactive global citizenship through networking among youth.

PARTICIPANTS

- A. Overseas participants: 155 delegates
- B. Korean participants: 30 delegates
- C. Qualifications
 - Youth between the ages of 18 and 27 who are significantly interested in the topic
 - Participants should have a good command of English

PROGRAMME

Date	Activities	Remarks
Friday, 17 th August 2018	-Arrival / Registration	
	- Opening Ceremony / Welcome Dinner * Hosted by Hon. Minter of Gender Equality and Family, Republic of Korea	✂ Accommodation - Grand Hilton Seoul (https://www.grandhiltonseoul.com/)
	- Orientation	
	- Informal Meeting	
Saturday, 18 th August 2018	- Move to Goyang City (Tongyang Creativity Center)	✂ Accommodation
	- Election for Each Discussion Group Leader	- Tongyang Creativity Center (http://www.tycc.co.kr/)
	- Special Lectures	
	- Discussion Time	

	- Informal Meeting
Sunday, 19th August 2018	- Discussion Time - Informal Meeting
Monday, 20th August 2018	- Compiling the Results of Discussion - Experience Activity of the 4 th Industrial Revolution - Informal Meeting
Tuesday, 21st August 2018	- Experience Activity of the 4 th Industrial Revolution - Experience Activity at Korean Youth Centers - Namsan Tower Tour & Korean Traditional Village Tour
Wednesday, 22nd August 2018	- Korean Culture Experience - Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner * Hosted by Hon. President of NCYOK
Thursday, 23rd August 2018	- Departure



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**13TH GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE
FESTIVAL
“PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING
TO BREAK THE BARRIERS AND
BRIDGE THE GAPS”
CHANDIGARH, INDIA
30TH SEPTEMBER TO 2ND
OCTOBER 2018**

INTRODUCTION

Global Youth Peace Festival-GYPF is an amalgam of inspirational peace-talks, creative workshops, cooperative-games, action-based activities, volunteer action, building cross-cultural relationships, cultural festivities and neighbourhood walks. Beyond friendships, GYPF is also breeding grounds for inspiring new ideas. Brainstorming new ideas was not limited to discussion forums. Young people also channel their creativity into posters, collages, music, dance and action programmes to fully emphasise the important global issues.

BACKGROUND

Over the past eleven years, the Global Youth Peace Festival has been pursuing the agenda of youth leadership and transformative change. It has also shown the way to build a global culture of volunteerism and service. The GYPF 2016, which was coincided with the clouds of war, had gathered delegates over India and Pakistan. The organising committee of the 11th GYPF managed to change the narrative by having young people from thirty-three countries including 19 young girls from Pakistan espousing for peace. The youth solemnly reaffirmed that we were all part of one global family – Vasudaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) – aspiring to establish peace in every corner of the globe.

ABOUT GYPF 2018

During GYPF 2018, youth were given an opportunity to take part in decision-making and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda. The SDGs are formally adopted by Heads of State at the United Nations, marking a historic moment that sets the world’s development agenda for the next 15 years. However, the SDGs are not legally binding. Each government would decide how to implement the ambitious goals based on their own national contexts. Furthermore, review of a country’s progress toward the Goals is strictly

voluntary. This means the implementation of the SDGs relies greatly on citizens who need to hold their leaders and governments to account and remind them on their commitments.

In year 2018, the 13th GYPF 2018 was majorly supported by Indian Oil Co. Ltd., Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali, Chitkara University, Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife, Science and Technology and Tourism of Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, Peoples Convention Centre and CRRID, Chandigarh. The overarching focus of the 13th GYPF was on revitalising global youth partnerships for Sustainable Development, the spirit governing SDG-17 (Sustainable Development Goal-17). Its major objective was to crowdsource the demands and aspirations of the youth so that they could have a voice in shaping a new, peaceful and sustainable world.

Apart from the overarching theme, the GYPF 2018 incorporated dialogues, revolving on four major themes – celebrating women’s rights, living in harmony with man and nature, peace building and youth activism and the role of the youth in achieving Sustainable Development Goals. The inauguration of the 13th GYPF on September 30, 2018 at Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management witnessed young people from participating countries, deliberating and discussing on their idea about a sustainable world and how they could involve and contribute in its attainment via partnerships.

OBJECTIVES

Major Objectives

- To promote **peace, equality and living in harmony with nature;**
- To provide challenging intercultural learning experiences for young people;
- To promote their social and personal development through participation in various multi-cultural, academic, sports & service initiatives;
- Explore ways of understanding peace and conflict;
- **Connect** youth-based social change efforts across issues, geography, and all lines of difference, unleashing the collaborative power and collective action of today’s younger generations;
- To encourage dialogue amongst young leaders, and strive to create the next generation of nonviolent peacemakers. As the mission of GYPF is to ignite a generation-wide movement of young people in shape of ‘Global Youth Peace Forum’ helping to bring forth a thriving, just, sustainable world.

Secondary Objective

- GYPF 2018 provided a platform for increased exchange of ideas through greater interaction amongst the participating youth;

- At least 50 per cent of the participants went back with a project idea that they would implement in their community, especially in the field of women rights, environmental conservation and peace activism;
- To promote increased sharing of ideas and learn from each other's local initiatives, at least five international youth exchange programs will be organized before GYPF 2020;
- As the Peace Clubs in Chandigarh and adjoining towns of Panchkula and SAS Nagar (Mohali), similar Peace Clubs were formed in at least 5 different countries by the participants of GYPF 2018;
- GYPF 2018 trained fifty young people as 'Global Youth Peace Forum Volunteers' who could further train more young people in different countries to carry forward the spirit of volunteering, non-violence, equity and justice.

IMPACT

GYPF is a catalyst for young people to get involved in their community and make a difference. Such efforts energize those who are already engaged in good causes, helping people recognize they are not alone in their endeavor. The GYPF brings everyone together and promotes new bonds beyond boundaries of race, religion and nationalities. In the past 12 years, GYPF have created a network of hundreds of motivated youth across the globe. From issues of environment to violence, these youth have been advocating for equal human rights and sustainability in various manners. GYPF provides young people a platform for increased exchange of ideas, so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential. GYPF further energise the local Peace Clubs in Schools and Colleges of Peace-city Chandigarh, not only to take active part in the initiative but also to share ideas, network and start campaigns for common good of all.

ORGANISER: Yuvsatta (youth for peace)

SUPPORTERS

At National Level

- ❖ Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management (CIHM);
- ❖ Department of Environment, Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration;
- ❖ Indian School of Business, SAS Nagar, Punjab;
- ❖ Peoples Convention Centre, Chandigarh;
- ❖ Wild Ecologues, Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.

At International Level

- ❖ Afghans for Progressive Thinking (APT), Afghanistan;

- ❖ Ashram Gandhi Puri, Bali, Indonesia;
- ❖ Association Footura, Bulgaria;
- ❖ International Youth Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
- ❖ Jagriti Child and Youth Concern, Nepal;
- ❖ Justice, Aid and Development (JAD) Foundation, Pakistan;
- ❖ Good Deeds Day;
- ❖ My Club, Mongolia;
- ❖ Taiwan Association for Volunteer Effort;
- ❖ United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), Hague, The Hague, The Netherlands;
- ❖ Volunteer Spirit, Thailand;
- ❖ World Assembly of Youth (WAY), Malaysia.

PARTICIPANTS

In total, participants of the 13th GYPF were comprised of 250 young leaders and change makers who were coming from at least 30 different countries. Some of the participating countries included Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Fiji, India, Kenya, Indonesia, Nigeria, Nepal, Malaysia, Mauritius, The Netherland, Philippines, Syria, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, USA and others.



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PRESS RELEASE

WORLD CANCER DAY

DATE: 4TH FEBRUARY 2018

World Cancer Day is taken place every year on 4th of February, all over the world, to remember all the efforts done by the WHO, United Nations, governmental and non-governmental health organisations towards making the strategy to fight against cancer, as well as, distributing the real message about this epidemic disease and its treatments including its precautionary measures by uniting all the people a day on global basis. It aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about cancer, and pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action against the disease.

Cancer is not just a health issue, it is increasingly becoming a social issue that requires attention and action at all levels. Cancer is a leading cause of death in both, more and less economically developed countries. The burden is expected to grow worldwide due to the growth and aging of the population, particularly in less developed countries, in which about 82% of the world's population resides. There are over 100 cancer types that exist nowadays and each of them requires unique diagnosis and treatment.

Globally, an estimated 8.8 million people die from cancer every year. However, it is the most ill-equipped countries that bear the brunt of this disease, with 70% of deaths occurring in developing countries. Child cancers also highlight the inequality factor that plays such a large role in cancer, as survival rates differ greatly between high-income and low-income countries. In South Africa, you have a 19% chance of being diagnosed with cancer before the age of 75, statistically speaking. In addition, there are 77 440 new cancer cases each year.

We, at World Assembly of Youth, believe that the World Cancer Day is an opportunity to reflect on the multi-stakeholders and multidisciplinary nature of cancer control. We will only be successful in the fight against cancer through strong collaboration between wide ranges of stakeholders: policymakers, researchers, civil society, medical professionals and academia - and, last but not least, patients. We urge youth to start caring about their health by reflecting it in their lifestyle as to prevent is always better than to cure. We all, as a collective or as individuals, can do our part to reduce the global burden of cancer.

World Cancer Day is the one singular initiative under which the entire world can unite together in the fight against the global cancer epidemic. Stay Healthy, Live Free from Cancer!

International Day of Women and Girls in Science

11 February



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

DATE: 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

"We need to encourage and support girls and women achieve their full potential as scientific researchers and innovators."

~ UN Secretary-General, António Guterres ~

Science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Over the past 15 years, the global community has made a lot of effort in inspiring and engaging women and girls in science. Unfortunately, women and girls continued to be excluded from participating fully in science. According to a study conducted in 14 countries, the probability for female students of graduating with a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and Doctor's degree in science-related field are 18%, 8% and 2% respectively, while the percentages of male students are 37%, 18% and 6%.

In many parts of the world, girls and young women continue to carry the double burden of being both young and female. They often face negative cultural attitudes and practices as well as gender-biased social and political processes that limit their opportunities and undermine their self-esteem. Moreover, girls and women shoulder the heaviest burdens of poverty and inequality as they stand on the frontlines as victims of climate change, including those of natural disasters.

Despite all the hardships and difficulties encountered by women and girls all around the world, without a doubt, they possess the collective power to change their lives, the societies and the world we live in. Just as they solve their daily issues in their families, women are continually developing innovative, effective ways to improve their lives and even, develop their communities. By bringing together their wisdom, intelligence and creativity, young women are, indeed, leading change and innovation.

Observed on the 11th of February every year, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science recognises the critical role that women and girls play in both Science and Technology. Science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Over the past 15 years, the global community has made a lot of effort in inspiring and engaging women and girls in science.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth as per our Fourth Millennium Plan of Action, we encourage all stakeholders to adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all young women, at all levels. WAY also encourage all members to undertake necessary reforming actions to give young women the equal rights to economic resources, as well as to ownership and control over the other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources.

We believe meaningful progress must start with the rights and dignity of women, by nurturing their ingenuity as well as creativity, and enhancing the use of enabling technologies, in particular Information and Communication Technology, to empower young women.

On this International Day, let us urge commitment to end partiality, greater investments in education for all women and girls as well as opportunities for their careers and longer-term professional advancement so that all can benefit from their ground-breaking future contributions.

Happy International Day of Women and Girls in Science!

20 February

World Day of Social Justice



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
DATE: 20TH FEBRUARY 2018**

"Migrant workers, like all workers, are entitled to fair treatment and fair treatment for migrant workers is also key to preserving the social fabric of our societies and to sustainable development."

~ Message from ILO Director-General, Mr. Guy Ryder ~

Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

For the United Nations, the pursuit of social justice for all is at the core of the global mission to promote development and human dignity. The adoption by the International Labour Organization of the Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization is just one recent example of the UN system's commitment to social justice. The Declaration focuses on guaranteeing fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work.

Observed on the 20th of February yearly, the World Day of Social Justice marks the difference between patronizing charity and a firm rights-based approach to human development and their well-being. Effective social justice transforms altruistic gestures into justifiable rights, particularly for the benefit of the most vulnerable people.

2018 theme is "Workers on the Move: the Quest for Social Justice". Most migration today is linked directly or indirectly to the search for decent work opportunities. Even if employment is not the primary driver, it usually features in the migration process at some point. There are an estimated 258 million international migrants. The ILO estimates that there are roughly 150 million migrant workers. Among migrant workers, 56 percent are men and 44 percent are women. Migrant workers account for 4.4 percent of all workers and have higher labor force participation rates than non-migrants globally (73 percent and 64 percent respectively).

The quest for social justice has been an historical journey for migrant workers who are often exposed to the risk of exploitation in countries of origin, transit and destination. The lack of

social justice, in particular for low-wage migrant workers, includes the risk of being trapped into jobs with poor wages and working conditions, often in the informal economy; exposure to violations of labour and other human rights; dangerous workplace and health hazards; child labour; forced labour; debt bondage; trafficking in persons; and other decent work deficits.

Exploitative recruitment practices, at the very start of the migration process, add to the challenge through exorbitant recruitment fees and other costs charged to migrant workers. The mismatch of skills to the jobs available in destination countries; separation of families; and absence of social protection also contribute to the social and economic costs of migration.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that the World Day of Social Justice is a call for all countries to take concrete actions that give meaning to the universal values of human dignity and opportunity for all. We uphold the principles of social justice by promoting gender equality and giving young people a voice to speak up as well as removing barriers that young people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

To achieve the goal of a society for all governments in every country should commit itself for the creation of a framework for action to promote social justice at national, regional and international levels. Governments should also pledge to promote the equitable income distribution and greater access to resources through equity and equality and opportunity for all.

Let us call upon the international community to make effort to eradicate poverty, promote employment with decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being for all.

Happy World Day of Social Justice!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

DATE: 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

Languages are an irreplaceable tool for sustainability; each and every one conveys a different pattern of thoughts and worldviews. The realisation of sustainable development depends on linguistic diversity and multilingualism and the contribution it makes to global citizenship education as it promotes intercultural encounters and better ways of living together.

Linguistic diversity is increasingly threatened as more and more languages disappear. One language disappears on average every two weeks, taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage. Protecting linguistic diversity is a challenge. With regard to multilingual education based on mother tongue or first language, progress is being made. Overall, there is a better perception of mother tongues, more commitment to their development in public life, and more measures taken to ensure mother tongue education in the early years of schooling.

International Mother Language Day is celebrated on the 21st of February every year. The UNESCO aimed to put a strong emphasis on the linguistic diversity on the earth and how it shapes cultural groups everywhere. Therefore they announced International Mother Language Day in 1999 and it got established in 2008, the International Year of Languages by the United Nations General Assembly.

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day 2018, UNESCO reiterates its commitment to linguistic diversity and invites its Member States to celebrate the day in as many languages as possible as a reminder that linguistic diversity and multilingualism are essential for sustainable development.

This year, we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we welcome its translation into more than 500 languages. Its Article 2 states “Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex and language.

We live in multilingual and multicultural societies with multilingual citizens. We exist through

our languages; it is through language we express ourselves, we communicate, we participate in social and public life, and we transmit traditional knowledge, knowledge and cultures in a sustainable way.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that multilingual education facilitates access to education while promoting equity for populations speaking minority and/or indigenous languages. It emphasises the quality of teaching and learning process with more focuses on mutual understanding, respect and sustainability of cultural heritage. Moreover, it facilitates participation and tolerance in society by giving access to cultural expressions, and therefore, ensuring a harmonious interaction between the global and the local.

Let us promote the preservation and protection of all languages!

Happy International Mother Language Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY

DATE: 1ST MARCH 2018

"Discrimination is a violation of human rights and must not go unchallenged," says United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. "Everyone has the right to live with respect and dignity."

No one should ever be discriminated against because of their age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, language, health (including HIV) status, geographical location, economic status or migrant status, or for any other reason. Unfortunately, however, discrimination continues to undermine efforts to achieve a more just and equitable world. Many people face discrimination every day based on who they are or what they do.

Zero Discrimination Day is a global event that joins all national, regional and international efforts against discrimination and promotes diversity as well as inclusion. The United Nations firstly celebrated Zero Discrimination Day on the 1st March 2014, after UNAIDS, through its program on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), launched Zero Discrimination Campaign on World AIDS Day in December 2013.

Observed annually on the 1st of March, draws attention to the millions who still suffer from social and economic exclusion due to prejudice and intolerance. Millions of women and girls in every region of the world, for instance, experience violence and abuse on a daily basis and struggle to access adequate health care and education.

Discrimination in health-care settings also continue to be widely reported. Cases, such as: a young woman newly diagnosed with HIV being told by her doctor that she must be sterilized, a sex worker who has been denied to access any advice or information about their sexual health, a gay man frightened of disclosing his sexual preference to medical staff, an over-dosed drugs-abuser who is dying after being refused for treatment and a transgender person attempting suicide after being turned away from a clinic, are some of the scenarios and indicators of more efforts are required towards the attainment of Zero Discrimination.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), understand that discrimination is a violation of human rights and must be addressed with an extensive approach. We acknowledge that Zero Discrimination Day is an opportunity to celebrate everyone's right and pride, especially young people, in order to assure full and productive life for all without any forms of exclusion and segregation. Indeed, it is a day to call everyone in promoting and supporting diversity, tolerance and inclusion as well as standing together against discrimination.

Since our institution, we channel young people's voice against discrimination and their initiatives to spread awareness within their networks. Therefore, we encourage young people to carry on their fight to defend justice and respect diversity as pertinent asset of unification.

Let us stand out! Embrace the diversity that exists around us, understand and accept people's differences, open minds and respect and support one another.

Happy Zero Discrimination Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 'THE TIME IS NOW: RURAL AND URBAN ACTIVISTS TRANSFORMING WOMEN'S LIVES'

DATE: 8TH MARCH 2018

"Achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls is the unfinished business of our time, and the greatest human rights challenge in our world."

~UN Secretary-General, António Guterres~

International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, call for change and celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. It is also an opportunity to consider how to accelerate the 2030 Agenda, building momentum for the effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal number 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; and Goal number 4: Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.

This year's theme is "The Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activists Transforming Women's Lives". It comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women has captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change. International Women's Day 2018 is an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the activists who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential.

Echoing the priority theme of the upcoming 62nd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, International Women's Day will also draw attention to the rights and activism of rural women, who make up over a quarter of the world population, and are being left behind in every measure of development.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that empowerment for women and girls are vital to the development of societies. Today, however apparent progress in gender equality may seem, many efforts still need to be engaged towards a society where gender equality is absolute. Towards such efforts, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) continue to partake in the global initiatives for enlivening the principle of gender equality. In line with this year theme **“The Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activists Transforming Women’s Lives”**, we urge young women to avoid all harmful practices, such as: child, early and forced marriages and female genital mutilation. They should be working to realise their true potential as part of a gender neutral society, and strive even harder to alleviate the hardships still being faced by fellow women, around the world.

On this International Women’s Day, let us call upon all stakeholders to be courageous to stand for gender equality and a vision of a world where all women and girls have equal opportunities and rights.

Let us join efforts to transform the momentum into action, empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the activists who are working relentlessly to claim women’s rights and realize their full potential.

The time is now to transform women’s lives.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

GLOBAL MONEY WEEK: 'MONEY MATTERS MATTER'

DATE: 12TH MARCH 2018

Global Money Week is a worldwide celebration intended to empower the next generation of financial actors to be confident, responsible, and skilled economic citizens. Every year, entire communities jointly take action to reshape the financial landscape, and give young people the tools and inspiration they need to shape their own future.

The Global Money Week 2018 (GMW2018) organized by Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI), is an annual global celebration, with local and regional events and activities, aimed to inspire children and youth to learn about money, saving, creating livelihoods, gaining employment, and becoming an entrepreneur.

The theme for GMW2018 is "Money Matters Matter", suggesting that children and youth need to receive the knowledge and develop skills to make smart financial decisions throughout life. International celebrations are carried out to promote the importance of financial rights, especially for children and youth. Global Money Week encourages children around the world to unite their voices in support of financial inclusion and financial education, take action, expand their knowledge, and engage with the financial issues that affect them most.

Today, less than 1% of all children in the world have access to financial education and financial inclusion, and one billion children live in poverty. Financial illiteracy results in many young people struggling with large amounts of debt, which results in negative repercussions on their development and well-being. Previous Global Money Week has reached 7.8 million children and youth, 137 countries, 23,738 organizations, over 72,759 activities.

Being a partner of Global Money Week since 2015 WAY realised the necessity of raising awareness on the significance of financial education and independence amongst young people. We have conducted educational and awareness campaign focusing on the importance of financial education and independence amongst young people.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), promote financial inclusion among young people where they learn about finance courtesy. We believe that Global Money Week is an opportunity for children and youth worldwide to celebrate economic citizenship education. It is an opportunity for youngsters to learn about creating livelihoods, gaining employment, and even starting their own enterprises. We want to make sure that the opinions of the next generation are heard so that the decision makers of tomorrow may take active part in the policy discussions of today.

Global Money Week is important, because children and youth are the focus of change. They are tomorrow's business leaders, parents, and teachers. They can unlock their potential when they believe in themselves. They can change lives, their own and others, when they have the right financial tools and knowledge. They can learn about money matters and resources and learn how to earn a livelihood and gain employment, but most of all; Global Money Week provides children and youth with a voice: a voice that can help reshape the future of finance.

Let us teach finance matters at an early age, to allow children and young people to grow into financially responsible adults and for our national economy to benefit as a result. Therefore, let us engage children and youth with money as it is vital and a lesson that must start at home.



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS
DATE: 20TH MARCH 2018**

“If you want to be happy, do not dwell in the past, do not worry about the future, focus on living fully in the present.”

~ Roy T. Bennett~

Happiness is an everyday term in our lives, and everyone strives to be happy. It is a sense of well-being, joy, or contentment and a lifestyle, whose importance and interpretation cannot be standardised. Each of one takes different path in pursuing our own happiness, what makes you happy does not necessarily apply to others.

International Day of Happiness is celebrated on the 20th March every year. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 June 2012. It is an official UN day that recognizes the pursuit of happiness as a fundamental human goal and the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes sustainable development, poverty eradication, happiness and the well-being of all peoples.

By designating a special day for happiness, the UN aims to focus world attention on the idea that economic growth must be inclusive, equitable, and balanced, such that it promotes sustainable development, and alleviates poverty. Additionally the UN acknowledges that in order to attain global happiness, economic development must be accompanied by a balance of social and environmental well-being.

The initiative to declare a day of happiness came from Bhutan a country whose citizens were considered to be some of the happiest people in the world. The Himalayan Kingdom has championed an alternative measure of national and societal prosperity, called the Gross National Happiness Index (GNH). The GNH rejects the sole use of economic and material wealth as an indicator of development, and instead adopts a more holistic outlook, where spiritual well-being of citizens and communities is given as much importance as their material well-being.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), recognise this day as a vital human goal and we call upon countries, youth councils, NGOs and young people inclusive, to approach public policies in ways that improve the well being of everyone. WAY aspires to focus global attention on the idea that nation's growth must be inclusive, equitable and above all balanced, so as to promote sustainable development. We believe that by 2030 the plan for Sustainable Development is the time to realise a life of dignity for all people by progressing towards the interlinked Sustainable Development Goals; we can help spread happiness and secure peace for better tomorrow that we all wish for.

On this day, we also would like to encourage that happiness should bloom from within and is achieved by appreciating present moment, making peace with the past and enthusiastically looking, forward to the future. Thus, we pledge all of you, not to find happiness but to create one for not only yourself but also the better good of all.

Happy International Day of Happiness!



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

21 March

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: ‘PROMOTING TOLERANCE, INCLUSION, UNITY AND RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY IN THE CONTEXT OF COMBATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION’

DATE: 21ST MARCH 2018

Racial discrimination is a poison that diminishes individuals and societies, perpetuates inequality and feeds anger, bitterness and violence. The fight against racism and all forms of discrimination is a mainstay of peace and social cohesion, especially in our increasingly diverse societies. On the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, WAY calls on young people, member organisations and partners to step up their efforts to build a more inclusive, more giving and fairer world.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was established six years ago after an event, known as the Sharpeville tragedy or Sharpeville massacre, which captured the world’s attention. This event involved police opening fire and killing 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against the apartheid “pass laws” in Sharpeville, South Africa, March 21, 1960.

Observed on the 21st March yearly, to remind people of the consequences of racial discrimination. It also encourages people to remember their obligation to combat racial discrimination. It is a day of great significance in the history of the struggle to end the policy of Apartheid which segregated people on the basis of their race and skin colour as well as denied the basic human rights of the minority.

This year’s theme is “Promoting tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity in the context of combating racial discrimination”. Every person is entitled to human rights without discrimination. The rights to equality and non-discrimination are cornerstones of human rights law. All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the declaration, without distinction of race or any other kind.

Yet racism, xenophobia and intolerance are problems prevalent in all societies, and discriminatory practices are widespread, particularly targeting migrants and refugees as well as people of African descent.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), deem that racism is taught, and, thus, believe that the best way to combat this issue is to approach the concern with solidarity and harmony. We seek to promote global citizenship education and develop tools and expertise capable of enhancing mutual understanding, critical thinking and intercultural dialogue. We, therefore, encourage the young people and youth leaders, to unite and incorporate the ethics of respect, equality and solidarity in daily activities.

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is one of our main channels that seeks not only to help young people voice their opinions but also to find ways to fight racism, promote tolerance among each other and value diversification as an asset to explore ideas from different angles. There are many examples out there, past and present, that can be innovatively emulated and we urge young people to join us in the effort of combating racism and racial discrimination.

Together, let us take comprehensive measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and to promote tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WATER WORLD DAY: 'NATURE FOR WATER'

DATE: 22ND MARCH 2018

Water is an essential building block of life. It is more than just essential to quench thirst or protect health; water is vital for creating jobs and supporting economic, social, and human development. Today, there are over 663 million people living without an improved drinking water supply close to their homes, spending countless hours on queues or walking to distant sources, and coping with the health impacts of using contaminated water.

World Water Day is celebrated on the 22nd of March every year, as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking water contaminated with faeces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio. Unsafe water, poor sanitation and hygiene cause around 842,000 deaths each year.

The theme for this year is 'Nature for Water' which explores how we can use nature to overcome the water challenges of the 21st century. Environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving the water-related crises we see around the world. Floods, drought and water pollution are all made worse by degraded vegetation, soil, rivers and lakes. When we neglect our ecosystems, we make it harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive and thrive.

Nature-based solutions have the potential to solve many of our water challenges. We need to do so much more with 'green' infrastructure and harmonize it with 'grey' infrastructure wherever possible. Planting new forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands will rebalance the water cycle and improve human health and livelihoods.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), will continue to urge young people and our extensive network of youth councils to support innovative programmes, activities and events within their immediate communities, which help the conservation of energy and the delivery of safe

drinking water wherever it is inadequate. Sustainable Development Goal 6 states that ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030 - includes a target to halve the proportion of untreated wastewater and increase water recycling and safe reuse.

Let us focus our attention on the importance of freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

EARTH HOUR

DATE: 24TH MARCH 2018

Earth Hour is an annual environmental campaign that brings attention to the effects of climate change, set to unite millions of people around the world to show their commitment to the planet. The dual challenge of climate change and plummeting, the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment aims to mobilize individuals businesses and governments to be a part of the conversation and solutions needed to build a healthy sustainable future and planet for all.

Millions of people turn off their lights for Earth Hour at 8.30pm (20:30) in their local times on the last Saturday of March. Iconic buildings and landmarks from Europe to Asia to the Americas have stood in darkness during previous Earth Hours. Some people enjoy Earth Hour with a candle-lit dinner or a candle-lit bath, while others host large events or parties, either in darkness or with candles, to celebrate Earth Hour.

Earth Hour started in Sydney, Australia, in 2007. This event saw 2.2 million homes and businesses turn their lights off for one hour to make their stand against climate change that year. Earth Hour had become a global sustainability movement with more than 50 million people across 35 countries participating in 2008. Global landmarks such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the CN Tower in Toronto, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, and Rome's Colosseum, all stood in darkness for Earth Hour. In March 2009, hundreds of millions of people took part in the third Earth Hour.

World Wildlife Fund, which organizes the annual Earth Hour event, aims to stop the degradation of the Earth's natural environment. It also focuses on building a future where people live in harmony with nature. The organization functions through a network of more than 90 offices in more than 40 countries worldwide. Its first office was founded in Morges, Switzerland, on September 11, 1961.

The goal of Earth Hour, a World Wildlife Fund initiative, is to get as many individuals and businesses as possible to turn off their lights for one hour to raise awareness about climate change. One way to slow the current rate of global warming is to get individuals to make small adjustments to the amount of power they consume each and every day.

We at World Assembly of Youth supports the Earth Hour as it is about giving people a voice on the planet's future and working together to create a sustainable low carbon future for planet earth.

Together we can make a difference during Earth Hour!



International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

6 April

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

DATE: 6TH APRIL 2018

Sport has historically played an important role in all societies, be it in the form of competitive sport, physical activity or play. It has a unique power to attract, mobilize and inspire and plays a significant role as a promoter of social integration and economic development in different geographical, cultural and political contexts. It is a powerful tool to strengthen social ties and networks, and to promote ideals of peace, fraternity, solidarity, non-violence, tolerance and justice.

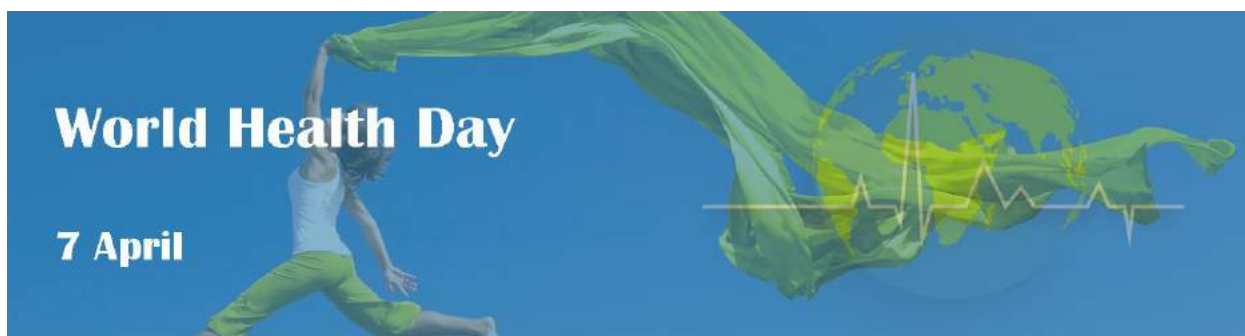
The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace promotes healthy lifestyles and focuses on giving as many people as possible access to sport. It is a day when some of the world's leading sports' people work together with communities to bring sporting opportunities to enrich lives, particularly youth. The right of access to, and participation in, sport and play has long been recognised in a number of international conventions. In 1978, UNESCO described sport and physical education as a "fundamental right for all." But until today, the right to play and sport has too often been ignored or disrespected.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that sport is a universal language that is a powerful tool to promote peace, tolerance and understanding by bringing young people together across boundaries, cultures and religions. Its intrinsic values such as teamwork, fairness, discipline, respect for the opponent and the rules of the game are understood all over the world and can be harnessed in the advancement of solidarity, social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.

We recognise the growing contribution of sport to the realisation of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives. WAY organised several events in the past, including a one day event in 2015 themed as 'Youth Run for Peace and Sustainability', which engaged youth and youth leaders from various countries, to stand in one accord to promote a sustainable peace for all.

On this day, we urge young people to recognise the social problems they face in their own communities and through supportive projects can work together to attempt to address them. Other sport for development and peace organisations should be encouraged to adopt a similarly localised approach in their work.

In this way, sports really can keep changing lives and contribute to nations' sustainable development in the future.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD HEALTH DAY

DATE: 7TH APRIL 2018

Health education is essential if people are to learn how to live healthy lives and avoid diseases. It helps them understand what health is and how to look after it, and also about the need for health services and disease control programmes. Health education can show people that good health and health services are a basic human right; it can explain that health services are important for development.

The World Health Day is a global health awareness day commemorated every year on the 7th April to mark the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. The global body uses the opportunity to draw worldwide attention to a subject of major importance to global health and aims to address issues and emergencies pertaining to health on a global scale.

Ever since the creation of the organization, it has played a major role in addressing serious health issues such as polio, smallpox, chickenpox which were earlier seen in epidemic proportions in several developing countries. Apart from global health concerns, the organization is also responsible for producing the World Health report, which gives an account of overall health of people in UN member nations.

Recognising the importance of health issues, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that healthy youth are productive and willing to help with development of their societies and communities. We also include health as our pertinent aspect in order to ensure the rights to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Therefore, let us encourage all members to strengthen the capacity of their countries for early warning, reduction and management of health risks in national, regional and global levels.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

DATE: 20TH APRIL 2018

Global Youth Service Day celebrates and mobilises the millions of young people who improve their communities each day of the year through service. Established in 1988, GYSD is celebrated each year in over 100 countries, with young people working together and with schools, youth organisations, nonprofits, community and organisations, national service programs, government agencies, and adult mentors to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) works for the promotion of youth and youth organisations in programme areas such as youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training. WAY was founded so as to bring people from different societies, communities, and countries together so that they can share ideas, thoughts, and actions on how to improve cooperation on a global level and among the youth. We facilitate the collection of information about the needs and problems of youth, promote the interchange of ideas between the youth of all countries and assist in the development of youth activities and to promote, by mutual aid, the extension of the work of voluntary youth organizations.

WAY organises events on global, regional, and national levels. These events are often carried out in co-corporation with other international youth organisations, regional youth structures or national affiliates. WAY's representatives participate in various UN working groups and other meetings promoting youth issues and the interests of member organisations. Together with the Global Youth Service Day, we at WAY wish to improve communities by increasing the number and diversity of young people serving in substantive roles.

Therefore, let us all support a global culture and engage youth that is committed to a lifetime of service, learning, leadership, and achievement.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY

DATE: 22ND APRIL 2018

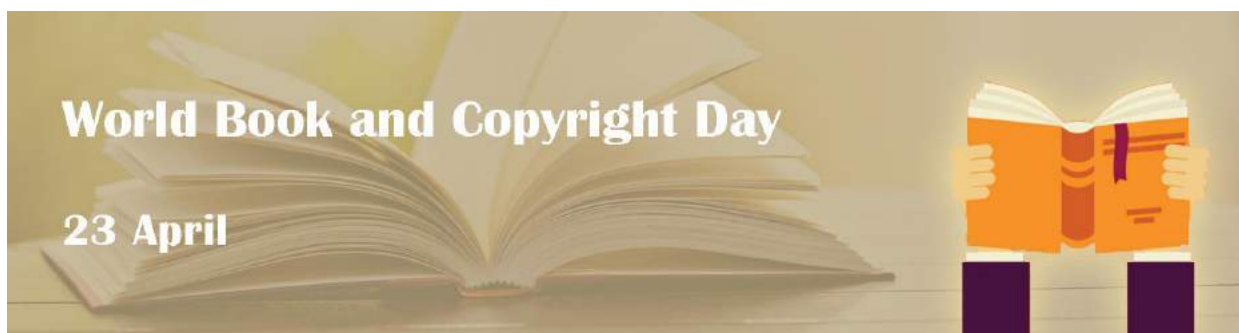
Every small action makes a difference. Ultimately, it is a shared responsibility that each of us has to undertake to protect our planet and make it as sustainable as we can for our future generations to come.

Mother Earth is a common expression for the planet earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit. The Earth and its ecosystems are our home, in order to achieve a just balance among the economic, social, and environmental needs of present and future generations, it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth.

International Mother Earth Day is celebrated to remind each of us that the Earth and its ecosystems provide us with life and sustenance. This day also recognises a collective responsibility, as called for in the 1992 Rio Declaration, to promote harmony with nature and the earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity. International Mother Earth Day provides an opportunity to raise public awareness around the world to the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) believe that the International Mother Earth Day is a chance to reaffirm our collective responsibility to promote harmony with nature at a time when our planet is under threat from climate change, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources and other man-made problems. We need to undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility or encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies. The International Earth Day serves as yet another opportunity to prompt mankind to step up to these responsibilities and reflect on environmental protection and the development of renewable energy.

Young people are all accountable to take up the responsibility by increasing efforts, raising awareness and taking initiative. It's time for youth to invest in efficiency and renewable energy and begin to solve the climate crisis. Together, let's redefine what progress looks like; especially for the youth, it is your turn to lead the societies in saving the Mother Earth!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

DATE: 23RD APRIL 2018

Books are at the intersection of some of the most essential human freedoms, primarily freedom of expression and freedom to publish. These are fragile freedoms."

~Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO~

World Book and Copyright Day is an opportunity to highlight the power of books to promote our vision of knowledge societies that are inclusive, pluralistic, equitable, open and participatory for all citizens.

It is said that how a society treats its most vulnerable is a measure of its humanity. When we apply this measure to the availability of books to those with visual impairments and those with learning or physical disabilities (with different causes), we are confronted with what can only be described as a 'book famine'. According to the World Blind Union approximately one in every 200 people on Earth 39 million of us cannot see. Another 246 million have severely reduced vision. These 'visually impaired persons' or 'persons with a print disability' can access an estimated 10% of all written information and literary works that sighted people can read.

World Book and Copyright Day is a celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. Each year, on the 23 April, celebrations take place all over the world to recognize the magical power of books a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures.

23 April is a symbolic date in world literature. It is the date on which several prominent authors, William Shakespeare, Miguel Cervantes and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega all died. This date was a natural choice for UNESCO's General Conference, held in Paris in 1995, to pay a world-wide tribute to books and authors on this date, encouraging everyone to access books most beautiful invention for sharing ideas beyond the boundaries of humanity space and time as well as the most powerful forces of poverty eradication and peace building.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), recognise that youth, nowadays, are struggling in extremely various situations with diverse traces and perspectives, mental and social growth. In addition, the existence of technology, which with no doubt brings in a lot of amenities into our life, has influenced young people's preferences on entertainment leading most of them spending lesser leisure-time on reading.

Acknowledging on the challenges encountered in our society today, we urge young people to develop a habit of reading regularly so as to increase their knowledge on various subject matters. Our encouragement towards reading has even gone further than just raising awareness amongst young people as we continue to publish resourceful reading materials such as: news, press releases and even book especially those related to youth issues.

Therefore, through the commemoration of World Book and Copyright Day, we wish to reiterate our intention of encouraging young people to continuously appreciate books and treasure the value obtained by reading them. As we, at WAY, believe that books are the treasure of literacy, they are miraculous in their every word and imaginative sentences.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK: ‘OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY HEALTH (OSH) VULNERABILITY OF YOUNG WORKERS’

DATE: 28TH APRIL 2018

A national occupational safety and health culture is one in which the right to a safe and healthy working environment is respected at all levels, where governments, employers and workers actively participate in securing a safe and healthy working environment through a system of defined rights, responsibilities and duties, and where the highest priority is accorded to the principle of prevention.

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work. It is held on 28 April and has been observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003. It is an awareness-raising campaign intended to focus international attention on emerging trends in the field of occupational safety and health and on the magnitude of work-related injuries, diseases and fatalities worldwide.

The theme for this year is “Occupational Safety Health Vulnerability of Young Workers”. This year, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work and the World Day Against Child Labour are coming together in a joint campaign to improve the safety and health of young workers and end child labour.

The campaign aims to accelerate action to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 8.8 of safe and secure working environments for all workers by 2030 and SDG target 8.7 of ending all forms of child labour by 2025. The 541 million young workers (15-24 years old) - which includes 37 million children in hazardous child labour - account for more than 15 per cent of the world’s labour force and suffer up to a 40 per cent higher rate of non-fatal occupational injuries than adult workers older than 25.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), highlights the critical importance of addressing these challenges and improving safety and health for young workers, not only to promote decent youth employment, but also to link these efforts to combat hazardous and all other forms of child labour.

Let us urge young workers to bring energy and fresh ideas to work and allow them to speak up on issues concerning them.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY: 'KEEPING POWER IN CHECK: MEDIA, JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW'

DATE: 03RD MAY 2018

Every year, World Press Freedom Day is a day which celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom, to evaluate press freedom around the world, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession. World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 following a Recommendation adopted at the twenty-sixth session of UNESCO's General Conference in 1991.

It serves as an occasion to inform citizens of violations of press freedom a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered. It is a date to encourage and develop initiatives in favour of press freedom, and to assess the state of press freedom worldwide.

The theme chosen for this year's World Press Freedom Day is "Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and the Rule of Law." It explores the interaction between the judiciary and the media, and their complementary roles in fostering transparency, accountability and governance. Dozens of World Press Freedom Day events are being organized around the world.

We, at the World Assembly World deem that World Press Freedom Day acts as a reminder of the importance of a free press in a functioning and safe society and serves to commemorate the journalists who have lost their lives in support of free press. In a time when media coverage is prone to fear-mongering and sensationalism, taking the time to appreciate and seek out journalism with integrity has never been more important.

WAY commemorate World Press Freedom by encouraging and developing initiatives in favor of press freedom, as well as assessing the status of press freedom worldwide. Our efforts include

the promotion of human rights including media expression to young people serving as a reminder of the need to respect the importance of press freedom. In reflecting the issue of press freedom and professional ethics amongst media, we believe that young people should be exposed to different opinions, freedom of speech and freedom to publish their desires.

Let us make it a date on this day, to encourage and develop initiatives in favour of press freedom, and to assess the state of press freedom worldwide.

Benefits Of Consultative Status With ECOSOC And The Instructions On How To Apply For It For The 2019 Cycle

8 May



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PRESS RELEASE

BENEFITS OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC AND THE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO APPLY FOR IT FOR THE 2019 CYCLE

DATE: 8TH MAY 2018

One of the six principal organs of the United Nations System established by the UN Charter in 1945 is the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It consists of 54 members of the United Nations nominated by the General Assembly and coordinates economic, social and related work of the fourteen United Nations specialized agencies, functional commissions, and five regional commissions. It serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues, and for formulating policy recommendations addressed to the Member States and the United Nations system.

Its responsibilities are to encourage universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, facilitate international cultural and educational cooperation, identify solutions to international economic, social and health problems and promote higher standards of living, full employment, economic and social progress.

The open call for Non-Governmental Organisations to apply for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Consultative Status with the United Nations, had reached its last month. Therefore, the ECOSOC is calling for the NGOs that are interested in applying for the consultative status to submit their application and required documents before the 1st of June 2018.

The NGOs that are affiliated to an international organisation that is in status would be admitted only if they can demonstrate that their programme of work is direct significance to the aims and purpose of the United Nations. Besides, they must have been in existence and formally registered with the appropriate government authorities as an NGO for at least two years. The interested NGO must also have a recognised headquarters, a democratically adopted constitution, authority to speak for its members, a representative structure, appropriate mechanisms of accountability and democratic and transparent decision making processes.

They are many benefits of obtaining the ECOSOC Consultative Status which are that NGOs will

be able to participate in events, attend meetings, submit written statements prior to sessions, make oral statements, meet official government delegations and other NGO representatives, organise and attend parallel events that take place during the session and to participate in debates, interactive dialogues, panel discussions and informal meetings.

There are five steps on how to apply for the 2018 cycle. Firstly, your organization must have a registered profile before starting the application for consultative status. Secondly, after your profile registration is accepted, your organisation has to submit the application containing the online questionnaire and summary, and the supporting documents. When the application becomes part of the agenda of the NGO Committee, a letter is sent to the NGO informing them of the upcoming session and inviting to send no more than two representatives to be present during the session. The Committee meets twice a year to decide which NGOs applying for the consultative status it will recommend to the ECOSOC Council. Lastly, when the Council finally approves the committee recommendation to grant consultative status to an NGO, an official notification is sent by the Secretariat. NGOs granted General or Special Consultative Status must submit to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, every fourth year, a brief report of their activities, in particular regarding their contribution to the work of the United Nations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, encourage all qualified NGOs around the world to apply for the ECOSOC Consultative Status to be able to partake in the events, meetings and to be recognised. The Consultative Status does not only provide NGOs with access to ECOSOC only, but also to its many subsidiary bodies, to the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, as well as special events organised by the President of the General Assembly.

For more information on the consultative status, kindly visit the following website:
<http://csonet.org/index.php?page=view&nr=377&type=230&menu=14>



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PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES: 'FAMILIES AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES'

DATE: 15TH MAY 2018

Each year, 15th May is observed worldwide as the International Day of Families. In 1993, the UN General Assembly proclaimed this date to be an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families. The United Nations Programme on the Family stresses the importance of having healthy and happy familial relationships.

Although families all over the world have transformed greatly over the past decades in terms of their structure and as a result of global trends and demographic changes, the United Nations still recognises the family as the basic unit of society. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. It has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days.

This year's theme of the International Day of Families is Families, "Families and inclusive societies" which will explore the role of families and family policies in advancing Sustainable Development Goal 16 in terms of Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

The approaches to family policies for inclusive societies vary around the world. In some regions emphasis is placed on the social inclusion of various types of families and/or individuals such as migrant or indigenous families, ethnic minorities or families with persons with disabilities. In other regions, the primary emphasis is placed on social protection for vulnerable families to facilitate their full inclusion in the mainstream of society. As approaches vary, this year's observance of the International Day of Families is to raise awareness of the role of families and family policies in achieving more inclusive societies from regional perspectives.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that the idea of a family where fairness is initially nurtured is one of the most basic models in shaping the better tomorrow. We also encourage young people from all around the world to embrace gender equality in contemporary families in both their current family and the one that they will build in future.

As the coordinating body of National Youth Councils, it is one of our functions to work together as a family because we believe that family is a vital foundation of an individual's positive development that will lead to the overall betterment of societies. We treat everyone equally as we seek to create a more just world by empowering everyone, especially young activists from around the globe through a combination of cross-cultural human rights.

Together with this year International Day of Families, we recap our encouragement to the youth to embrace the significance of family especially its role in education and achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. It is indisputable that family is the 'basic core' of our society.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY: 'ENABLING THE POSITIVE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR ALL'

DATE: 17th MAY 2018

The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide. 17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union.

The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is celebrated universally on the 17th of May every year. It celebrates the constant evolution of one of the most important factors of our lives: communication. The main goal of World Telecommunications Day (WTD) is to highlight the importance of communication and how information travels across the world. It also aims to increase awareness of how crucial communication is in our lives, and stimulate the development of technologies in the field.

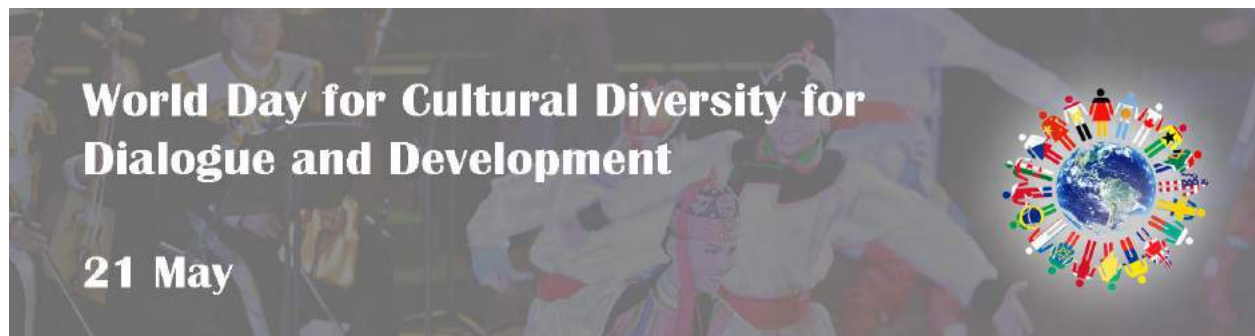
The annual observance of World Telecommunication Day, which marks the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on May 17, 1865, drew attention to the work of ITU and the challenges of global communication. In March 2006, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed May 17 as World Information Society Day to recognize the efforts made to advance communication and ITU's role in helping people connect around the world. The UN's first World Information Society Day took place on Wednesday, 17 May 2006.

The theme for World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2018 (WTISD-18), "Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All," will focus on the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to accelerate the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will also allow ITU Membership and other key stakeholders to focus on the opportunities for how AI can help accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.

In recent years there has been significant progress in AI technology, made possible by tremendous advances in contributing fields, such as Big Data, machine learning, computing power, storage capacity and cloud computing, among others. AI-based technologies are already emerging as a key component of proactive tools and applications being used to help people lead better lives by improving healthcare, education, finance, agriculture, transportation, and a wide range of other services.

The World Assembly of Youth at the centre of youth service organises year round events to tackle youth issues. One of our prominent is the annual event known as Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD). In 2003 we organised MIYD with a theme Youth and Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) for Development. The event brought together youth and youth leaders from different countries to convene and tackle the issue. A declaration was drafted and sent to National Youth Councils and governments as suggestions to adopt into their policies. Here is the link for the 2013 declaration: <http://www.way.org.my/program-outcome/item/miyd-declaration-2003>.

Lack of access to information and communication technologies has remained a major challenge to youth. Let us take youth issues into considerations in the ICT development agenda and ICT policies of each country.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 21st MAY 2018

“In a diverse world, the destruction of cultures is a crime, and uniformity is a dead-end: our aim must be to enhance, in one movement, the diversity that enriches us and the human rights that bring us together.”

~ Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO~

Culture is part of everyone’s life. We celebrate culture in the form of literature, movies and the arts. But culture also embraces the way we live, our value systems, traditions and beliefs.

It is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional and moral. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development. Culture is a sustainable development accelerator whose potential has been recognised in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations.”

To celebrate the cultural diversity, May 21 is marked as World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together peacefully in a spirit of dialogue and openness. Celebrating cultural diversity means opening up new perspectives for sustainable development and promoting creative industries and cultural entrepreneurship as sources of millions of jobs worldwide, particularly for young people.

The General Assembly of the United Nations declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. The General Assembly emphasized links between the protection of cultural diversity and the importance of dialogue between civilizations in the modern world. The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was first observed in 2003.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) promotes culture and highlights the significance of its diversity as an agent of inclusion and positive change. WAY also encourages young people and organisations from around the world to take concrete action to support diversity and aim building a world community of individuals committed with real and every day-life gestures. We urge everyone to raise awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity and inclusion and combat polarization and stereotypes to improve understanding and cooperation among people from different cultures.

WAY integrates culture into all development principles, especially those related to youth issues of cultural diversity in a multicultural youth context. We are endowed with diverse cultural heritage, comprising different young people from different countries and cultures, each with their own exceptional characteristics. Our target is to enable young people to successfully address issues of cultural diversity and mutual respect among different age groups from all over the globe.

We urge everyone especial the youth to raise awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity and inclusion.

Happy World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development!



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PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS: 'UN PEACEKEEPERS: 70 YEARS OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE'

DATE: 29TH MAY 2018

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers was created to celebrate the people who serve with the force and veterans of the service, pay tribute to those who have lost their lives trying to make the world a better place through the force and help bring awareness of this force for good in the world. While many are aware of the Peacekeepers, very few are aware of what missions it carries out constantly.

The International Day of UN Peacekeepers is celebrated each year on the 29th of May. The day offers a chance to pay tribute to the uninformed and civilians personnel's invaluable contribution to the work of the organization. It is a day to honour more than 3,500 peacekeepers that have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948, including 117 last year.

This year, the United Nations celebrates the 70th anniversary of UN peacekeeping, a unique and dynamic instrument developed to help countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace. The first UN peacekeeping mission was established on 29 May 1948, when the Security Council authorized the deployment of a small number of UN military observers to the Middle East to form the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) to monitor the Armistice Agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers was established by the General Assembly in 2002, in tribute to all men and women serving in peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication and courage, and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace. The Assembly designated 29 May as the Day because it was the date in 1948 when the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), the world body's first peacekeeping mission, began operations in Palestine.

The theme for the 2017 International Day of UN Peacekeepers is "UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of

Service and Sacrifice". The day, 29 May, offers a chance to pay tribute to the contributions of uniformed and civilian personnel to the work of the organisation and to honour more than 3,700 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948, including 129 who died last year.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we recognise a legacy of service and sacrifice around the world. We have organised several events on peace with an aim to promote the peaceful and inclusive society in the minds of young people. We believe young people have a crucial role to play in establishing a culture of peace positive force for promoting and maintaining peace, development and change in the world.

Lets us all be part of the peacekeeping in our societies, communities and our countries!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY: 'TOBACCO AND HEART DISEASE'

DATE: 31st MAY 2018

Every year, on 31 May, WHO and partners mark World No Tobacco Day (WNTD), highlighting the health and other risks associated with tobacco use, and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. World No Tobacco Day, an annual awareness day sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1987 to highlight the health risks associated with tobacco use and encourage governments to adopt effective policies to reduce smoking and other tobacco use.

Cardiovascular disease kills more people than any other cause of death worldwide, and tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure contribute to approximately 12% of all heart disease deaths. Tobacco use is also the second leading cause of CVD, after high blood pressure. Despite the known harms of tobacco to heart health, and the availability of solutions to reduce related death and disease, knowledge among large sections of the public that tobacco is one of the leading causes of CVD is low.

The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2018 is "Tobacco and heart disease." The campaign will increase awareness on the link between tobacco and heart and other cardiovascular diseases (CVD), including stroke, which combined are the world's leading causes of death and feasible actions and measures that key audiences, including governments and the public, can take to reduce the risks to heart health posed by tobacco.

World No Tobacco Day 2018 coincides with a range of global initiatives and opportunities aimed at addressing the tobacco epidemic and its impact of public health, particularly in causing the death and suffering of millions of people globally. These actions include the WHO-supported Global Hearts and RESOLVE initiatives, which aim to reduce cardiovascular disease deaths and improve care, and the third United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, being held in 2018.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe in empowering youth leaders and youth organisations in order to collaborate together to achieve a generation free of drugs-abuse. In fact, in one area of our Fourth Millennium Plan of Action, we encourage all of our members to strengthen the capacity of their countries for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks, including danger in abusing addictive substances.

We believe that tobacco control can break the cycle of poverty, contribute to ending hunger, promote sustainable agriculture and economic growth, and combat climate change. Increasing taxes on tobacco products can also be used to finance universal health coverage and other development programs of the government.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

GLOBAL DAY OF PARENTS

DATE: 1ST JUNE 2018

Parents of every race, religion, culture, and nationality in all parts of the world are the primary caregivers and teachers of their children, preparing them for a happy, fulfilling and productive life. Parents are the anchors of the family and the foundation of our communities and societies.

The Global Day of Parents is observed on the 1st of June every year. The day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012 with resolution A/RES/66/292 and honours parents throughout the world. The Global Day provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.

Since the 1980s, the important role of the family has increasingly come to the attention of the international community. The General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions and proclaimed the International Year of the Family and the International Day of Families. Emphasizing the critical role of parents in the rearing of children; the Global Day of Parents recognises also that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children. For the full and harmonious development of their personality, children should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love, and understanding.

The central goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the world leaders in 2015 focus on ending poverty, promoting shared economic prosperity, social development and people's well-being while protecting the environment. Families remain at the centre of social life ensuring the well-being of their members, educating and socializing children and youth and caring for young and old.

In particular, family-oriented policies can contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1 to 5 relating to doing away with poverty and hunger; ensuring healthy lives and promoting of well-being for all ages; ensuring educational opportunities throughout the lifespan and achieving gender equality.

We at World Assembly of Youth (WAY) supports the UN resolution noting that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children and that children, for the full and harmonious development of their personality, should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love, and understanding.

We, therefore, urge young people and children to realize the great job parents do. It's the parents who firstly mediate values, rules and moral attitudes to the youth and this way help those becoming valuable members of our society.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

DATE: 5TH JUNE 2018

Humans are both creatures and moulder of their environment, which gives them physical sustenance and affords them the opportunity for intellectual, moral, social and spiritual growth. In the long and tortuous evolution of the human race on this planet a stage has been reached when, through the rapid acceleration of science and technology, humans have acquired the power to transform their environment in countless ways and on an unprecedented scale.

The United Nations, aware that the protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world, designated 5 June as World Environment Day. The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in more than 100 countries.

The natural environment has a direct effect on young people's well-being; it must be maintained for the present and next generations. The friendly use of natural resources and environmentally sustainable development will help to improve young people's life. Maintaining the environmental integrity is the responsibility of every individual within the society. World Environment Day is observed on the 5th of June every year across the globe is the largest annual event for positive environmental action. This day aims to deepen public awareness of the need to preserve and enhance the environment where we all live.

Each World Environment Day is organised around a theme that focuses attention on a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2018, "Beat Plastic Pollution," is a call to action for all of us to come together to combat one of the great environmental challenges of our time. The theme invites us all to consider how we can make changes in our everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on our natural places, our wildlife and our own health.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aim to listen to young people's voices from all around the world, to capture their thoughts, their aspirations for the future as well as reactions on environmental issues. Furthermore, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development states our resolve “to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources”.

In particular, Goals 14 and 15 focus on protecting under water and on land ecosystems, as well as on sustainably using marine and terrestrial resources. We also support all stakeholders to mobilize everyone, especially young people, enlighten them on the exigency of sustainable development issues and encourage their contributions in the environment preserving activity.

Let us all protect our environment our only home!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT: 'LAND HAS TRUE VALUE – INVEST IN IT'

DATE: 17TH JUNE 2018

Desertification is the degradation of land in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas. It is caused primarily by human activities and climatic variations. Desertification does not refer to the expansion of existing deserts. It occurs because dryland ecosystems, which cover over one third of the world's land area, are extremely vulnerable to overexploitation and inappropriate land use. Poverty, political instability, deforestation, overgrazing and bad irrigation practices can all undermine the productivity of the land.

The World Day to Combat Desertification is a unique occasion to remind everybody that desertification can be effectively tackled, that solutions are possible, and that key tools to this aim lay in strengthened community participation and co-operation at all levels. The World Day to Combat Desertification has been observed since 1995. The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The day is a unique moment to remind everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem-solving, strong community involvement and co-operation at all levels.

Over 250 million people are directly affected by desertification, and about one billion people in over one hundred countries are at risk. These people include many of the world's poorest, most marginalized and politically weak citizens. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development declares that "we are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations". Specifically, Goal 15 states our resolve to halt and reverse land degradation.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) aims to remind everybody that desertification can be effectively tackled, that solutions are possible, and that key tools to this aim lay in strengthened community participation and co-operation at all levels. Every stakeholder plays important role in halting any further activity which could worsen the desertification that has already persisted in today world.

Let us unite our efforts to achieve a sustainable future and better tomorrow for the World Day to combat Desertification and Drought!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

DATE: 20TH JUNE 2018

Refugees are vulnerable and in need, and are often misunderstood and maligned, and often have very little or nothing of their possessions and little food, they often have to leave their homes with nothing or with what they can carry. They suffer cold, hunger, trauma, despair, disease, violence and loss. The awareness day is to help public understanding of refugees as well as raising support and help.

In a world where violence forces thousands of families to flee for their lives each day, the time is now to show that the global public stands with refugees. To do this, the UN Refugee Agency launched the Refugees petition in June 2016 to send a message to governments that they must work together and do their fair share for refugees. According to UNHCR there are 65, 6 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, 22.5 million refugees, 10 million stateless people, and 189.300 refugees resettled.

World Refugee day is celebrated every year on the 20th of June to support millions of families all over the world who have lost their homes and dear ones because of violence or war. The day was established by the General Assembly of United Nations for the refugees to honor them for their courage of facing lots of problems after losing homes due to conflict or violence and their contributions to their communities. World refugee day celebration provides an opportunity to all to help the refugees worldwide to rebuild their quality lives through lots of related activities.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), join other organisations on this day in the mission of recognising and appreciating refugees from all around the globe. We extend our support and respect to their strength to uphold against their suffering and carry on despite of all their difficulties. We advocate to the public sector and other stakeholders to join us in global effort of protecting all refugees around the World.

On this World Refugee Day, let us remember the plight of the millions of people worldwide who have been forced to flee from their homes as a result of conflict and persecution.

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WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING: 'LISTEN FIRST - LISTENING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH IS THE FIRST STEP TO HELP THEM GROW HEALTHY AND SAFE'

DATE: 26TH JUNE 2018

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking recognises the severe impact that illicit drugs have on health, development, peace and security. Around 190,000 people die due to illicit drugs every year. But the damage visited upon lives and communities does not stop there. Drug use damages health in the form of debilitating HIV, hepatitis and tuberculosis, while drug trafficking nourishes money laundering, and deadly terrorism. Corruption, the great enabler of organized crime, exists throughout the drug supply chain.

According to the UNODC, nearly 200 million people are using illicit drugs such as cocaine, cannabis, hallucinogens, opiates and sedative hypnotics worldwide. In December 1987 the UN General Assembly decided to observe June 26 as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The UN was determined to help create an international society free of drug abuse. This resolution recommended further action with regard to the report and conclusions of the 1987 International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The theme for 2018 is: "Listen First - Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe." It is an initiative to increase support for prevention of drug use that is based on science and is thus an effective investment in the well-being of children and youth, their families and their communities.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we tackled drug abuse as one of our youth issues so as to help young people to arise and extinguish the use of illegal drugs. We empower youth leaders and organizations to collaborate together to achieve drug free zone. The collaboration is needed to implement new ideas and strategies to combat drug abuse including improvement of policies which support the achievement towards a Drug Free Generation. One of our efforts

was the 8th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, 'Towards a Drug Free Generation' which elevated not only awareness but also improvements in attaining Drug Free Generation.

We also believe that something has to be done as a matter of national priority to restore the social fabric of our nation before it is too late to correct the situation from deteriorating further. The youth need to be empowered to take control of their lives and not let drugs control them. Philip K. Dick said "Drug misuse is not a disease; it is a decision, like the decision to step out in front of a moving car. You would call that not a disease but an error of judgment".

On this day, let us remain committed to peacefully and effectively addressing the challenge of illicit drugs based on the international drug control conventions, and their key principle of protecting the health and welfare of humankind.

We call all young people to stand for a drug free generation!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE: THE 18TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE, 'YOUTH ENGINEERING A SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION'

DATE: 24TH - 28TH JUNE 2018

PRESS RELEASE – DAY 1: ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION DAY

IN ENGLISH

Melaka, 24th June 2018 – THIS day marked another exceptional event for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), as proud sponsors, participants, speakers and volunteers assembled for the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), which is taking place from 24th to 28th June 2018 at Pantai Puteri Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia.

The theme for this year is '**Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation**' has been selected to uplift ideas and leverage the role of young people towards attaining a strategic and sustainable urbanisation. Moreover, the outcomes guided by this selected theme are expected to contribute favorably in youth development as well as betterment of societies as a whole. In this event, an interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth for a conducive and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society that they represent.

We have the honour to welcome various international speakers including Dr. Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori (Iraqi), Miss Rene Fu Swee Yun (Malaysia), Dr. Amjad Rabi (Palestine), Mr. Tauseef Rasheq Ahad (Bangladesh), Mr. Ganesh Dhungana (Nepal), Miss. Maryam Majidova (Azerbaijan), Mr. Mohd Riduan bin Ngesan (Malaysia), Mr. Fathudin Kamaruddin (Malaysia) and Dr. Wesam Al Madhoun (Palestine) who will share their expertise and experience in the plenary sessions. It was, indeed, an exciting moment to welcome the delegates and speakers from across the globe. 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 3 days.

As a norm of welcoming the delegates, after the welcoming dinner, an ice breaking session was held in the evening to serve as a casual way to get all participants to mingle with one another. We received about 150 delegates from over 25 countries. 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 chairpersons that will challenge, encourage, inspire and stimulate them as well as highlighting on the significance of urbanisation. The day ended well as the young people were interacting with the speakers.

IN SPANISH

Melaka, 24 de junio de 2018 - ESTE día marcó otro evento excepcional para la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud (WAY), ya que patrocinadores, participantes, oradores y voluntarios se reunieron para el XVIII Diálogo Juvenil Internacional de Melaka (MIYD), que se llevará a cabo del 24 al 28 de junio de 2018 en el Hotel Pantai Puteri en Melaka, Malasia.

El tema de este año es "**La ingeniería de la juventud Una urbanización sostenible**", y ha sido seleccionado para elevar las ideas y aprovechar el papel de los jóvenes para lograr una urbanización estratégica y sostenible. Además, se espera que los resultados guiados por este tema seleccionado contribuyan favorablemente en el desarrollo de la juventud, así como en el mejoramiento de las sociedades en general. En este evento, un diálogo interactivo sobre este tema será importante para formar, educar, aumentar el conocimiento sobre los desafíos y derechos de los jóvenes para un entorno propicio y seguro que asegure y apoye su desarrollo plenamente en los diferentes niveles de la sociedad que representan.

Tuvimos el honor de dar la bienvenida a varios oradores internacionales, incluido el Dr. Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori (Iraq), H.E. Daris Dickson Ishaku (Nigeria), el Sr. Mamadou Edrisa Njie (Gambia), la Sra. Rene Fu Swee Yun (Malasia), el Dr. Amjad Rabi (Palestina), Aneet Aklesh Kumar (Fiji), Tauseef Rasheq Ahad (Bangladesh), Ganesh Dhungana (Nepal), la Srta. Maryam Majidova (Azerbaiyán), el Sr. Mohd Riduan bin Ngesan (Malasia), el Sr. Fathudin Kamaruddin (Malasia) y el Dr. Wesam Al Madhoun (Palestina) que compartirán sus conocimientos y experiencia en las próximas sesiones plenarias. Fue, de hecho, un momento emocionante para dar la bienvenida a los delegados y oradores de todo el mundo. También se celebró una cena informal para dar la bienvenida a todos los oradores y presidentes, así como para informarles detalladamente sobre los programas para los próximos 3 días.

Como norma para dar la bienvenida a los delegados, después de la cena de bienvenida, se llevó a cabo una sesión para romper el hielo en la noche para que sirviera de manera casual para que todos los participantes se relacionaran entre sí. Recibimos alrededor de 150 delegados de más de 25 países. Con el día de la llegada, todo el mundo espera la ceremonia de apertura y las sesiones plenarias que tendrán lugar al día siguiente. Los participantes obtendrán conocimientos de los oradores invitados y los presidentes que los desafiarán, alentarán,

inspirarán y estimularán, así como destacarán la importancia de la urbanización. El día terminó bien ya que los jóvenes estaban interactuando con los oradores.

IN FRENCH

Melaka, 24 juin 2018 - CETTE journée marque un autre événement exceptionnel pour l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Jeunesse (AMJ), en tant que fiers sponsors, participants, conférenciers et bénévoles rassemblés pour le 18e Dialogue International des Jeunes de Melaka (DIJM), qui se déroule du 24 au 28 juin 2018 à l'hôtel Pantai Puteri à Melaka, Malaisie.

Le thème de cette année est «L'ingénierie de la jeunesse, une urbanisation durable» a été choisi pour élever des idées et tirer parti du rôle des jeunes dans la réalisation d'une urbanisation stratégique et durable. De plus, les résultats guidés par ce thème choisi devraient contribuer favorablement au développement des jeunes ainsi qu'à l'amélioration des sociétés dans leur ensemble. Dans ce cas, un dialogue interactif sur ce sujet sera important pour former, éduquer, sensibiliser sur les défis et les droits des jeunes pour un environnement propice et sécurisé qui assure et soutient pleinement leur développement aux différents niveaux de la société qu'ils représentent.

Nous avons l'honneur d'accueillir divers conférenciers internationaux, dont le Dr Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori (Iraq), H.E. Daris Dickson Ishaku (Nigéria), M. Mamadou Edrisa Njie (Gambie), Mlle René Fu Swee Yun (Malaisie), Dr. Amjad Rabi (Palestine), Aneet Aklesh Kumar (Fidji), Tauseef Rasheq Ahad (Bangladesh), Ganesh Dhungana (Népal), Mlle Maryam Majidova (Azerbaïdjan), M. Mohd Riduan bin Ngesan (Malaisie), M. Fathudin Kamaruddin (Malaisie) et M. Wesam Al Madhoun (Palestine) qui partageront leur expertise et leur expérience lors des sessions plénières. Ce fut, en effet, un moment passionnant pour accueillir les délégués et les conférenciers du monde entier. Un dîner informel a également été organisé pour accueillir tous les orateurs et présidents, ainsi que pour les informer des programmes détaillés pour les trois prochains jours.

En tant que norme d'accueil des délégués, après le dîner de bienvenue, une séance de brise-glace a eu lieu dans la soirée pour servir de façon décontractée pour que tous les participants se mêlent les uns aux autres. Nous avons reçu environ 150 délégués de plus de 25 pays. Avec la journée d'arrivée, tout le monde attend avec impatience la cérémonie d'ouverture et les séances plénières qui se dérouleront le lendemain. Les participants acquerront des connaissances des conférenciers invités et des présidents qui les mettront au défi, les encourageront, les inspireront et les stimuleront, tout en soulignant l'importance de l'urbanisation. La journée s'est bien terminée alors que les jeunes interagissaient avec les intervenants.

PRESS RELEASE – DAY 2: OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 18TH MIYD

IN ENGLISH

Melaka, 25th June 2018 - WAY Headquarters hosted yet another successful opening ceremony at the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (18th MIYD) in the Pantai Puteri Hotel here in Melaka, today.

The opening ceremony was officiated by President of the World Assembly of Youth, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron. Other dignitaries included Dr Amjad Rabi, A Deputy Representative and Senior Social Policy Specialist at the UNICEF, Malaysia; WAY Vice Presidents, representatives of the Asian Youth Council, the Commonwealth Youth Council, the Malaysian Youth Council and the Commonwealth Youth Innovation Centres; Heads of Diplomatic Missions in Malaysia including Her Excellency Akua Sekyiwa Ahenkora, High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency Kolinio Gata Takali, High Commissioner of Fiji and His Excellency Houmdaophone Soukhaseum, Ambassador of the Embassy Lao PDR as well as our very own WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari.

The Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Miss Ediola Pashollari introduced the theme of this year MIYD, '**Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation**' during her opening remarks. She welcomed all participants to the dialogue and thanked all the youth organisations, government bodies, sponsors, speakers, volunteers, WAY Secretariat members, delegates and dignitaries for contributing their time and making themselves available for this event. She further stated that it is our duty to join hands and make contribution in solving issues such as urbanisation and to give young people a voice to speak up on this matter.

President of WAY, Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, at his official remarks, presented on Youth and Urbanisation. He stated that the world has recently experienced an unprecedented increase in matters revolving around the subject of urbanisation which has led to both positive and negative effects. He also mentioned the importance of having appropriate activities and right policies in order to support and invest in urban and marginalised youth at an early stage, offering ample opportunities for education, employment and inclusion as well as resilience for all.

The opening ceremony was then completed by awarding tokens of appreciation to the Guests of Honor and dignitaries present. Photos were also taken with all representatives from different countries, speakers, volunteers and partners.

During the three plenary sessions, there were motivating speakers from different countries including the Malaysia, Azerbaijan, Iraqi, Gambia, Fiji, Iraq, Bangladesh, Nepal and Palestine. They presented on the impacts of urbanisation on both its challenges and opportunities, youth

voices towards a sustainable urbanisation and the role of CSOs and NGOs at global, regional and local levels.

The sessions were educational as speakers shared their knowledge and awareness on urbanisation. We applaud young people for interacting with speakers during the question and answer section. After that, the day ended with astounding cultural performances from all participants, volunteers and staffs.

Overall, it marked another exceptional event led by the World Assembly of Youth. We look forward to two more luminous days!

IN SPANISH

Melaka, el 25 de junio de 2018 - SEDE de la sede organizó otra ceremonia de apertura exitosa en el 18º diálogo internacional de la juventud de melaka (18º Miyd) en el hotel pantai puteri aquí en melaka, hoy.

La ceremonia de apertura fue ofició por el presidente de la asamblea mundial de la juventud, Hon. Datuk seri utama. Idris Haron. Otros dignatarios incluyeron al Dr. Amjad Rabi, representante adjunto y especialista en política social en el UNICEF, Malasia; el Excmo. Sr. Darius Dickson Ishaku, gobernador del estado de taraba (Nigeria); vicepresidentes, representantes del consejo de la juventud de Asia, el consejo de la juventud del commonwealth , el consejo de la juventud de Malasia y los centros de innovación para la juventud del Commonwealth; los jefes de misiones diplomáticas en Malasia, entre ellos el Excmo. Sr. Akua sekyiwa ahenkora, alto comisionado de la República de Ghana y el Excmo. Sr. Houmdaophone Soukhaseum, embajador de la embajada lao República Democrática popular lao, así como nuestro propio El Secretario General, la srta. Ediola Pashollari.

El Secretario General de la asamblea mundial de la juventud, la Sra. Ediola Pashollari, presentó el tema de este año miyd, "la ingeniería de la juventud una urbanización sostenible" durante sus observaciones iniciales. Dio la bienvenida a todos los participantes en el diálogo y dio las gracias a todas las organizaciones juveniles, los órganos gubernamentales, los patrocinadores, los oradores, los voluntarios, los miembros de la Secretaría, los delegados y los dignatarios por aportar su tiempo y ponerse a disposición de este evento. Afirmó además que es nuestro deber unir las manos y contribuir a resolver cuestiones como la urbanización y dar a los jóvenes una voz para hablar sobre este asunto.

Presidente de camino, cariño. Datuk Seri. Idris Haron, en sus observaciones oficiales, presentado sobre la juventud y la urbanización. Afirmó que el mundo ha experimentado recientemente un aumento sin precedentes de las cuestiones que giran en torno al tema de la urbanización, lo que ha dado lugar a efectos positivos y negativos. También mencionó la

importancia de contar con actividades adecuadas y políticas adecuadas para apoyar e invertir en los jóvenes urbanos y marginados en una etapa temprana, ofreciendo amplias oportunidades para la educación, el empleo y la inclusión, así como la capacidad de recuperación para todos.

La ceremonia de apertura fue completada por la entrega de muestras de agradecimiento a los invitados de honor y dignatarios presentes. También se tomaron fotos con todos los representantes de diferentes países, oradores, voluntarios y asociados.

Durante los tres períodos de sesiones plenarias, hubo oradores de diferentes países, entre ellos Malasia, Azerbaiyán, el Iraq, Nigeria, Gambia, Fiji, el Iraq, Bangladesh, Nepal y Palestina. Que los efectos de la urbanización en sus desafíos y oportunidades, los jóvenes hacia una urbanización sostenible y el papel de las organizaciones de la sociedad civil y las organizaciones no gubernamentales a nivel mundial, regional y local.

Los períodos de sesiones fueron educativos a medida que los oradores compartieron su conocimiento y conciencia sobre la urbanización. Aplaudimos a los jóvenes por haber interactuado con los oradores durante la sección de preguntas y respuestas. Después de eso, el día terminó con asombrosas actuaciones culturales de todos los participantes, voluntarios y personal.

En General, marcó otro acontecimiento excepcional dirigido por la asamblea mundial de la juventud. Esperamos con interés dos días más luminosos!

IN FRENCH

Melaka, le 25 juin 2018 - LE quartier général a accueilli une autre cérémonie d'ouverture réussie lors du 18 e dialogue international de la jeunesse de melaka (18 e miyd) à l'hôtel pantai puteri à melaka, aujourd'hui.

La cérémonie d'ouverture a été célébrée par le président de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse, hon. Datuk Seri des. Idris Haron. Parmi les autres personnalités figurent le dr amjad rabi, représentant adjoint et spécialiste de la politique sociale de l'Unicef (Malaisie) ; Son Excellence Darius Dickson Ishaku, gouverneur de l'état de taraba (Nigéria) ; Vice-Présidents, représentants du conseil asiatique de la jeunesse, conseil de la jeunesse du Commonwealth. , le conseil malaisien de la jeunesse et les centres d'innovation pour la jeunesse du Commonwealth ; les chefs de missions diplomatiques en Malaisie, dont s. E. Akua Sekyiwa Ahenkora, haut-Commissaire de la République du Ghana et son excellence houmdaophone soukhaseum, AMBASSADEUR DE L'AMBASSADE LAO RDP AINSI QUE NOTRE PROPRE M. Le Secrétaire Général, Mlle Ediola Pashollari.

Le Secrétaire Général de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse, Mlle Ediola Pashollari, a présenté le thème de cette année miyd, "la jeunesse ingénierie une urbanisation durable" lors de ses remarques liminaires. Elle a souhaité la bienvenue à tous les participants au dialogue et a remercié toutes les organisations de jeunes, les organes gouvernementaux, les commanditaires, les orateurs, les volontaires, les membres du secrétariat, les délégués et les dignitaires qui ont contribué à leur temps et se sont mis à la disposition de cet événement. Elle a en outre déclaré qu'il était de notre devoir de se joindre aux mains et de contribuer à résoudre des questions telles que l'urbanisation et à donner aux jeunes une voix pour s'exprimer sur cette question.

Président de la route, chérie. C'est vrai. Idris Haron, à ses remarques officielles, a présenté la jeunesse et l'urbanisation. Il a déclaré que le monde a récemment connu une augmentation sans précédent des questions qui tournent autour de l'urbanisation, ce qui a conduit à des effets à la fois positifs et négatifs. Il a également mentionné l'importance d'avoir des activités appropriées et des politiques appropriées afin de soutenir et d'investir à un stade précoce dans les jeunes urbains et marginalisés, offrant de vastes possibilités d'éducation, d'emploi et d'inclusion ainsi que de résilience pour tous.

La cérémonie d'ouverture a ensuite été achevée en décernant des jetons d'appréciation aux invités d'honneur et de dignitaires présents. Des photos ont également été prises avec tous les représentants de différents pays, intervenants, bénévoles et partenaires.

Au cours des trois sessions plénières, il y a eu des orateurs motivants de différents pays, dont la Malaisie, l'Azerbaïdjan, l'Iraq, le Nigéria, la Gambie, les Fidji, l'Iraq, le Bangladesh, le Népal et la Palestine. Ils ont présenté les impacts de l'urbanisation sur les défis et les opportunités, les jeunes voix vers une urbanisation durable et le rôle des organisations de la société civile et des ONG aux niveaux mondial, régional et local.

Les sessions ont été organisées dans la mesure où les intervenants ont partagé leurs connaissances et leur sensibilisation à l'urbanisation. Nous applaudissons les jeunes pour avoir interagi avec les orateurs pendant la section des questions et réponses. Après cela, la journée s'est terminée par des performances culturelles étonnantes de la part de tous les participants, bénévoles et personnels.

Dans l'ensemble, elle a marqué un autre événement exceptionnel mené par l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse. Nous nous attendons à deux jours plus lumineux!

PRESS RELEASE – DAY 3: WORKSHOP OF THE 18TH MIYD

IN ENGLISH

Melaka, 26th June 2018 – TODAY, 26th June 2018, was a day filled with bright ideas and commitment! Youth leaders from around the world discussed and worked their thoughts and opinions into recommendations, which will be adopted for urbanisation policy discussions. The recommendations were derived from the given theme: ***The Role of All Stakeholders in Attainment of a Sustainable Urbanisation.***

Time was given to all participants to discuss in groups on the principal concerns of young people worldwide, advancing those with direct implications for their well-being, now, and in the future. The youth were divided into several groups and asked to interact among one another within the group, developed ideas, and suggested solutions that would be presented after their discussions.

The day-long workshop was based on the role of all stakeholders in attainment of a sustainable urbanisation. The platform was given to participants as an opportunity to develop their ideas and allow others to recommend the best ways to address issues of urbanisation for all stakeholder including public sector, private sector, non-government organisations, media and young people. During the presentations, they all expressed the points they felt had some impact on their lives.

At the evening, a meeting to draft the declaration based on the recommendations pertaining to youth and urbanisation was convened upon their return from refreshing and dinner. The purpose was for all participants to consolidate their different views and perspectives related to the issues of urbanisation and finalise the document with the most suitable solutions and recommendations.

Interesting philosophies, new knowledge, and practical thinking were passed around by speakers and participants creating magnificent discussions, upon which some agreed and others agreed to disagree but which led to a useful and accessible, final document.

It was an incredible and positive end to another fruitful day.

IN SPANISH

Melaka, 26 de junio de 2018 - HOY, 26 de junio de 2018, fue un día lleno de brillantes ideas y compromiso! Los líderes juveniles de todo el mundo debatieron sus opiniones y opiniones en recomendaciones, que serán aprobadas para los debates sobre políticas de urbanización. Las

recomendaciones se derivan del tema dado: el papel de todas las partes interesadas en el logro de una urbanización sostenible.

Se ha dado tiempo a todos los participantes para debatir en grupos sobre las principales preocupaciones de los jóvenes en todo el mundo, haciendo avanzar a los que tienen consecuencias directas para su bienestar, ahora y en el futuro. Los jóvenes se dividieron en varios grupos y pidieron interactuar entre sí dentro del grupo, desarrollaron ideas y sugirieron soluciones que se presentarán después de sus debates.

El curso práctico del día se basó en el papel de todas las partes interesadas en el logro de una urbanización sostenible. La plataforma se dio a los participantes como una oportunidad para desarrollar sus ideas y permitir a otros recomendar las mejores maneras de abordar las cuestiones de urbanización para todos los interesados, incluidos el sector público, el sector privado, las organizaciones no gubernamentales, los medios de comunicación y los jóvenes. Durante las presentaciones, todos expresaron los puntos que sentían que tenían algún impacto en sus vidas.

Por la tarde, se convocó una reunión para redactar la declaración basada en las recomendaciones relativas a la juventud y la urbanización a su regreso de la refrescante y la cena. El objetivo era que todos los participantes consolidar sus diferentes puntos de vista y perspectivas relacionadas con las cuestiones de la urbanización y finalizar el documento con las soluciones y recomendaciones más adecuadas.

Los oradores y los participantes han dado a conocer ideas interesantes, nuevos conocimientos y pensamiento práctico que han creado magníficos debates, sobre los que algunos convinieron y otros convinieron en estar en desacuerdo, pero que llevaron a un documento final útil y accesible.

Fue un final increíble y positivo para otro día fructífero.

IN FRENCH

Melaka, le 26 juin 2018 - AUJOURD' hui, le 26 juin 2018, était une journée remplie d'idées brillantes et d'engagement ! Les dirigeants de la jeunesse du monde entier ont discuté de leurs réflexions et opinions en recommandations, qui seront adoptées pour les discussions sur la politique d'urbanisation. Les recommandations ont été tirées du thème donné : le rôle de toutes les parties prenantes dans la réalisation d'une urbanisation durable.

Le temps a été donné à tous les participants de discuter en groupes sur les principales préoccupations des jeunes dans le monde entier, en faisant progresser ceux qui ont des implications directes pour leur bien-être, aujourd'hui et à l'avenir. Les jeunes ont été divisés en

plusieurs groupes et ont demandé à interagir entre eux au sein du groupe, à élaborer des idées et à proposer des solutions qui seraient présentées après leurs discussions.

L'atelier d'une journée s'est fondé sur le rôle de toutes les parties prenantes dans la réalisation d'une urbanisation durable. La plate-forme a été donnée aux participants comme l'occasion de développer leurs idées et de permettre à d'autres de recommander les meilleurs moyens de traiter les questions d'urbanisation pour toutes les parties prenantes, y compris le secteur public, le secteur privé, les organisations non gouvernementales, les médias et les jeunes. Au cours des exposés, ils ont tous exprimé les points qu'ils estimaient avoir eu un impact sur leur vie.

Le soir, une réunion pour rédiger la déclaration sur la base des recommandations relatives à la jeunesse et à l'urbanisation a été convoquée à leur retour de rafraîchissant et de dîner. L'objectif était que tous les participants consolident leurs vues et perspectives différentes en ce qui concerne les questions d'urbanisation et finaliser le document avec les solutions et recommandations les plus appropriées.

Des philosophies intéressantes, des connaissances nouvelles et des idées pratiques ont été transmises par des orateurs et des participants qui ont créé de magnifiques discussions, sur lesquelles certains ont convenu et d'autres ont accepté de ne pas être d'accord mais qui ont abouti à un document final utile et accessible.

C'était une fin incroyable et positive à une autre journée fructueuse.

PRESS RELEASE – DAY 4: CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 18TH MIYD

IN ENGLISH

Melaka, 27th June 2018 - THE last day of the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was filled with many remarkable moments. The day began with the presentation of the 18th MIYD Draft Declaration which was later adopted by all participants present. Everyone participated well proving that they, indeed, paid attention to the advice and feedback given by various speakers from the past days and their peers during the workshop.

Later on, in the day, the participants were taken for an excursion to the Puteri Beach where the participants enjoyed their leisure and activities and took a lot of photos. At the conclusion of that relaxing moment in the beach, all participants and special guests returned to the hotel to prepare for the gala dinner.

The farewell gala dinner and closing ceremony was held later that night at the Pantai Puteri Hotel Ballroom. Guests included the President of the World Assembly of Youth, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, Vice Presidents of the World Assembly of Youth, representatives of the Asian Youth Council, the Commonwealth Youth Council, the Malaysian Youth Council and the Commonwealth Youth Innovation Centres, Heads of Diplomatic Missions in Malaysia, and the Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth.

WAY Secretary General, Miss Ediola Pashollari initiated the evening with her speech, where she welcomed and thanked all respected guests, speakers, sponsors, participants and volunteers. She stated that “youth should now take ownership to this declaration... they should take it to their peers, organisations and other stakeholders, in their respective countries, for implementation”. She went on to appreciate all the participants for their efforts in making the 18th MIYD a fruitful and memorable dialogue.

Remarks were also given by the Secretary General of Asian Youth Council, Dr Mohammed Maliki Mohammed Rapiee. The pulpit was later left for Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, the President of World Assembly of Youth. He appreciated the participants for their time and patience during this dialogue and everyone who has made themselves present from the beginning of this dialogue to the end. He ended his speech by thanking the organisers and sponsors for their kind assistance and endless hard work. At the end of the gala ceremony, the sponsors and partners were awarded with tokens of appreciation. Besides that, the MIYD volunteers were later thanked and awarded with certificates for their dedication and valuable efforts, without them the 18th MIYD could have not been a great success.

The celebration was concluded with a photo session with partners, speakers, volunteers and sponsors. The night ended with many tremendous cultural performances, magnificent band

show, exciting dances and a lot of laughter while all young people with great minds mingled. A night to remember! Without a doubt, it was not only a successful but also a mesmerizing and entertaining one!

IN SPANISH

Melaka, 27 de junio de 2018 - EL último día del 18º diálogo internacional de la juventud de melaka se llenó con muchos momentos notables. El día comenzó con la presentación del 18º proyecto de declaración, que fue aprobado posteriormente por todos los participantes presentes. Todo el mundo ha participado bien demostrando que, de hecho, han prestado atención al consejo y a los comentarios que han recibido varios oradores de los últimos días y sus pares durante el curso práctico.

Más tarde, en el día, los participantes fueron llevados para una excursión a la playa de puteri donde los participantes disfrutaron de efpc y actividades y tomaron un montón de fotos. A la conclusión de ese relajante haboncillos la playa, todos los participantes y invitados especiales regresaron al hotel para prepararse para la cena de gala.

La cena de despedida y la ceremonia de clausura se celebraron más tarde esa noche en el pantai puteri hotel ballroom. Los invitados incluyeron el presidente de la asamblea mundial de la juventud, Hon. Datuk seri utama. Idris Haron, vicepresidente de la asamblea mundial de la juventud, representantes del consejo de la juventud de Asia, el consejo de la juventud del Commonwealth, el consejo de la juventud de Malasia y los centros de innovación para jóvenes del Commonwealth, jefes de misiones diplomáticas en Malasia, y el secretario general de la asamblea mundial de Juventud.

El Secretario General, la Sra. Ediola Pashollari inició la velada con su discurso, donde dio la bienvenida y dio las gracias a todos los invitados, oradores, patrocinadores, participantes y voluntarios respetados. Afirmó que "los jóvenes deberían ahora asumir la responsabilidad de esta declaración... deberían llevar a sus pares, organizaciones y otras partes interesadas, en sus respectivos países, para su aplicación". ella pasó a apreciar a todos los participantes por sus esfuerzos en Convertir el 18º miyd en un diálogo fructífero y memorable.

El Secretario General del consejo de la juventud de Asia, el Dr. Mohammed Maliki Mohammed Rappie, también hizo observaciones. El púlpito fue más tarde para hon. Datuk seri utama. Idris Haron, presidente de la asamblea mundial de la juventud. El orador agradece a los participantes su tiempo y paciencia durante este diálogo y todos los que se han presentado desde el comienzo de este diálogo hasta el final. Terminó su discurso dando las gracias a los organizadores y patrocinadores por su amable asistencia y su arduo trabajo. Al final de la ceremonia de gala, los patrocinadores y socios fueron concedidos con muestras de agradecimiento. Además, los voluntarios de miyd fueron más tarde agradecieron y recibieron

certificados por su dedicación y sus valiosos esfuerzos, sin ellos el 18º miyd no pudo haber sido un gran éxito.

La celebración fue concluida con una sesión de fotos con socios, oradores, voluntarios y patrocinadores. La noche terminó con muchas tremendas actuaciones culturales, magnífico espectáculo de bandas, bailes emocionantes y mucha risa mientras que todos los jóvenes con grandes mentes se mezclaban.

Una noche para recordar! Sin duda, no fue sólo un éxito, sino también un fascinante y entretenido!

IN FRENCH

Melaka, le 27 juin 2018 - LE dernier jour du 18 e dialogue international de la jeunesse melaka a été rempli de nombreux moments remarquables. La journée a commencé par la présentation du 18 e projet de déclaration miyd qui a été adopté par la suite par tous les participants présents. Tout le monde a bien participé à la preuve qu'ils ont fait attention aux conseils et aux commentaires donnés par divers intervenants des derniers jours et de leurs pairs pendant l'atelier.

Plus tard, dans la journée, les participants ont été emmenés pour une excursion à la plage de puteri où les participants ont apprécié les activités et les activités et ont pris beaucoup de photos. A la conclusion de cette détente momentsin la plage, tous les participants et invités spéciaux sont retournés à l'hôtel pour se préparer pour le dîner de gala.

Le dîner d'adieu et la cérémonie de clôture ont eu lieu plus tard cette nuit-là à la salle de bal de l'hôtel pantai puteri. Parmi les invités figuraient le président de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse, hon. Datuk Seri des. Idris Haron, vice-Présidents de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse, représentants du conseil asiatique de la jeunesse, du conseil de la jeunesse du Commonwealth, du conseil malaisien de la jeunesse et des centres d'innovation pour la jeunesse du Commonwealth, des chefs de missions diplomatiques en Malaisie, et du secrétaire général de l'Assemblée mondiale de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse. La Jeunesse.

Mme Ediola Pashollari, secrétaire générale, a ouvert la soirée avec son discours, où elle a accueilli et remercié tous les invités respectés, les intervenants, les sponsors, les participants et les bénévoles. Elle a déclaré que "les jeunes devraient désormais prendre possession de cette déclaration... Ils devraient la porter à leurs pairs, organisations et autres parties prenantes, dans leurs pays respectifs, pour leur mise en œuvre". elle a ensuite apprécié tous les participants pour les efforts qu'ils ont déployés dans le domaine de l'éducation et de la formation. Faire du 18 ème miyd un dialogue fructueux et mémorable.

Des observations ont également été faites par le secrétaire général du conseil de la jeunesse asiatique, m. Mohammed Maliki Mohammed râpées. La chaire a ensuite été laissée pour hon. Datuk Seri des. Idris Haron, président de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse. Il a apprécié les participants pour leur temps et leur patience au cours de ce dialogue et tous ceux qui se sont rendus présents depuis le début de ce dialogue jusqu'à la fin. Il a mis fin à son discours en remerciant les organisateurs et les commanditaires pour leur aide et leur travail sans fin. À la fin de la cérémonie de gala, les sponsors et les partenaires ont reçu des jetons d'appréciation. En outre, les volontaires miyd ont été plus tard remercié et remis avec des certificats pour leur dévouement et leurs efforts précieux, sans eux le 18 ème miyd n'aurait pas pu être un grand succès.

La célébration a été conclue avec une séance photo avec des partenaires, des intervenants, des bénévoles et des sponsors. La nuit s'est terminée par de nombreuses représentations culturelles extraordinaires, un magnifique spectacle de groupe, des danses passionnantes et beaucoup de rires alors que tous les jeunes avec de grands esprits se sont mêlés.

Une nuit pour se souvenir! Sans aucun doute, ce n'était pas seulement un succès, mais aussi un fascinant et divertissant!

PRESS RELEASE – DAY 5: DEPARTURE DAY OF THE 18TH MIYD

IN ENGLISH

Melaka, 28th June 2018 – TODAY is the last day of the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, as everyone was saying their goodbyes to each other. The participants, delegates and speakers were all delighted for the experience and knowledge gained during this dialogue but sad as they departed. Though it was a disheartening 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 19th 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 the 18th 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 urbanisation and resilient cities globally.

The participants of the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue recognised the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills and proper attitude towards addressing the issues of urbanisation. In line with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), young people should be at the forefront of universal transformation including tackling urbanisation issues. Hence, we believe that with the continuous support of all the stakeholders, we should reach our desired goal.

We are delightful to witness all the young people participated in this dialogue were so determined to go back and disseminate the declaration in their countries and to engineer a sustainable urbanisation. We, in the World Assembly of Youth, are both grateful and blessed to always have your support and we shall count on youth leaders, especially from our member organisations and 18th MIYD participants, in channelling the declaration to the right stakeholders.

IN SPANISH

Melaka, 28 de junio de 2018 - HOY es el último día del 18º diálogo internacional de la juventud de melaka, ya que todo el mundo se estaba diciendo adiós. Los participantes, los delegados y los oradores estaban encantados por la experiencia y los conocimientos adquiridos durante este diálogo, pero triste cuando se habían ido. Aunque fue un momento desalentador, pero nosotros, en la asamblea mundial de la juventud (way), creemos que no debemos decir " adiós

en lugar de eso, todos deberíamos decir " nos vemos " ya que esperamos con interés el próximo año 19º Miyd, con más alegría y momentos exultante.

También queremos aprovechar esta oportunidad para dar las gracias a todos los socios, patrocinadores, comité organizador, voluntarios y todas las partes interesadas en hacer de este diálogo un gran éxito. Nuestro honor y gratitud también están dedicados a todos los participantes del 18º diálogo internacional de la juventud de melaka, que trabajó tan arduamente en la elaboración de la declaración que contiene varias recomendaciones para su aplicación por parte de las partes interesadas, incluido el sector público, el sector privado, las organizaciones no gubernamentales y las organizaciones intergubernamentales, los medios de comunicación Y los jóvenes por igual. Además, los participantes también establecieron compromisos y resultados en la búsqueda de una urbanización sostenible y de ciudades resistentes a nivel mundial.

Los participantes del 18º diálogo internacional de la juventud de melaka reconocieron la importancia de potenciar y equipar a los jóvenes con los conocimientos adecuados, las aptitudes y la actitud adecuada para abordar las cuestiones de la urbanización. En consonancia con la adopción de los objetivos de desarrollo sostenible (ods), los jóvenes deben estar a la vanguardia de la transformación universal, incluida la lucha contra las cuestiones de urbanización. Por lo tanto, creemos que con el apoyo constante de todas las partes interesadas, debemos alcanzar nuestro objetivo deseado.

Nos resulta muy agradable observar que todos los jóvenes que participaron en este diálogo estaban tan decididos a volver y difundir la declaración en sus países y a diseñar una urbanización sostenible. Nosotros, en la asamblea mundial de la juventud, estamos agradecidos y bendecidos de contar siempre con su apoyo y contamos con los líderes juveniles, especialmente de nuestras organizaciones miembros y los participantes del 18º Miyd, para canalizar la declaración a las partes interesadas.

IN FRENCH

Melaka, le 28 juin 2018 - AUJOURD' hui est le dernier jour du 18 e dialogue international de la jeunesse de melaka, alors que tout le monde se disait au revoir l'un à l'autre. Les participants, les délégués et les orateurs se sont tous réjouis de l'expérience et des connaissances acquises au cours de ce dialogue, mais aussi tristes qu'ils soient partis. Bien que ce soit un moment décourageant, mais nous, à l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse, pensons que nous ne devrions pas dire " Adieu au lieu de cela, nous devrions tous dire " Voyez-vous " comme nous avons hâte à l'année prochaine. 19 ème miyd, avec plus de gaité et de moments de liesse.

Nous voulons également profiter de cette occasion pour remercier tous les partenaires, les commanditaires, le comité d'organisation, les volontaires et toutes les parties qui ont participé à ce dialogue pour faire de ce dialogue un grand succès. Notre honneur et notre gratitude sont

également consacrés à tous les participants du 18 e dialogue international de la jeunesse melaka qui a travaillé si dur dans la construction de la déclaration qui contient un certain nombre de recommandations pour la mise en œuvre par les parties prenantes, y compris le secteur public, le secteur privé, les ONG / Oig, les médias. Et les jeunes. En outre, les participants ont également établi des engagements et des résultats en vue d'une urbanisation durable et de villes résistant à l'échelle mondiale.

Les participants au 18 e dialogue international sur la jeunesse ont reconnu l'importance de donner aux jeunes les connaissances, les compétences et la bonne attitude nécessaires pour s'attaquer aux problèmes de l'urbanisation. Conformément à l'adoption des objectifs de développement durable (ODD), les jeunes devraient être à l'avant-garde de la transformation universelle, y compris la lutte contre les questions d'urbanisation. Nous pensons donc qu'avec l'appui continu de toutes les parties prenantes, nous devrions atteindre notre objectif souhaité. Nous sommes heureux de voir que tous les jeunes qui ont participé à ce dialogue ont été déterminés à retourner et à diffuser la déclaration dans leur pays et à construire une urbanisation durable. Nous, au sein de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse, sommes à la fois reconnaissants et bénis d'avoir toujours votre soutien et nous comptons sur les dirigeants de la jeunesse, en particulier de nos organisations membres et de 18 participants, pour transmettre la déclaration aux bonnes parties prenantes.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD POPULATION DAY: 'FAMILY PLANNING IS A HUMAN RIGHT'

DATE: 11TH JULY 2018

Globally, the population has doubled since 1968 and grown by almost 40 percent since reaching 5 billion in 1987, an event that led to the first World Population Day. Growth will continue at least until mid-century despite dramatic declines in the average number of children per woman, according to UN population division.

World Population Day, which seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, was established by the then-governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, an outgrowth of the interest generated by the Day of Five Billion, which was observed on 11 July 1987.

The theme for World Population Day 2018 is "Family Planning is a Human Right". This year marks the 50th anniversary of the 1968 International Conference on Human Rights, where family planning was, for the first time, globally affirmed to be a human right. The conference's outcome document, known as the Teheran Proclamation, stated unequivocally: "Parents have a basic human right to determine freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children."

Embedded in this legislative language was a game-changing realization: Women and girls have the right to avoid the exhaustion, depletion, and danger of too many pregnancies, too close together. Men and women have the right to choose when and how often to embrace parenthood if at all. Every individual has the human right to determine the direction and scope of his or her future in this fundamental way.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), are fully aware that over population growth is occurring all over the world but the growth often multiplies mostly in less developed countries. We believe that as more and more individuals share our planet, new challenges arise daily. Thus, it rests on individual decisions and actions to control global population growth particularly those from young people considering them as the largest portion of the world

population. Therefore, taking into account the urgency to solve the current population challenges, we urge young people to educate others including their peers especially those living in less developed countries on effective family planning, sex education amongst adolescents and the importance of using a contraceptive.

Thus, at this point, we cannot know with certainty when or if world population can feasibly be stabilized, nor can we state with assurance the limits of the world's ecological "carrying capability", but we can be certain of the desired direction of change that we seek which is to ensure reproductive health through the channel of education.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY: 'SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE OF WORK'

DATE: 15TH JULY 2018

Young people are almost three times more likely to be unemployed than adults and continuously exposed to lower quality of jobs, greater labor market inequalities, and longer and more insecure school-to-work transitions. In addition, women are more likely to be underemployed and under-paid, and to undertake part-time jobs or work under temporary contracts.

That is why education and training are key determinants of success in the labor market. But unfortunately, existing systems are failing to address the learning needs of many young people, and surveys of learning outcomes and skills show that a large number of youth have low levels of achievement in basic literacy and numeracy. Skills and jobs for youth feature prominently in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and SDG target 4.4 calls for a substantial increase in the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills.

World Youth Skills Day was established in 2014 by General Assembly in December 2014. The day builds on the World Programme of Action for Youth in 2007 and International Youth Day in 1999. With an increasing number of unemployed youth worldwide, the majority of which are found in developing countries, United Nations Member States want to help young people everywhere achieve their ambitions.

The World Youth Skills Day is celebrated every year on the 15th of July, to highlight at a global level, the importance of youth skills development and to raise awareness on the significance of exploring all the extraordinary skills possessed by young people. The goal is to achieve better socio-economic conditions for today's youth, as a means of addressing the challenges of unemployment and under employment.

World Youth Skills Day 2018 aims to encourage the acquisition of professional skills and training for young generations across the globe. By acquiring core professional and lifestyle skills, young

people will be able to contribute to the development and growth of their own communities. World Youth Skills Day embodies the values of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with special emphasis on the following SDGs: SDG 4: Quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities and SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), work towards empowering and inspiring youth from all around the globe to become active and proactive in their communities of their countries. We also help equip young people with opportunities through volunteerism to work for the elevation of youth and the development of youth leaders who are willing to donate their precious time and valuable energy not only to support and achieve their goals but also bring significant impact for the benefits of their community and humanity.

We believe that the meaning of being a responsible citizen will rigid, if one shows the great effort to contribute for the betterment of the public and you can be part of these efforts!

Nelson Mandela International Day

18 July



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY

DATE: 18TH JULY 2018

It is easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build. ~ Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was the embodiment of values such as freedom, equality, respect and values that we need to embrace, as we aspire to a brighter future, which we hope to be engulfed by world peace and harmony. Nelson Mandela International Day is a global call for people to recognize their ability in order to have a positive effect on others around them, by being persistent, determined and dedicated to their core values and principles.

Nelson Mandela International Day was launched in recognition of Nelson Mandela's birthday on 18 July 2009 via the unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly. It was inspired by a call Nelson Mandela made a year earlier, for the next generation to take on the burden of leadership in addressing the world's social injustices when he said that "it is in your hands now". It is more than a celebration of Madiba's life and legacy; it is a global movement to honour his life's work and to change the world for the better.

Since then, the birthday of Mandela is celebrated on the 18th of July annually as Nelson Mandela International Day. This year's commemoration marks the second Mandela Day when he is no longer around to witness the occasion. Due to his absence, it is, then, more important than ever to maintain the principles for which he fought for and to share his message for peace and humanity with future generations.

Acknowledging on his great efforts, every year on his birthday, United Nations joins a call with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to devote 67 minutes of time to helping others as a way of honouring his good deeds throughout the world and encouraging individuals, communities, governments and non-profit organisations to take one small step towards the larger leap of making a positive imprint.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), appreciate and treasure Nelson Mandela's values and his commitment to the service of humankind. We also acknowledge his contribution to the struggle for social equality, worldwide, and the support of peace throughout the world. Our motto is to motivate and advocate for youth to embrace and respect the values that Mandela shared and inspire to carry on his noble efforts. We urge young people to step up in bringing imperative change in their society responsibly, especially to those who are the minority or in-need. Let us all strive and fight for all the values Nelson Mandela left!



International Day of Friendship

30 July

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

DATE: 30TH JULY 2018

Friendship is the greatest possession of life. It is a relationship of mutual affection between two or more people and a stronger form of interpersonal bond than an association. It is then unquestionable that one of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.

In 2011, the UN proclaimed the International Day of Friendship with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, and cultures can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. The UN wanted the day to involve young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.

The International Friendship Day is celebrated on the 30th of July annually. Friendship Day was originally created by the greeting card industry and was promoted by Joyce Hall, the founder of Hallmark cards in 1919. It was, then, proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with an idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. This day is observed not only on the recognition of friendship in the general sense but also its relevance and noble value that friendship has in the sentiment and lives of human beings around the world.

As the contribution of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in observing the International Day of Friendship, we encourage stakeholders, governments, organizations, and community groups to hold events, activities and initiatives that promote unity, mutual understanding and reconciliation, like our annual Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) where all participants who are mostly consisted of young leaders from different background, occupations and culture, share one common interest of attaining the better life for young people worldwide. Every year, new friendships are born during our dialogue while our young participants work together in the achievement of youth betterment. This year 17th MIYD has also engendered many sparks of beautiful friendships amongst both participants and volunteers.

On this International Day of Friendship, we would like to celebrate the ties that bind us together, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or borders.

Let us cultivate solidarity as a single human family on our one and only planet by pursuing true and lasting friendship.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

DATE: 30TH JULY 2018

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, young people and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. This estimate also includes victims of human trafficking for labour and sexual exploitation. While it is not known how many of these victims were trafficked, the estimate implies that currently, there are millions of trafficking in persons victims in the world.

Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination for victims. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims, the report states.

In 2010, the General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The Plan calls for integrating the fight against human trafficking into the UN's broader programmes in order to boost development and strengthen security worldwide. One of the crucial provisions in the Plan is the establishment of a UN Voluntary Trust Fund for victims of trafficking, especially women and children.

Celebrated on the 30th of July, the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, it appeals for fighting against trafficking in persons. The United Nations (UN) had proclaimed this date in 2013 to inform about the situation of the victims and to stand up for their rights. Trafficking persons means the sale or purchase of people against their will. Nearly every nation has to deal with that problem in the one or the other way.

We at the World Assembly of Youth will work together with the governments, the private sector, civil society organizations, and other UN agencies to protect victims of trafficking and

associated forms of exploitation and abuse. To prevent such abuses from occurring; and to support the development and implementation of policies aimed at the prevention and prosecution of these crimes and the protection of victims.

On this World Day against Trafficking in Persons, we urge everyone especially young people to recommit to protect, respect and fulfil the human rights of all migrants and refugees. Creating and supporting well-governed, safe and human rights-based migration and asylum procedures will be an important step towards ending the abhorrent practice of profiting from human despair and misery.

World Day against Trafficking In Persons!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: 'INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' MIGRATION AND MOVEMENT'

DATE: 9TH AUGUST 2018

Indigenous peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment. They have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite their cultural differences, indigenous peoples from around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples.

August 9 is the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, which takes place every year. It was proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994. The date marks the day of the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

As a result of the loss of their lands, territories, and resources due to the development and other pressures, many indigenous peoples migrate to urban areas in search of better prospects of life, education, and employment. They also migrate between countries to escape conflict, persecution and climate change impacts. Despite the widespread assumption that indigenous peoples live overwhelmingly in rural territories, urban areas are now home to a significant proportion of indigenous populations. In Latin America, around 40 percent of all indigenous peoples live in urban areas even 80 percent in some countries of the region. In most cases, indigenous peoples who migrate find better employment opportunities and improve their economic situation but alienate themselves from their traditional lands and customs. Additionally, indigenous migrants face a myriad of challenges, including lack of access to public services and additional layers of discrimination.

The theme for this year is "Indigenous peoples' migration and movement". The focus is on the current situation of indigenous territories, the root causes of migration, trans-border movement, and displacement, with a specific focus on indigenous peoples living in urban areas and across international borders. The observance will explore the challenges and ways forward

to revitalize indigenous peoples' identities and encourage the protection of their rights in or outside their traditional territories.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) observe the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, we work to support national governance systems to be more effective in addressing discrimination and structural inequalities that can affect indigenous peoples. We, at WAY, believe that by giving access to opportunities and support as well as enabling an environment where indigenous peoples are empowered, they will be able to develop their full potential to lead dignified lives in harmony with their world vision and traditional values. WAY always insists on making indigenous youth a priority by having all necessary recommendations flowing from the permanent forum to promote better integration and coordination of their issues, including youth issues, across the globe.

Together, let us identify and celebrate the priceless and distinctive identities of indigenous peoples around the world. Let us work even harder to empower them and support their aspirations.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY: 'SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH'

DATE: 12TH AUGUST 2018

International Youth Day is commemorated on the 12th of August which serves as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth. It is also a time to bring youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.

On the 17th of December 1999, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998 that 12 August is declared International Youth Day. Since the adoption of Security Council Resolution in 2015, there is growing recognition that as agents of change, young people's inclusion in the peace and security agenda and in society more broadly, is the key to building and sustaining peace. The important role youth can play in deterring and resolving conflicts, and are key constituents in ensuring the success of both peacekeeping and peace building efforts.

The theme for International Youth Day 2018 is "Safe Spaces for Youth". Youth need safe spaces where they can come together, engage in activities related to their diverse needs and interests, participate in decision making processes and freely express themselves. While there are many types of spaces, safe spaces ensure the dignity and safety of youth. Safe spaces such as civic spaces enable youth to engage in governance issues; public spaces afford youth the opportunity to participate in sports and other leisure activities in the community; digital spaces help youth interact virtually across borders with everyone; and well planned physical spaces can help accommodate the needs of diverse youth especially those vulnerable to marginalization or violence.

Ensuring that safe spaces are inclusive, youth from diverse backgrounds especially those from outside the local community, need to be assured of respect and self-worth. In humanitarian or conflict prone settings for example, youth may lack the space to fully express themselves

without feeling uncomfortable or unwelcome. Similarly, without the existence of safe space, youth from different race/ethnicity, gender, religious affiliation or cultural background may feel intimidated to freely contribute to the community. When youth have safe spaces to engage, they can effectively contribute to development, including peace and social cohesion.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically Goal 11, emphasizes the need for the provision of space towards inclusive and sustainable urbanization. At the World Assembly of Youth, we bring together young people, youth leaders and relevant stakeholders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues. We also focus on measures to strengthen our member countries in the field of youth and to increase the quality and quantity of opportunities available to young people for full, effective and constructive participation in society.

Furthermore, the New Urban Agenda (NUA) reiterates the need for public spaces for youth to enable them to interact with family and have constructive inter-generational dialogue. Additionally, the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY) which is the UN framework for youth development prioritizes the provision of “leisure activities” as essential to the psychological, cognitive and physical development of young people. As more and more youth grow in a technologically connected world, they aspire to engage deeper in political, civic and social matters and the availability and accessibility of safe spaces becomes even more crucial to make this a reality.

We acknowledge this year’s theme “Safe Spaces for Youth” as we also promote youth as active leaders and partners in peace processes. We create opportunities for young people’s sustained participation and leadership and create spaces for them to express their opinions and listen to them and Promote intergenerational exchange. Let us engage both member states and the general public to understand the needs of young people, to implement policies to help them overcome the challenges they face, and to encourage young people into the decision-making process.

The current generation of youth is the largest in history and young people often comprise the majority in countries marked by armed conflict or unrest, therefore considering the needs and aspirations of youth in matters of peace and security is a demographic imperative. Therefore, identifying and addressing the social exclusion of young people is a prerequisite for sustaining peace.



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY
DATE: 19TH AUGUST 2018**

“Every year on World Humanitarian Day, we shine a spotlight on the millions of civilians around the world whose lives have been caught up in conflict. On this day we also take a moment to honour the brave health and aid workers who are targeted or obstructed as they set out to help people in need, and pay tribute to the government employees, members of civil society and representatives of international organizations and agencies who risk their lives to provide humanitarian aid and protection.”

~ UN Secretary-General, António Guterres ~

Every day humanitarian aid workers help millions of people around the world, regardless of who they are and where they are. World Humanitarian Day is a global celebration of people helping people.

On 19th August 2018, we celebrate World Humanitarian Day to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. The purpose of World Humanitarian Day is to raise awareness of the plight of civilians around the world who have become caught up in conflicts, and also honour and raise support for the humanitarian workers who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives to help.

This World Humanitarian Day we continue to bring attention to the millions of civilians affected by armed conflict every day. People in cities and towns struggle to find food, water, and safe shelter, while fighting drives millions from their homes. Children are recruited and used to fight, and their schools are destroyed. Women are abused and humiliated. As humanitarian workers deliver aid, and medical workers treat the wounded and sick, they are directly targeted, treated as threats, and prevented from bringing relief and care to those in desperate need.

Over 130 million people throughout the world are currently in crisis, either through war or natural disasters and are in need of humanitarian aid. World Humanitarian Day was established in 2008 by the United Nations General Assembly and was first officially celebrated in 2009. The

date of 19th August was chosen as it marks the anniversary of the bombing of the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, an event in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Sergio Vieira de Mello and twenty others lost their lives.

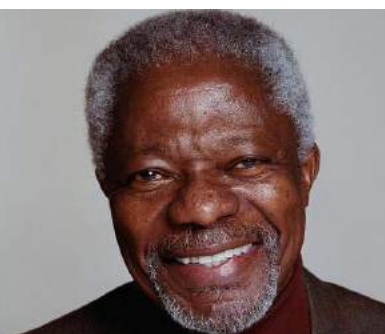
World Assembly of Youth (WAY), voice out on behalf of youth in order for them to understand the human desire to live in a better world, but this will not be so without any effort. We also raise awareness on issues like gender equality, hunger and poverty and much more as gaining access to youth is our uppermost priority. It is an appropriate moment to call for a renewed commitment to humanitarian principles by all concerned.

The highest numbers of Humanitarian workers are young people and therefore we see the importance of international actions as the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs for addressing the causes, like poverty and inequalities, underpinning humanitarian crises. The role of youth in humanitarian action is important to us, as it is an important role, given that a majority of crises are directly affecting people.

On this World Humanitarian Day, let us once again remember the millions of people in need of help around the world, the humanitarians who have lost their lives and loved ones in the course of their work as well as the thousands of aid workers who have refused to be deterred and followed in their footsteps. Since 1949, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), stand strong for the human rights and fight for inherent dignity of every human being.

KOFI ANNAN

1938 - 2018



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

KOFI ANNAN 1938 - 2018

DATE: 19TH AUGUST 2018

It is with immense sadness that Kofi Annan, the seventh former Secretary General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Laureate, passed away peacefully on Saturday 18th August after a short illness.

Kofi Annan was a permanent inspiration to keep pushing for social justice. He was a force for good, who reminded us that we are in this world to serve, make meaningful contributions, use our abilities to change the world for the better but most importantly to achieve our dreams.

Kofi Annan was a global statesman and a deeply committed internationalist who fought throughout his life for a more fair and peaceful world. During his distinguished career and leadership at the United Nations he was an ardent champion of peace, sustainable development, human rights and the rule of law.

We, at WAY share our deepest sympathy with the family. We will always recognise his engagements in many initiatives, including his chairmanship of the Africa Progress Panel and his early leadership of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

We also honour working with him on youth and peace related issues. We had many events together with UN on peace, youth development and human rights during his period as a Secretary General of UN.

He will remain in our hearts forever.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WAY 69TH ANNIVERSARY: SERVING YOUTH WORLDWIDE

DATE: 24TH AUGUST 2018

Today, 24th August 2018, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), celebrate the 69th year anniversary of our founding as well as the appreciation of the 69 years of determined journey and dedication in serving youth worldwide.

History has it, founded in 1949, WAY has been well known as international coordinating body of national youth councils and youth organisations, working devotedly for the promotion of young people and youth organisations in different programme areas such as youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training. WAY has a general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and works together with several agencies of the United Nations including UNEP, UNICEF, and UNAIDS.

WAY currently has 140 members from all continents of the world. Having such large network, it is now, even more, promising for WAY to realise its aim of unlocking youth potential and tackling youth issues with cooperation and support from all of its vigorous members.

In line with that, we have highlighted several relevant aims in assisting the collection of information on the needs and problems of youth from all around the world; promoting the interchange of ideas amongst them; supporting in the development of youth activities; and encouraging full and inclusive participation of young people in their countries' developmental process. Sixty-eight years in continuously carrying out such purposes, we, at WAY, promise to always bestow our fullest efforts for the betterment of young people worldwide.

As our way forward approach, we have been coming out with strategies which are and shall be implemented to be in line with our fourth Millennium Plan of Actions that were specially designed to provide constructive progression towards sustainable development of young people and the societies.

As we celebrate our sixty-nine birthday, we wish for the endless support from our members, volunteers, stakeholders, young people and the global community at large. Let us work together, joining our hands, side-by-side, in providing young people with the opportunities and platforms which not only fully develop their potential but also flourish their characters and inspirations. Our doors are always opened for young people as we work for the promotion of youth and youth organisations in different programme areas.



International Day of Charity

5 September

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

DATE: 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Poverty exists in every country around the globe, from powerful industrial nations to developing countries. It continues to affect millions of people, regardless of their social and cultural situations and is a barrier to true prosperity and equality.

The International Day of Charity has celebrated annually every 5th of September. It was declared officially by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012. The day itself was founded through a Hungarian civil society initiative with the support of the Hungarian Parliament and Government in 2011. The 5th of September is the selected date as it commemorates the anniversary of the passing away of Saint Teresa who worked tirelessly to overcome poverty, distress, and suffering of the poorest in the world.

International Day of Charity serves to enhance and increase social responsibility amongst us all, solidarity and to increase the public's support for charitable causes. This day is a great opportunity to raise awareness and provide a platform for charity events to take place on a global scale.

In the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) the United Nations recognises that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, are the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. The 2030 Agenda also calls for a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable. It also acknowledges the role of the diverse private sector, ranging from micro-enterprises to cooperatives to multinationals, and that of civil society organizations and philanthropic organizations in the implementation of the new Agenda.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we deem that while many good things have been accomplished and great effort is being achieved, a better deed can still be done to help the needy in our society. We stand as the voice for young people as we believe that the

responsibility of charity should be seen as one of the major tools in determining the ideal personality of the future generation who ought to be full of compassion and embrace the beauty of humanity.

On this International Day of Charity, we call on people everywhere, especially youth, to volunteer and act generously in the senses of kindness, solidarity, and love. Without love and togetherness, the charity will be a meaningless effort and an unsung anthem.

Today, we turn to the youth and task them with the honorable duty of bringing more awareness to humanity amongst both the young and the old.

Happy International Day of Charity!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY: 'LITERACY AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT'

DATE: 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Since 1967, International Literacy Day celebrations have taken place annually around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on the 8th of September. It is an opportunity for Governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in the world literacy rates, and reflect on the worlds remaining literacy challenges. The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by world leaders in September 2015, promotes, as part of its agenda, universal access to quality education and learning opportunities throughout people's lives. Sustainable Development Goal 4 has as one of its targets ensuring all young people achieve literacy and numeracy and those adults who lack these skills are given the opportunity to acquire them.

This year's theme is 'Literacy and skills development.' Despite progress made, literacy challenges persist, and at the same time the demands for skills required for work, evolve rapidly. This year's theme explores integrated approaches that simultaneously support the development of literacy and skills, to ultimately improve people's lives and work and contribute to equitable and sustainable societies. The day focuses on skills and competencies required for employment, careers, and livelihoods, particularly technical and vocational skills, along with transferable skills and digital skills.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we believe that literacy is a passage to an untouchable facet of the world. Literacy is, in fact, not only a basic human right; it is also a fundamental building block for learning as well as an individual empowerment tool. It is the catalyst for social and global progress as we continue to grow.

On this day of International Literacy Day, we, at WAY, would like reiterate our encouragement to all young people to actively volunteer in community services or other related programmes which have a purpose in educating illiterate youth and children around them. So, let us take an oath in working together for tomorrow's world literate society!

Happy International Literacy Day!

International Day of Democracy

15 September



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

DATE: 15th SEPTEMBER 2018

Young people should be offered involvement in responsible and challenging actions that meet genuine needs. They should have the opportunity to participate in planning and decision-making. International Day of Democracy is an ideal time to consider how youth engagement with traditional democratic institutions can be increased. The International Day of Democracy is celebrated each year on 15th of September with an aim to providing an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. Democracy is as much a process as a goal, and only with the full participation of and support by the international community, national governing bodies, civil society and individuals, can the ideal of democracy be made into a reality to be enjoyed by everyone, everywhere.

This year's theme is Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World which is an opportunity to look for ways to invigorate democracy and seek answers to the systemic challenges it faces. This includes tackling economic and political inequalities, making democracies more inclusive by bringing the young and marginalized into the political system, and making democracies more innovative and responsive to emerging challenges such as migration and climate change.

With this year's 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Day of Democracy is also an opportunity to highlight the values of freedom and respect for human rights as essential elements of democracy. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development addresses democracy in Sustainable Development Goal 16 recognizing the indivisible links between peaceful societies and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, believe that meaningful democracy requires the meaningful participation of youth. Young people have much to offer societies from innovation to creativity to new thinking. Their participation in democracy promotes active citizenship, strengthens social responsibility and can enhance democratic processes and institutions. And

today's young citizens are tomorrow's leaders and decision-makers. As our contribution in observing the International Day of Democracy, we, at WAY, seek to participate in promoting democracy in every way possible by having a sense of responsibility, especially towards the youth, that is to protect their rights and ensure that their voices are heard. Since our establishment, we have recognized and adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in both our internal and external activities, including discussions, dialogues, and workshops with the aims of supporting and endorsing youth's participation in the communities.

Yet young people's engagement with democracy faces significant challenges threatening the future of healthy democracies. On this day, we would like to reiterate our call to all young people to be responsibly courageous in speaking up their thought and opinion, to contribute in making betterment and positive changes for better world of tomorrow.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

DATE: 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

Peace is defined as an incidence of harmony characterized by lack of violence, conflict behaviours and the freedom from fear of violence. Frequently understood as the absence of aggression and retribution, peace also suggests sincere attempts of resolution. Understanding on the characteristics, peacefulness is always perceived as an internal sense of tranquil that comes from being still in order to reflect and meditate on the inner insight. Thus, it is said that a peaceful heart is one that is free from qualms and difficulties.

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on the 21st of September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. People across the globe engage in diverse and meaningful ways from observing a minute of silence, attending peace education events and writing peace poetry, to participating in peace marches, yoga and meditation.

The theme celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), pledge to promote a culture of peace especially amongst the youth. We appreciate that every person has a right to peace and that the achievement of peace is a shared responsibility. In respect with that, WAY support and encourage young people to actively show their input on how to apply the values of patience and mutual esteem in creating the ideal peace that our world and its population need.

We urge everyone to engage young people in peace building by creating space for them to express their opinions and listen to them rather than simply acknowledging them as victims or

perpetrators of violence. It's vital to engage youth as social actors with their own views and contributions. Although most young peace builders create positive impact with minimal resources, it's important to provide them with the tools they need. By enhancing the peace-building knowledge and skills of young people is another way, they should be given opportunity to become more effective change-makers.

Let us embrace and reflect the value of peace in our hearts and minds and gently nurture it through our actions so it may blossom as a tradition in our societies.

International Day of Non-Violence

2 October

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

DATE: 2ND OCTOBER 2018

"Gandhi proved that non-violence can change history. Let us be inspired by his courage and conviction as we continue our work to advance peace, sustainable development and human rights for all of the peoples of the world."

~ UN Secretary-General António Guterres ~

The principle of non-violence also known as non-violent resistance rejects the use of physical violence in order to achieve social or political change. Often described as "the politics of ordinary people", this form of social struggle has been adopted by mass populations all over the world in campaigns for social justice.

The International Day of Non-Violence is marked on the 2nd of October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. This day is recognized and commemorated by the United Nations as a means of reaffirming the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, and understanding.

Gandhi was born in India on the 2nd of October 1869 and was assassinated on January 30, 1948. He is remembered, today, for his contributions towards India's freedom and for sharing with the world a doctrine for dealing with injustice and dissonance. He taught people the philosophy of Ahimsa which encourages the use of non-violence as a tool for the peaceful resolution of differences. Throughout his life, Gandhi remained committed to his belief in non-violence even under oppressive conditions and in the face of seemingly impossible challenge.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) sturdily stands by the principle of non-violence and continues to aim for its identification and achievement in the societies. We advocate for the youth to exploit their minds as a weapon against all the injustices and promote non-violence in their communities. We, at WAY, believe that all young people are not naturally born to be ferocious. Violence is learnt and, thus, avoidable. Proper education and productive utilisation of

the leisure time are the two substantial keys in preventing the occurrence of delinquencies behaviours among young people. Thus, we would like to urge all young people to place their responsibilities above their enjoyment and prioritize their education over rebellious activities.

Together with the 13th Global Youth Peace Fest (GYPF 2018) in Chandigarh, India we working in a variety of areas to steer the young people towards implementing Gandhian ideals of Constructive Programme based on voluntary effort and individual and community action. Promoting the spirit of volunteering amongst the generation next, to bridge the barriers of race, colour, religion, nationalities plus fill in the gender and economic divides by empowering the young people is more timely than ever.

Let us create a more just world by empowering young change makers from around the globe, in which a combination of cross cultural learning workshops, volunteer service and youth activism is aligned with the work of grassroots NGOs, policy makers, and other stakeholders.

We shall continue to celebrate the lasting work of the great futurist, Mahatma Gandhi and ensure that his teachings remain in our hearts with peace and harmony.

Happy International Day of Non- Violence!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

DATE: 5TH OCTOBER 2018

World Teachers' Day 2018 will mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) that recognises education as a key fundamental right and establishes an entitlement to free compulsory education, ensuring inclusive and equitable access for all children.

World Teachers Day is held yearly on the 5th of October. Since its set up in 1994, the day celebrates the marking of the teaching in freedom in 1996. It is observed all over the world since 1994 after the UNESCO recommendation concerning teachers. Its point is to centre on acknowledging, evaluating and enhancing the instructors of the world and to give a chance to consider the issues identified with educators and the teaching process in general.

The history of World Teacher's Day traced back to 5th October, 1966. The special intergovernmental conference had been convened on the status of teachers in Paris, France to analyse issues affecting teachers and their profession. As a result, they published a document "recommendation concerning the status of teacher's" which was signed by both members of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and UNESCO.

This year's theme, "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher," has been chosen to remind the global community that the right to education cannot be achieved without the right to trained and qualified teachers. Even today, a continuing challenge worldwide is the shortage of teachers. There are an estimated 264 million children and youth still out of school globally. To reach the 2030 education goals of universal primary and secondary education, the world needs to recruit almost 69 million new teachers. This teacher gap is more pronounced among vulnerable populations, such as girls, children with disabilities, refugee and migrant children, or poor children living in rural or remote areas.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is devoted in appreciating and upholding the educators of the world because teachers play important role in young people to become successful in career and business. We honor the teachers and recognize their contributions to education, development and emphasize their importance to raise their profile and increase the awareness and understanding of the teaching profession.

Let us therefore activate a support system for the network of teachers around the world!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

DATE: 10TH OCTOBER 2018

Imagine growing up in our world today. Constantly battling the effects of human rights violations, wars and violence, schools and businesses. Young people are spending most of their day on the internet experiencing cyber crimes, cyber bullying, and playing violent video games. Suicide and substance abuse numbers have been steadily rising, youth are feeling alone and persecuted for being true to themselves and young adults are at the age when serious mental illnesses can occur and yet they are taught little to nothing about mental illness and well-being.

World Mental Health Day is observed on the 10th of October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care becomes a reality for people worldwide. It is an opportunity to highlight international outreach, education and advocacy efforts spent to reduce mental health stigma.

World Mental Health Day is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on peoples' life worldwide.

We at the World Assembly of Youth believes that the day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about what needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. We also argue people, especially young people to show their support on this day through raising awareness on social media. Our hope is that people affected by stress, depression and mood disorders are understood, supported, free from stigma, and are encouraged to access appropriate therapies.

On this day, let us gather to create more awareness and attention towards mental health, mental illness and mental wellness.



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION
DATE: 13TH OCTOBER 2018**

"Reducing the economic losses from disasters has the power to transform lives and contribute greatly to the eradication of poverty. As we mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction, let us reaffirm our commitment to this vital endeavour."

~ UN Secretary-General, António Guterres ~

Disaster reduction is the conception and practice of reducing disaster risks through efficient efforts to analyse and reduce the causal factors of disasters. Reducing exposure to hazards, lessening vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improving preparedness and early warning for adverse events are all examples of disaster reduction.

The International Day for Disaster Reduction was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly, a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. Held every 13th of October to celebrate how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.

This year's theme is "Reducing disaster economic losses in relation to global gross domestic product by 2030". In 2017 alone, 9,000 lives were lost and 96 million people were affected by disasters due to floods, wildfires and earthquakes, causing €270 billion in combined losses it was the second costliest year on record in terms of damages caused by natural hazards. The 2018 International Day for Disaster Reduction focuses on diminishing the economic impact of disasters worldwide. The commemoration will provide an advocacy platform to highlight the economic consequences of failure to manage disaster risk, particularly for vulnerable groups in low and middle-income countries.

The 2018 theme continues as part of the "Sendai Seven" campaign, centred on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework. This year focuses on Target C of the Sendai Framework, reducing disaster economic losses in relation to global GDP by 2030.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), urge all citizens and governments to be part in efforts to establish communities and societies that will make more disaster- resilient nations. We believe they should be an advocacy platform to all governments, local governments, disaster management agencies, UN agencies, NGOs, Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, civil society groups, businesses, academic and scientific institutions, and other interested groups to demonstrate support for gender-sensitive implementation of the Sendai Framework and to highlight achievements and challenges in so doing with a particular focus on reducing the numbers of people affected by disasters.

Therefore, let us tackle vulnerability to significantly reduce the risk of disaster and build safer and more resilient communities, through a combination of disaster preparedness and community-led mitigation measures.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD FOOD DAY

DATE: 6TH OCTOBER 2018

The right to food is a basic human right. Investing in sustainable food systems and rural development means addressing some of the major global challenges from feeding the world's growing population to protecting the global climate, and tackling some of the root causes of migration and displacement. Achieving the 17 SDGs cannot happen without ending hunger, and without having sustainable and resilient, climate-compatible agriculture and food systems that deliver for the people and the planet.

World Food Day (WFD) is a day of action dedicated to tackling global hunger. It is celebrated on the 16th of October. The day is observed every year around the world in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. It is also the Food Engineer day and has been observed in more than 150 countries, raising awareness of the issues behind poverty and hunger.

There are an estimated 842 million hungry people on the planet, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). This means that one in eight people in the world suffer from chronic hunger, not having enough food for an active and healthy life. Plus the number of people on the planet is increasing rapidly. Production of basic staple foods will need to increase by 60 percent to meet the expected growth in demand.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we highlight areas needed for action and contribute in the recommendation for the eradication of Hunger and Poverty in accordance with the common focus stipulated by the United Nations. We believe rural development can address factors that compel people to move by creating business opportunities and jobs for young people that are not only crop-based (such as small dairy or poultry production, food processing or horticulture enterprises). It can also lead to increased food security, more resilient livelihoods, better access to social protection, and reduced conflict over natural resources and solutions to environmental degradation and climate change.

By investing in rural development, the international community can also harness migration's potential to support development and build the resilience of displaced and host communities, thereby laying the ground for long-term recovery and inclusive and sustainable growth.



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY
DATE: 17TH OCTOBER 2018**

*"Let us remember that ending poverty is not a matter of charity but a question of justice."
~ UN Secretary-General, António Guterres ~*

October 17th presents an opportunity to acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognise that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty.

There is no denying that poverty is a social struggle and affects communities far and wide with impacts on single people and whole cities. With rising awareness in recent decades there are now more steps than ever being taken towards the eradication of poverty and the assistance and inclusion of those struggling with poverty towards being a part of the solution. The complexity of poverty is now better understood due to increased cultural awareness and sympathy with true connection and motion towards a solution.

The observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to 17 October 1987. On that day, over a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadéro in Paris, where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. They proclaimed that poverty is a violation of human rights and affirmed the need to come together to ensure that these rights are respected.

The theme of the 2018 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is: "Coming Together With Those Furthest behind to Build an Inclusive World of Universal Respect for Human Rights and Dignity". This year marks the 70th anniversary of the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is important to recall the fundamental connection between extreme poverty and human rights, and that people living in poverty are disproportionately affected by many human rights violations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth understand the importance of public awareness, voice and the active participation of people living in extreme poverty, concerns and priorities of millions of people, especially those living in extreme poverty. We believe that young people should be engaged to be the agent of change representing the voice of the people who are in need.

As the world commemorates the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we call on youth and stakeholders from all countries to actively work to support the world most vulnerable.

United Nations Day

24 October

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED NATIONS DAY

DATE: 24TH OCTOBER 2018

The United Nations, as an organisation, is well known to just about everyone around the world. It is an international organization engaged in the diplomatic and peaceful communication between the countries of the world. The organization oversees issues like human rights, international security, political freedoms and democracy with an end goal of achieving of world peace.

As the most representative inter-governmental organisation of the world today, the United Nations' role in the world affairs is irreplaceable by any other international or regional organizations. The United Nations has made enormous positive contributions in maintaining international peace and security, promoting cooperation among states and international development.

Today, people of the world still face the two major issues of peace and development. Only by international cooperation can mankind meet the challenges of the global and regional issues. The United Nations can play a pivotal and positive role in this regard. Strengthening the role of the United Nations in the new century and promoting the establishment of a just and reasonable international political and economic order goes along with the trend of history and is in the interest of all nations.

Today, United Nations Day acknowledges and commemorates all that the U.N stands in the world. It also helps people remember what the four main purposes of the United Nations are: to maintain peace and security all over the world develop relationships among member nations, foster an atmosphere of communication between nations, and provide a forum to bring countries together to meet the purposes and goals of the U.N.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) celebrate the United Nations Day because it is a vital commemoration of the values which today organisations embrace, including WAY. Those

values are the forth principles of humanity which are unity and world peace. Acknowledging the importance of adapting these values of humanity; we recognise the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and adopt them in our programmes, events as well as our daily activities.

We therefore urge young people to be part of the UN day celebrations because they are the young leaders that can contribute fresh ideas, taken proactive measures, and mobilized through social media.

Happy United Nations Day!



International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

6 November

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PREVENTING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WAR AND ARMED CONFLICT

DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2018

War and armed conflict has many damaging effects on the natural environment. For example, crops are destroyed, water supplies are poisoned and forests are burnt. New technology that is used for war means that the destruction and damage of the environment is more serious and the long-term consequences can be worse.

On the 5th of November 2001, the UN General Assembly declared the 6th of November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. Though mankind has always counted its war casualties in terms of dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods, the environment has often remained the unpublicized victim of war. Water wells have been polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned, and animals killed to gain military advantage.

Furthermore, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has found that over the last 60 years, at least 40 percent of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources, whether high-value resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or scarce resources such as fertile land and water. Conflicts involving natural resources have also been found to be twice as likely to relapse.

The United Nations attaches great importance to ensuring that action on the environment is part of conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peace building strategies - because there can be no durable peace if the natural resources that sustain livelihoods and ecosystems are destroyed.

On 27 May 2016, the United Nations Environment Assembly adopted resolution which recognized the role of healthy ecosystems and sustainably managed resources in reducing the risk of armed conflict, and reaffirmed its strong commitment to the full implementation of the

Sustainable Development Goals listed in General Assembly resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, believe that the 6th of November is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the role of war on damaging natural environments and discuss ways to limit environmental destruction caused by armed conflict. WAY attaches great importance to ensuring that action on the environment is part of conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peace building strategies because there can be no long lasting peace if the natural resources that sustain livelihoods and ecosystems are destroyed.

We urge you all to renew your commitment to jealously protect our planet from the debilitating effects of war and especially at a time our warming planet is already threatened by the impacts of runaway climate change.

A banner for World Science Day for Peace and Development. The background is a close-up of a human eye with a bright light beam passing through the pupil. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

World Science Day for Peace and Development

10 November

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 10TH NOVEMBER 2018

Celebrated every 10 November, World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.

By linking science more closely with society, World Science Day for Peace and Development aims to ensure that citizens are kept informed of developments in science. It also underscores the role scientists play in broadening our understanding of the remarkable, fragile planet we call home and in making our societies more sustainable. The Day offers the opportunity to mobilize all actors around the topic of science for peace and development from government officials to the media to school pupils.

The theme for 2018 is “Science, a Human Right”, in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (art. 27), and of the Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers. Recalling that everyone has a right to participate in and benefit from science, it will serve to spark a global discussion on ways to improve access to science and to the benefits of science for sustainable development.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) believes that the purpose of the World Science Day for Peace and Development is to renew the nation, as well as the international commitment to science for peace and development and to stress the responsible use of science for the benefit of society. The World Science Day for Peace and Development also aims at raising public awareness of the importance of science and to bridge the gap between science and societies.

WAY strongly encourages all to join in celebrating World Science Day for Peace and Development by organizing their own event or activity on the day.



International Day for Tolerance

16 November

**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE
DATE: 16TH NOVEMBER 2018**

“Tolerance is an act of humanity, which we must nurture and enact each in own lives every day, to rejoice in the diversity that makes us strong and the values that bring us together.” —
UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay

Tolerance means to accept and respect other people with different lifestyles, ideologies, habits and customs. The concept of tolerance today often refers to the acceptance of an equal status for any human being on our planet. It bases on values like human rights and fundamental freedom for the individual.

The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples. This imperative lies at the core of the United Nations Charter, as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is more important than ever in this era of rising and violent extremism and widening conflicts that are characterized by a fundamental disregard for human life.

There is no doubt that a world free of tolerance would not be a good place to be. It is the belief of those supporting this day that such a world should never exist and that everyone has a right to their expression and their conscience without fear of bias or ridicule. In addition, it teaches that a person’s socio- economic status is inconsequential to the potential for tolerance and friendship between them.

The International Day for Tolerance is celebrated every year on the 16th of November .It is a time for people to learn about respecting and recognising the rights and beliefs of others and also a time of reflection and debate on the negative effects of intolerance. Live discussions and debates take place across the world on this day, focusing on how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and unfair discrimination have a negative impact on society.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aspire to educate people, especially young people, about tolerance and raise awareness of the importance of fighting intolerance. According to UNESCO, fighting intolerance requires law, education and access to information, individual awareness as well as local solutions. We urge for cooperation and partnership from all stakeholders in every level of society to join the effort in embracing tolerance as not only a courtesy to each other but also a way of life in achieving sustainable and peaceful tomorrow.

In support, we strongly urge the youth and youth leaders to protect people from discrimination and to encourage tolerance for all regardless of nationality, religion, language, race or any other distinct characteristics that obscures our common humanity.

On this International Day of Tolerance, let us recommit to dialogue and establish a mutual understanding among all people and communities especially youth, and let us focus our minds and hearts on those who face discrimination and marginalization.



World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

18 November

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

DATE: 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was started by Road Peace in 1993. Since then it has been observed and promoted worldwide by several NGOs, including the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) and its associated organizations. On 26 October 2005, the United Nations endorsed it as a global day to be observed every third Sunday in November each year, making it a major advocacy day for road traffic injury prevention. WHO and the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration encourage governments and NGOs around the world to commemorate this day.

The day has become an important tool in global efforts to reduce road casualties. It offers an opportunity for drawing attention to the scale of emotional and economic devastation caused by road crashes and for giving recognition to the suffering of road crash victims and the work of support and rescue services.

Road deaths and injuries are sudden, violent, traumatic events. Their impact is long-lasting, often permanent. Each year, millions of newly injured and bereaved people from every corner of the world are added to the countless millions who already suffer. The cumulative toll is truly tremendous.

The grief and distress experienced by this huge number of people is all the greater because many of the victims are young, because many of the crashes could and should have been prevented and because governments' and society's response to road death and injury and to bereaved and injured victims is often inadequate, unsympathetic, and inappropriate to a loss of life or quality of life.

This special Remembrance Day is therefore intended to respond to the great need of road crash victims for public recognition of their loss and suffering. It has also become an important tool for governments and those who work to prevent crashes or respond to the aftermath, since it

offers the opportunity to demonstrate the enormous scale and impact of road deaths and injuries and the urgent need for action.

We at World Assembly Youth (WAY), believe that road traffic injuries can be prevented. Governments need to take action to address road safety in a holistic manner; this requires involvement from multiple sectors such as transport, police, health, education, and actions that address the safety of roads, vehicles, and road users.

SDG 11.2 calls to “provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons” by 2030.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

The UN observes International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on the 25th of November yearly. This observance raises awareness of the continuing toll of gender-based violence.

Violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. Globally, it is estimated that one in three women will experience physical or sexual abuse in her lifetime. Unlike an illness, however, perpetrators and even entire societies choose to commit violence and can choose to stop, violence is not inevitable, and it can be prevented. But it's not as straightforward as eradicating a virus.

As such, prevention strategies should be holistic, with multiple interventions undertaken in parallel in order to have long-lasting and permanent effects. Many sectors, actors and stakeholders need to be engaged. More evidence is emerging on what interventions work to prevent violence from community mobilisation to change social norms, to comprehensive school interventions targeting staff and pupils, to economic empowerment and income supplements coupled with gender equality training.

Today, many efforts still need to be engaged towards a society where elimination of violence against women is undisputable. Towards such efforts, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), continue to partake in this global initiative for enlivening the principle of non-violence against women and promoting gender equality amongst young people. As a part of our rigid contribution, our 9th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), 'Youth and Gender Equality' was one of our successful activities aiming on promoting gender equality of opportunities and eliminating unlawful discrimination as well as gender-based harassments.

We urge young women and men to step up striving to unveil their true potential and participate in the decision making process as part of the elimination of violence against women. We strive even harder to alleviate the hardships which are encountered by fellow women, around the world. We also believe that prevention strategies should be holistic, with multiple interventions undertaken in parallel, in order to have long-lasting and permanent effects. Therefore, we encourage all sectors, actors and stakeholders, inclusive of young people, to be engaged.

Happy International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD AIDS DAY

DATE: 1ST DECEMBER 2018

"There is still time -- to scale-up testing for HIV; to enable more people to access treatment; to increase resources needed to prevent new infections; and to end the stigma. At this critical juncture, we need to take the right turn now."

~ António Guterres, UN Secretary General ~

HIV testing is essential for expanding treatment and ensuring that all people living with HIV can lead healthy and productive lives. It is also crucial to achieving the 90–90–90 targets and empowering people to make choices about HIV prevention so they can protect themselves and their loved ones.

Significant progress has been made in the AIDS response since 1988, and today three in four people living with HIV know their status. But we still have miles to go, as the latest UNAIDS report shows, and that includes reaching people living with HIV who do not know their status and ensuring that they are linked to quality care and prevention services.

Around the world, 37 million people are living with HIV, the highest number ever; yet a quarter do not know that they have the virus. Knowing your HIV status has many advantages. It is an essential entry point to HIV treatment, prevention, and care and support services. People who test positive for HIV should be linked immediately to antiretroviral therapy to keep them alive and well and, when viral load suppression is reached, prevent transmission of the virus.

Knowing your HIV status also enables people to make informed decisions about HIV prevention options, including services to prevent children from becoming infected with HIV, male and female condoms, harm reduction services for people who inject drugs, voluntary medical male circumcision and pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis.

World AIDS Day takes place on the 1st December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

We, at the World Assembly Youth (WAY) we consider World AIDS Day important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education. In 2012 Melaka International Youth Dialogue, we tackled 'Health, its My Right!' to foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of their societies, address the challenges and determinants of health faced by youth today and identify the role and the contribution of governments, national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining health as a right issue.

We also acknowledge that it is imperative for young people to have access to the adequate information about preventive measures and treatments so that it will enable them to avoid high risk and decrease death rate caused by the pandemic. Our effort in providing the right information about HIV/AIDS is not only the publication of our book pertaining to HIV/AIDS but also our continuous research performed so that the latest information and data are available for young people.

Let us urge everyone particularly young people to contribute their efforts. By joining our efforts, we will be able to decrease the access gap in terms of prevention, treatment and care of HIV/AIDS.

A banner for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. It features a purple background on the left with a young boy's face. On the right, there is a photograph of a yellow wheelchair against a stone wall. A colorful circular logo is in the top right corner. The text 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' is written in white on the purple background.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 December

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: 'EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ENSURING INCLUSIVENESS AND EQUALITY'

DATE: 3RD DECEMBER 2018

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

Building on many decades of UN's work in the field of disability, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted in 2006, has further advanced the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international development frameworks, such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, the New Urban Agenda, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development

The theme for this year's International Day is 'Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality', as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2030 Agenda pledges to "leave no one behind". Persons with disabilities, as both beneficiaries and agents of change, can fast track the process towards inclusive and sustainable development and promote resilient society for all, including in the context of disaster risk reduction and humanitarian action, and urban development. Governments, persons with disabilities and their representative organisations, academic institutions and the private sector need to work as a "team" to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), seek to increase the awareness and understanding of public towards all issues encountered by disabled people. This is an opportunity to highlight how far we have come in recognising persons with disabilities as just another manifestation of

diversity in our communities, and to stand in support of a society that embraces that diversity in all its forms and shapes.

Realizing the importance of defending the rights of disabled youth, many international organisations, governmental bodies, NGOs and media-organisations have been contributing through many programs and initiatives. International organizations have been launching many actions that support education for disabled youth and convention on their rights.

Therefore, let us contribute our efforts in providing decent rehabilitative care and prosthetic devices as well as improving educational aspects for disabled youth.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: 'VOLUNTEERS BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES'

DATE: 5TH DECEMBER 2018

"The diverse and dynamic role of volunteerism in promoting the Sustainable Development Goals merits strong support from Governments and other stakeholders. On this International Day, I thank volunteers for their efforts to leave no one behind."

~ António Guterres, UN Secretary-General ~

International Volunteer Day (IVD) mandated by the UN General Assembly, is held each year on the 5th December. It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organisations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, government authorities and the private sector.

Apart from mobilising thousands of volunteers every year, the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme contributes to peace and development by advocating for the recognition of volunteers and working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming.

This year's theme "Volunteers Build Resilient Communities" to celebrate volunteers' efforts that strengthen local ownership and the resilience of the community in the face of natural disasters, economic stresses and political shocks.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is mandated to support and promote IVD celebrations worldwide. Apart from mobilising thousands of volunteers every year, UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for the recognition of volunteers and working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming. Every year, over 6,500 UN Volunteers serve with UN entities in some of the most challenging environments

across the world, and 12,000 UN Online Volunteers complete over 20,000 assignments online through the UNV Online Volunteering service.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we recognise the effort put in by volunteers and the contribution they make to all programmes and activities in our global community. Since its establishment in year 2006, the World Assembly of Youth's Volunteer Programme was initiated as a platform that links the youth all around the world that seeks to develop a dedicated group of young people who are willing to assist in WAY programmes and activities around the world. This programme works towards the elevation of youth and their development into leaders who are willing to donate some of their time and energy to support WAY in achieving its goals and aims.

Volunteerism is important for young people because it enriches our society, brings us together as a community and strengthens civic engagement, safeguards social inclusion deepens solidarity and solidifies ownership of development results.

Let us all join hands to strengthen volunteerism to build a community with a shared future for our youth and mankind so as to contribute their wisdom and power and jointly build a better world for all.

International Anti-Corruption Day

9 December



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

DATE: 9TH DECEMBER 2018

Corruption impacts the poorest and most vulnerable in society the hardest. It is ordinary citizens who suffer most when the corrupt steal funds intended for public services like infrastructure, healthcare and education, or take back-handers to award lucrative contracts to their cronies.

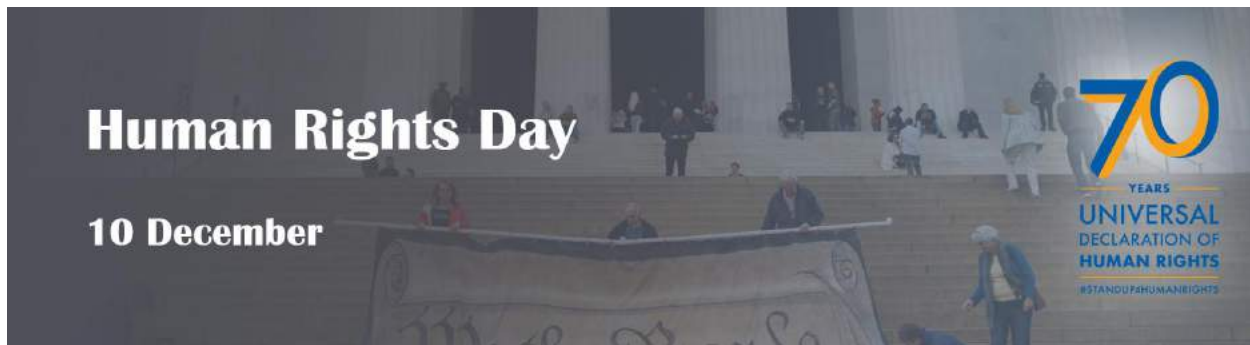
Corruption is a complex social, political and economic phenomenon that affects all countries. Corruption undermines democratic institutions, slows economic development and contributes to governmental instability. Corruption attacks the foundation of democratic institutions by distorting electoral processes, perverting the rule of law and creating bureaucratic quagmires whose only reason for existing is the soliciting of bribes. Economic development is stunted because foreign direct investment is discouraged and small businesses within the country often find it impossible to overcome the start-up costs required because of corruption.

International Anti-Corruption Day is observed every year on the 9th of November as a way of raising awareness of corruption and highlighting the role of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in combating and preventing it. The official reason given by the UN for creating this day is that it was concerned about the seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) believe that corruption is one of the biggest tragedies of mankind for the simple reason that it is ongoing and extremely difficult to combat, forcing the poor into ever more hopeless conditions while the select few in power get ever richer and more powerful.

Let us join efforts and have led to the adoption and implementation of a number of anti- corruption strategies across the region, to enhance capacities of specialised anti-corruption bodies, to improve criminal justice responses to investigation, prosecution and adjudication of serious corruption cases, and to better inter-agency and international cooperation in criminal matters and the recovery of stolen assets.

Therefore we argue young people to refuse to be corrupt and fight to break the Anti Corruption chain.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

DATE: 10TH DECEMBER 2018

The knowledge and understanding of human rights is very important to each and every individual. There are two fundamental categories of human rights, substantive rights and legal rights. Substantive rights that consist of the right to life; freedom from torture; freedom from slavery; freedom of speech; freedom of thought, conscience and religion; and the right to a fair trial are very basic and vital rights that every single person including youth should have. Legal rights, on the other hand consist of six rights that include, civil and political rights; the rights of women, minorities, and groups; environmental rights; and social rights, which every citizen including youth is legally entitled to.

However, achievement of the world where the concept of human rights for all people is highly practiced is not without challenges. In certain parts of the world especially in developing countries violations of human rights towards minorities, women and subordinated groups still exist on a large scale. One of the most serious cases of human rights a violation is related to war crime, war of aggression, and crimes against humanity for example genocide. It has been observed that human rights violations are highly associated with inequality of access to public facilities and opportunities for a better livelihood.

Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10th December. This day is celebrated internationally to honor 10th December 1948, when the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at Palais de Chailoit, Paris after the occurrence of the Second World War. This marks as one of the first major achievements of the United Nations. Universal Declaration of Human Rights is also the world most translated document into more than 360 language versions holding a world record.

Various key stakeholders such as international organizations, governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, private sectors, media and youth themselves have been showing their concern by contributing to many activities and programs designed to promote and

educate human rights related matters in all levels of society as well as to prevent any further violations of human rights in the future.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), go forward on human rights and aim to generate a more just globe by giving power to young advocates from around the world through a grouping of cross cultural human rights, volunteer services and sustained human rights activism associated with NGOs, policy makers and other stakeholders. Recognising the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all of our programmes and activities are guided by it. We acknowledge the significance of human rights as one of pivotal aspects that needs to be safeguarded as it is the key in solving most of youth-issues and way in advancing progress of youth worldwide.



International Migrants Day

18 December

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION DAY: 'MIGRATION WITH DIGNITY'

DATE: 18TH DECEMBER 2018

"Migration is a powerful driver of economic growth, dynamism and understanding. It allows millions of people to seek new opportunities, benefiting communities of origin and destination alike." ~ UN Secretary-General António Guterres ~

Migration draws increasing attention in the world nowadays. Mixed with elements of unforeseeable, emergency, and complexity, the challenges and difficulties of international migration require enhanced cooperation and collective action among countries and regions. The United Nations is actively playing a catalyst role in this area, with the aim of creating more dialogues and interactions within countries and regions, as well as propelling experience exchange and collaboration opportunities.

Throughout human history, migration has been a courageous expression of the individual's will to overcome adversity and to live a better life. Today, globalization, together with advances in communications and transportation, has greatly increased the number of people who have the desire and the capacity to move to other places.

This new era has created challenges and opportunities for societies throughout the world. It also has served to underscore the clear linkage between migration and development, as well as the opportunities it provides for co-development, that is, the concerted improvement of economic and social conditions at both origin and destination.

International Migrants Day is an international day observed on the 18th of December which was appointed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 4th 2000, after having taken into account the large and increasing number of migrants in the world. This day is an opportunity to recognise the contributions made by millions of immigrants to the development and well-being of many countries in the world, to promote respect for the rights of immigrant

workers and their families, and to highlight the issues that are of the key interest to migrants and their communities.

In 2018, close to 3,400 migrants and refugees already have lost their lives worldwide. That is why Migration with Dignity is the theme of 2018's International Migrants Day. Treating every migrant with dignity is one of fundamental requirements we face before anything else we attempt on migration. Migration is the great issue of our era, and a force for dignity because it allows people to choose to save themselves, letting them choose participation over isolation.

To mark this year's International Migrants Day, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is calling on the global community and youth to come together and remember the importance of protecting human rights and welfare of all refugees and migrants worldwide. We would like to utilise this day to call upon global respect for those refugees who have tragically lost their lives or lives of those that they love. Our aim is to help the communities to fulfil their responsibility to assist and secure well mobile population because migrants are more likely to be subject to hardship, human rights violations and discrimination in crisis situations.

Therefore, we must dignify those choices by paying them respect, and we respect them by treating those who make such choices with dignity. As we celebrate this day, our call is for migration to be safe, regular and dignified for all.



International Human Solidarity Day

20 December

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY

DATE: 20TH DECEMBER 2018

International Human Solidarity Day is a day to celebrate our unity in diversity; a day to remind governments to respect their commitments to international agreements; a day to raise public awareness of the importance of solidarity; a day to encourage debate on the ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals including poverty eradication; a day of action to encourage new initiatives for poverty eradication.

Solidarity refers to a union of interests, purposes or sympathies among members of a group. In the Millennium Declaration world leaders agreed that solidarity was a value that was important to international relations in the 21st century. In light of globalization and growing inequality, the UN realized that strong international solidarity and cooperation was needed to achieve its Millennium Development Goals. The UN was founded on the idea unity and harmony via the concept of collective security that relies on its members' solidarity to unite for international peace and security.

Therefore, the UN General Assembly, convinced that the promotion of the culture of solidarity and the spirit of sharing is important for combating poverty, proclaimed 20 of December as International Human Solidarity Day. Through initiatives such as the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund to eradicate poverty and the proclamation of International Human Solidarity Day, the concept of solidarity was promoted as crucial in the fight against poverty and in the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda is centred on people & planet, underpinned by human rights and supported by a global partnership determined to lift people out of poverty, hunger and disease. It will be thus being built on a foundation of global cooperation and solidarity.

The United Nations (UN) International Human Solidarity Day is annually held on the 20th of December to celebrate unity in diversity. International Human Solidarity Day highlights the

importance of acting in common cause on behalf of society's most vulnerable people. It aims to remind people on the importance of solidarity in working towards eradication of poverty. On this Day, governments are also reminded of their commitments to international agreements on the need for human solidarity as an initiative to fight against poverty. People are encouraged to debate on ways to promote solidarity and find innovative methods to help in eradicating poverty.

The 2030 Agenda recognises that a holistic approach is needed and that business as usual is no longer an option. If we are to realise the transformation vision of the 2030 Agenda, it is crucial to look at alternative development strategies that promote global cooperation, solidarity, and inclusiveness.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) acknowledge the importance of promoting solidarity to society, especially to young people who will be the successors in inheriting all the resources that our world has to offer. In fact, in our forth and present Millennium Plan of Action, we emphasised on current issues encountered by young people around the world as we feel that there is a need to call for awareness so as to train the youth and youth leaders to work together in solidarity and make essential changes in matters affecting them.

It is our determination in preparing the next necessary steps for developing young people to help those who are in need to create a better future for all.

BULLETINS

The bulletins provided below are monthly compilations of youth related news and broadcasts from continents worldwide. These bulletins are central to keep our members up-to-date on proceedings concerning the young people.

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Conclusion

Since its formation in 1949 with a slogan “In Service of Youth”, WAY has been thriving to contribute to the betterment of youth worldwide. We have gone through a transition where youth are referred to, as the leaders of today and they are decision makers for development and sustainability of a better tomorrow. We are living in an era where all stakeholders must be involved and cater for young people as they comprise the majority of the world population.

WAY has made it mandatory to use its influence, resources, and platform to promote decision making, tolerance, understanding, solidarity, and cooperation among young men and women irrespective of their race, sex, language, religion, or political orientation. With a united effort of young people, combined with collaboration from other stakeholders, attainment of our common goals is possible.

Despite all challenges, 2018 was a fruitful year, and WAY Fourth Millennium Plan of Action was a guideline for the milestones we have achieved for this year. We have managed to organise various programmes involving youth in attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The following are some of the major programmes that we have hosted and jointly organised: The Ninth Session Of The World Urban Forum, ‘Cities 2030, Cities For All: Implementing The New Urban Agenda’; 18th Melaka International Youth Day, ‘Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation’; International Young Leaders Assembly, ‘Moral And Innovative Leadership For Peace And Development’; 29th International Youth Forum, ‘The 4th Industrial Revolution With Youth: Life In The Future; and 13th Global Youth Peace Festival, ‘Promoting Volunteering To Break The Barriers And Bridge The Gaps’.

In this crucial time, WAY sees a greater need for sustainability even as the drive, to develop and empower global youth community. Therefore, we would like to express our gratitude to our supporters in various forms. It is through their contributions and dedications, we were able to create awareness and spread knowledge among youth and our members. We have reached grassroots level by conducting awareness-based and policy making programmes and activities as we believe that all stakeholders should be involved.

Lastly, we hope that WAY Annual Report 2018 shall serve as our forward measure towards better service in the future and together, we can move further and wider!



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Appendices



THE NINTH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM
“CITIES 2030, CITIES FOR ALL: IMPLEMENTING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA”
7TH - 13TH FEBRUARY 2018
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

DECLARATION

We, the participants of the Ninth session of the World Urban Forum — representing national, subnational and local governments, parliamentarians, civil society, older persons, women, youth, children, persons with disabilities, grassroots groups, indigenous peoples and local communities, private sector, foundations and philanthropies, international and regional organizations, academia, professionals and other relevant stakeholders — gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to localize and scale up the implementation of the New Urban Agenda as an accelerator to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Led by a strong spirit of collaboration, creativity and innovation, we share our aspirations for the future of Cities 2030 as the Cities for all where no-one and no place is left behind.

To this end, we call for the deployment of all efforts, means and resources available towards the operationalization of the concept of cities for all, ensuring that all inhabitants, of present and future generations, without discrimination of any kind, are able to inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements to foster prosperity and quality of life for all.

We believe that global, regional, national and local implementation frameworks of the New Urban Agenda being formulated since its adoption should be supported by key enablers capable of unlocking positive transformation, such as:

- Strengthening the role of subnational and local governments, urban governance systems that ensure continuous dialogue among different levels of government and participation of all actors, and increasing multilevel and cross-sectoral coordination, transparency and accountability;
- Encouraging sharing of creative solutions and innovative practices which enable a shift in mindset necessary to drive change;
- Building inclusive partnerships and strengthening age and gender responsive environments to ensure meaningful participation and engagement at all levels;
- Adopting integrated territorial development, including through appropriate urban planning and design instruments, to ensure sustainable management and use of natural resources

and land, appropriate compactness and density, diversity of uses, and revitalization of cultural heritage;

- Deploying monitoring and reporting mechanisms, including assessment of impacts that encourage best practices for effective policy making.

We draw attention to the persistent challenges faced by our cities and human settlements, such as:

- Limited opportunities and mechanisms for youth, women and grassroots organizations, as well as other civil society organizations, local, subnational and national governments, international and regional bodies to work together in planning, implementation and monitoring;
- Inequitable access to the city, including to decent jobs, public space, affordable and adequate housing and security of land tenure, safe, efficient and accessible public transport and mobility systems, infrastructure and other basic services and goods that cities offer;
- Insufficient protection from human rights violations, including forced evictions, and inadequate inclusion of people living in poverty, persons with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups in urban planning, design, and legislation processes;
- Gender inequalities in urban economic and leaderships spheres.

We recognize that today we face emerging challenges that require urgent actions, including:

- Recognizing that crises are increasingly urban, which calls for inclusive urbanization tools adapted to local contexts and to the nature of natural and human made disasters and conflicts, as well as to guide humanitarian assistance, fast track recovery, and contribute to building and sustaining peace;
- Managing the complexities of increased migration into cities, at all levels, leveraging positive contributions of all and using more inclusive planning approaches that facilitate social cohesion and create economic opportunities;
- Understanding the impact of new technologies and potential of open and accessible data, which require governance and design models that help to ensure no one is left behind;
- Addressing growing social and cultural inequalities, lack of access to economic opportunities that are increasingly manifested in cities;
- Responding to environmental degradation and climate change concerns.

Actionable recommendations

We, the participants of the WUF9, leveraging the advantage of the Forum, which convenes thousands of decision makers, key actors, stakeholders and communities, generated a wealth of ideas.

We encourage the acceleration of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through:

Frameworks

1. Encourage the formulation of implementation frameworks for the New Urban Agenda at all levels, including monitoring mechanisms, providing a coordinated space for an effective contribution from all stakeholders, aligning to the efforts and actions of the 2030 Agenda and other international, regional, national, subnational and local development frameworks;
2. Support the creation and consolidation of inclusive platforms and agendas for dialogue among all levels of government, decision makers and stakeholders such as regional, national and local Urban Forums and committees that can strengthen policy review and assessment of impacts. These can also foster exchange of experiences and cooperation, as well as scaling up voluntary commitments and actions from all partners;
3. Further develop and advocate for integrated territorial development, which includes integration of sectoral policies, institutions and investment; integration among the different spheres of government; spatial integration across the urban-rural continuum; improved coordination across actors; and enhanced alignment of national, subnational and local policies with international agendas;
4. Adapt innovative and robust mechanisms for the diversification and expansion of the means of implementation, to cater for complex and integrated approaches promoted by the New Urban Agenda. Technological innovations and improvements, research, capacity building, technical assistance and partnership development, among others, may require enhanced resourcing.

Governance and Partnerships

- A. Adopt multiple collaborative governance mechanisms that actively engage national, subnational and local governments, all groups of society, including youth, women and grassroots organizations and particularly the excluded, vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. This work in solidarity is critical to promote more buy-in and co-responsibility in the activities towards sustainable urban development, and to ensure the sustainability of the results;
- B. Promote multi-stakeholder constituency-based coalitions to use the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to better prevent, prepare, and respond to urban crises.

Innovative Solutions

1. Foster a culture of creativity and innovation to be embedded in the way cities and human settlements operate;
2. Develop monitoring and data collection mechanisms, including community generated data, to enhance availability of information and disaggregated and comparable data at city, functional urban areas and community levels. This would promote informed and evidence-based decision making and policy formulation, assessing progress and impact at all levels;
3. Create an enabling environment and develop capacities for scaling up of good practices including municipal finance, sustainable private and public investments in urban development and job creation, and generating value while advancing the public good;

4. Adopt accessibility and universal design as core principles into national, subnational and local action plans for implementing the New Urban Agenda through inclusive, accessible and participatory processes and consultations.

We, the participants of the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum, recognize the value of the Forum convened by UN-Habitat as an inclusive platform to collect inputs from a broad range of stakeholders and to feed these into annual and quadrennial reporting on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

We call to further develop the role of UN-Habitat as a focal point in the United Nations system to support all countries and mobilization of stakeholders in the implementation, follow up and review of the New Urban Agenda, including through scaled up normative support.

We thank the Government of Malaysia, the City of Kuala Lumpur, and UN-Habitat for organizing the Forum, and commit to provide continuous cooperation to the next hosts, the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the city of Abu Dhabi.

Kuala Lumpur, 13 February 2018



INTERNATIONAL HPV AWARENESS DAY CAMPAIGN
4TH MARCH 2018
MELAKA, MALAYSIA

POSTER



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PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL HPV AWARENESS DAY CAMPAIGN: 'GIVE LOVE, NOT HPV'

DATE: 4TH MARCH 2018

Sunday, March 4th, marks the 1st Annual International HPV Awareness Day; Spreading Knowledge and Prevention Around the Globe. The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is joining forces with around 80 organizations worldwide to commemorate the 1st Annual International HPV Awareness Day. The goal of the day is to spark conversation and promote a worldwide exchange of ideas, knowledge, and research materials about human papilloma viruses (HPV) and their associated diseases.

Human papillomaviruses (HPVs) are sexually transmitted viruses that are very common worldwide. There are more than 200 different HPV types, 80% of people will have HPV at some point in their lifetime and while for many it will cause no harm, some types of HPVs are known to cause certain cancers such as cervical, anal and or pharyngeal cancer. Worldwide, cervical cancer is the fourth most frequent cancer in women and an estimated 270,000 women die of cervical cancer every year.

International HPV Awareness Day is led by the International Papilloma Virus Society and this year the campaign message is Give Love, Not HPV. "We believe love is the foundation of a happy and healthy life. Whether it's familial love, love between friends or romantic love, it is important that we look after and protect the people we care about." Said IPVS President Dr Silvia De San José.

As part of the campaign World Assembly of Youth is proud to be part of the first ever International HPV Awareness Day, we believe in raising awareness on this health challenges faced by young people around the world. We also promote education and encourage youth across the world to establish a basis for communities, schools, clinics, universities on what can be done to improve spreading the news and to take action. HPV related cancers can be prevented and this knowledge needs to be shared to everyone. Everybody needs to be informed and, if adequate, to enroll in a preventive activity that will reduce the risk to develop a cancer associated with HPV.

Let us therefore educate ourselves together with our friends about HVP in order to save a life because early detection is essential in preventing HVP related cancers.

For more information about International HPV Awareness Day visit www.givelovenothpv.org.



18TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
“YOUTH ENGINEERING A SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION”
24 - 28 JUNE 2018
PANTAI PUTERI HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

DECLARATION

1 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 We, the 140 young people from 42 countries around the world, attended the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), convened in Melaka from 24th– 28th June, 2018 for an annual program organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).
- 1.2 Recognising the vital role of young people on sustainable urbanisation, and following the recent adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and latest Urban Agenda, WAY has made an obligation to encompass the sustainability of urbanisation and resilience of all cities as an enduring concern faced by the youth and themed the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue “Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation”.
- 1.3 This theme has emphasised on the actions that young people and other stakeholders should take towards addressing and attaining sustainable urbanisation. This dialogue has identified the roles and concerns of all stakeholders towards urbanisation 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 find effective and efficient solutions in ensuring adequate shelter for all;
- To discover means to promote security of residence, especially for those residing in the developing world;
- To come up with mechanisms to support vulnerable groups as well as minorities, especially women and the poor;
- To uncover proper methods in providing adequate and equitable access to basic urban services;

- To search for appropriate approaches in promoting decentralisation and good urban governance globally.
- To promote awareness and analyse problems as well as inventories of programmes, services, facilities, and resources available related to youth roles in solving issues of urbanisation;
- To foster action and establish methods in order to effectively promote sustainable global urbanisation;
- To increase availability of more coordinated private and public investments in urban development and consequent improvement of cities' productivity, inclusiveness and environmental conditions.
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, city and national councils, NGOs and others, in promoting strategic urbanisation and supporting constructive youth development as well as youth leadership;
- To gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to contribute in promoting the on-going urbanisation schemes;
- To distinguish well-defined responsibilities for the qualified agencies, institutions and personnel involved in preventive efforts;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the attainment of sustainable urbanisation;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of urbanisation;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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 sustainable urbanisation globally.

2.1 PUBLIC SECTOR

- 2.1.1. To initiate, establish, implement and enforce local, national, and regional policies related to Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time Bound (SMART) pre-planning of urban and rural areas.
- 2.1.2. To review and strengthen existing laws in line with global agreements, commune and resolutions in order to attain sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.1.3. To ensure meaningful youth participation and engagement in policy and decision making processes in order to achieve sustainable urbanisation.

- 2.1.4. To encourage partnership between youth and all stakeholders and conduct capacity building and awareness programmes in order to address issues faced by the youth within urban and rural areas.
- 2.1.5. To introduce educational curriculum that encourages and promotes the concept of sustainable urbanisation starting at primary level.
- 2.1.6. To provide and allocate adequate resources to the youth and youth organisations in order to acquire the required skills and knowledge to tackle issues related to urbanisation.
- 2.1.7. To provide equal facilities and opportunities in rural and urban areas that would strive towards a balanced sustainable and economic development at the national level.
- 2.1.8. 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 allocate and invest an adequate amount of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) resources for the pursuit of related sustainable urbanisation programmes and activities.
- 2.2.2 To provide interest free loans and grants for the youth to facilitate growth and developments in the rural and urban areas.
- 2.2.3 To adapt the 5R principles (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot) in corporate policy planning and implementation to ensure a sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.2.4 To pursue a healthy balance of economic and social development in order to achieve sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.2.5 To encourage partnership with relevant stakeholders, youth inclusive, using directed sustainable urbanisation awareness campaigns.
- 2.2.6 To allocate sufficient resources towards research and development for sustainable urbanisation.

2.3 NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

- 2.3.1 To design, support and carry out participatory programmes on sustainable urbanisation at urban and rural areas.

- 2.3.2 To carry out evidence based research and advocacy on urban and rural issues at all levels.
- 2.3.3 To develop impactful sustainable urbanisation oriented awareness and campaign programmes targeted at all stakeholders.
- 2.3.4 To create training and capacity building programmes designed to empower the youth in the field of sustainable urbanisation advocacy to the decision makers.
- 2.3.5 To provide resources to other organisations that promote, tackle and support sustainable urbanisation projects and programmes.
- 2.3.6 To design and deliver fellowship and training programmes for young people on sustainable urbanisation.

2.4 MEDIA

- 2.4.1 To dedicate space in all media outlets that would promote and educate the people on the importance of sustainable urbanisation.
- 2.4.2 To periodically share impactful and quality information and good practices on sustainable urbanisation to the broader public through public and private media.
- 2.4.3 To create awareness and educational programmes on sustainable urbanisation at all levels.
- 2.4.4 To encourage and influence all stakeholders in developing and implementing vital policies in order to achieve sustainable urbanisation.

2.5 YOUTH

- 2.5.1 To create and implement sustainable urbanisation awareness and advocacy programmes to be carried out by the youth for the youth.
- 2.5.2 To ensure meaningful youth participation on activities that promotes sustainable urbanisation for all.
- 2.5.3 To voice out issues and present solutions related to urbanisation via social media and other avenues.
- 2.5.4 To establish platforms on sustainable urbanisation that would strengthen meaningful youth participation at the local, national, regional and international level.

2.5.5 To engage young people in urban and rural areas on sustainable urbanisation and ensure inclusiveness at all levels.

3 CONCLUSION

We, the participants of the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, recognise the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills, proper attitude and approach for achieving sustainable urbanisation. Recognising that in line with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Urban Agenda, we the young people, should be at the forefront of universal transformation taking actions in order to advocate and protect the cities and human settlements that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. Hence, we believe that with the continuous support of all the stakeholders, we should reach our desired goal which is, sustainable urbanisation for all.

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Perwakilan Pemuda Aceh Berangkat Ke Malaysia Ikuti 18th MIYD Di Malaysia

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Banda Aceh, 24 Juni 2018 - DUA orang pemuda Aceh, Minggu (24/6/2018) mendapat beasiswa Senator DPD RI H. Fachrul Razi, MIP berangkat ke Malaysia via Bandara Internasional Sultan Iskandar Muda Banda Aceh menuju Malaysia dalam mengikuti 18 tahun Melaka International Youth Dialogue (18th MIYD).

Kedua mahasiswa Unsyiah ini berangkat ke Melaka, Malaysia dalam kegiatan yang diselenggarakan oleh World Assembly of Youth yang akan berlangsung dari tanggal 24-28 Juni 2018. Keberangkatan Ikhsan dan Miranda Wulan Febria yang merupakan mahasiswa Pendidikan Bahasa Inggris Fakultas Keguruan dan Ilmu Pendidikan Universitas Syiah Kuala dan juga mewakili dari kader Sekolah Pemimpin Muda Aceh (SPMA) ini diutuskan dan dibiayai langsung oleh Senator asal Aceh, H. Fachrul Razi, M.IP. Kedua mahasiswa ini akan berbicara di dialog pemuda internasional mewakili Indonesia.

Kegiatan yang bertemakan **“Youth Engineering a Sustainable Urbanization”** akan berlangsung beberapa hari ini yang pesertanya dihadiri oleh berbagai negara dari kalangan pemuda, pemimpin muda, para pemangku kepentingan seluruh dunia untuk membahas isu-isu kepemudaan dan terkait urbanisasi berkelanjutan.

Senator Fachrul Razi sangat mendukung kegiatan kepemudaan seperti ini dan dia berharap nantinya para utusan ini dapat membawa pulang rekomendasi-rekomendasi yang dibahas di sana untuk kemajuan dan pengembangan untuk pembangunan berkelanjutan khususnya untuk Aceh dan umumnya Indonesia. “Kita sangat mendukung kegiatan-kegiatan seperti ini dan perlu kita tingkatkan lagi kedepan dalam upaya mempersiapkan pemuda-pemuda Aceh yang memiliki wawasan internasional dan mampu bersaing didunia global kedepan untuk mencapai kemajuan dan kesejahteraan,” sebut Fachrul Razi.

“Dalam mencapai urbanisasi berkelanjutan akan sangat penting peran pemuda sebagai pionir dalam pergerakan dan perancangan dalam segala aspek, karena mengingat negara-negara di dunia, khusus Indonesia pada tahun 2030 akan mencapai bonus demografi,” katanya. “Peran pemuda sebagai penentu dalam segala aspek kehidupan, begitu juga peran pemuda sejalan dengan hasil rumusan sidang Umum PBB atau UN Habitat III di Quito, Ekuador beberapa waktu lalu dalam perumusan target PBB tentang pembangunan berkelanjutan (SDGs),” tambah Fachrul Razi

“Kita juga berharap dengan rekomendasi-rekomendasi yang dibawa pulang nantinya dapat berguna untuk pembangunan Aceh,” sebutnya. “Kita berharap pihak pemerintah Aceh sendiri bersedia mengajak dan merangkul para utusan ini kedepan untuk sama-sama bekerja sama dalam upaya mewujudkan Smart City dan Green City kedepan di Aceh dalam upaya meninggalkan ketertinggalan,” tambah pendiri SPMA ini lagi dan juga merupakan keynote speaker dan penerima penghargaan Youth for peace award 2015 pada acara MIYD di Melaka Malaysia tahun 2015.

Dua Pemuda Aceh Mendapat Beasiswa International MIYD

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Sunday, June 24, 2018 - DUA orang mahasiswa pendidikan Bahasa Inggris Unsyiah atas nama Ikhsan dan Miranda Wulan Febria mendapatkan beasiswa dari Senator DPD RI H. Fachrul Razi, MIP. Mereka akan diberangkatkan ke Malaysia dalam rangka mengikuti acara 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (18th MIYD).

Kegiatan yang diikuti oleh Ikhsan dan Miranda merupakan acara yang diselenggarakan langsung oleh World Assembly of Youth yang akan berlangsung selama lima hari yaitu dimulai dari 24-28 Juni 2018.

Ikhsan dan Miranda yang juga merupakan kader SPMA diberangkatkan secara gratis karena diutus dan dibiayai langsung oleh Senator asal Aceh, bapak H. Fachrul Razi, M.IP. Kedua pemuda ini akan berbicara dalam dialog pemuda internasional mewakili Indonesia.

Acara yang bertemakan "Youth Engineering a Sustainable Urbanization" akan berlangsung dalam beberapa hari ini yang mana pesertanya juga dihadiri berbagai negara dari kalangan pemuda, pemimpin muda, para pemangku kepentingan dari seluruh dunia untuk berdiskusi tentang isu-isu kepemudaan yang terkait urbanisasi yang berkelanjutan.

Senator Fachrul Razi sangat mendukung acara kepemudaan seperti ini dan dia berharap banyak pada para utusan agar dapat membawa pulang rekomendasi isu dan ilmu yang dibahas disana untuk kemajuan dan pengembangan dalam pembangunan yang berkelanjutan khususnya untuk daerah Aceh dan umumnya Indonesia.

Fachrul Razi juga berharap kepada pemerintah Aceh agar sudikiranya bisa mengajak dan merangkul para utusan ini untuk sama-sama kedepan bisa bekerja sama untuk upaya mewujudkan Smart City dan Green City di Aceh kedepannya.

Fachrul Razi sendiri merupakan pendiri SPMA dan pernah menjadi keynote speaker dan menerima penghargaan Youth for peace award dalam acara yang sama yaitu MIYD di Melaka Malaysia tepatnya pada tahun 2015 silam.

Senator Fachrul Razi Berikan Beasiswa Dua Mahasiswa FKIP Unsyiah

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IJN | Banda Aceh, 10th June 2018 - SENATOR H. Fachrul Razi, MIP anggota DPD RI Asal Aceh memberikan beasiswa kepada 2 mahasiswa Pendidikan Bahasa Inggris Fakultas Keguruan dan Ilmu Pendidikan Universitas Syiah Kuala Ikhsan, yang juga merupakan Koordinator Sekolah Pemimpin Muda (SPMA) FKIP Unsyiah dan Miranda Wulan Febria, akan berangkat ke Melaka, Malaysia pada 24-28 Juni 2018 mendatang.

Kedua mahasiswa tersebut akan menghadiri kegiatan 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) yang diselenggarakan oleh World Assembly of Youth (WAY) yang berkolaborasi dengan beberapa instansi dan lembaga di Malaysia.

Kegiatan yang bertemakan "Youth Engineering a Sustainable Urbanization" akan berlangsung beberapa hari ini yang pesertanya dihadiri oleh berbagai negara dari kalangan pemuda, pemimpin muda, para pemangku kepentingan seluruh dunia untuk membahas isu-isu kepemudaan dan terkait urbanisasi berkelanjutan.

Kedua pemuda ini berangkat dalam kegiatan ini yang mana diutuskan dan dibiayai langsung oleh Senator asal Aceh H. Fachrul Razi, MIP untuk mewakili Indonesia khususnya Aceh dalam ajang tersebut untuk membahas isu-isu kepemudaan dan urbanisasi berkelanjutan.

Senator Fachrul Razi berharap nantinya para utusan ini dapat membawa pulang rekomendasi-rekomendasi yang dibahas disana untuk kemajuan dan pengembangan untuk pembangunan berkelanjutan khususnya untuk Aceh dan umumnya Indonesia.

"Hal positif seperti ini perlu kita dukung dan kita galakkan dalam rangka upaya kita demi mewujudkan urbanisasi yang strategis dan berkelanjutan untuk mencapai kesejahteraan" sebutnya

"Dalam mencapai urbanisasi berkelanjutan akan sangat penting peran pemuda sebagai pionir dalam pergerakan dan perancangan dalam segala aspek, karena mengingat negara-negara di dunia, khusus Indonesia pada tahun 2030 akan mencapai bonus demografi dimana peran pemuda sebagai penentu dalam segala aspek kehidupan, begitu juga peran pemuda sejalan dengan hasil rumusan sidang Umum PBB atau UN Habitat III di Quito, Ekuador beberapa waktu lalu dalam perumusan target PBB tentang pembangunan berkelanjutan (SDGs)," tambah Fachrul Razi yang merupakan keynote speaker dan penerima penghargaan Youth for peace award 2015 pada acara MIYD di Melaka Malaysia tahun 2015 lalu.

Senator muda Aceh ini aktif mengirimkan setiap tahun mahasiswa Aceh mengikuti Konferensi Internasional Pemuda di beberapa negara. "Saya berharap akan lahir pemimpin muda Aceh yang berwawasan global dan memiliki jaringan Internasional," tutupnya.



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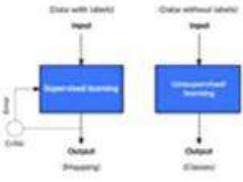
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FORUM OUTCOMES


1. Group A-1. Big Data and A.I.

<h1>Big Data and AI</h1> <p>By Human Intelligence</p>	<h2>Overview</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • History • Society • Applications
<h2>Introduction</h2> 	<h2>What is AI?</h2> 
<h2>What is AI?</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different ways to teach the AI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Supervised learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Task driven ◦ Unsupervised learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Data driven 	<h2>What is Big Data?</h2> 
<p>The non-traditional strategies and technologies needed to collect, organize, process and gather insights from large datasets that can lead to better decisions and strategic business moves.</p>	 <h2>Three V's of Big Data</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volume Big Data can process a larger amount of information than traditional datasets. Velocity Big data can provide almost instant feedback - the data are generated in real time. Variety Data can be ingested from internal systems like application and server logs, from social media feeds and other external APIs, physical device sensors, and from other providers.

2. Group A-2. Two Sides of Personal Information Protection

<p>TWO SIDES OF PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION GROUP A2</p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>THE TWO SIDES</p> <p>SOLUTIONS</p> <p>THANK YOU!</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION TO TWO SIDES OF PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHAT IS PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION? WHO ARE USING OUR DATA? PRIVACY PROTECTION AROUND THE WORLD CONDUCTED SURVEY
<p>WHAT IS PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information that identifies you Information that can make you vulnerable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank account, address, e-mail, contact, location, work place, finger prints, political opinions, religion, healthcare history etc. Why is it important? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many people now shop online, use social media, and our information is online! 	<p>WHO ARE USING OUR DATA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media companies Governments Insurance companies Carrier providers Non profit organizations Institutions etc.
<p>PRIVACY PROTECTION AROUND THE WORLD</p> <p>REGULATORY</p> <p>POLITICAL</p> <p>LEGAL</p> <p>INDUSTRY & ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>EUROPEAN UNION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EU stands out for its far reaching and comprehensive approach towards data protection. There is 1,000,000,000,000,000 0,000,000 zettabytes of data (that's 21 times, if you are counting)
<p>SOUTH AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several other South American countries are in the midst of formulating privacy laws. Australia has also hammered out a bare-boned data privacy law that has been applied over the years. 	<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example American retailers are widely self-policing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement is limited to a company's own privacy policy. The US Federal Trade Commission only steps in when a company doesn't keep its self-developed privacy promise.

3. Group A-3. Imaginable Future of Urban Regeneration

<p>Urban Regeneration On real and dream cities</p> <p>20 Aug 2016 The 29th International Youth Forum</p>	<p>OUTLINE</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to an imaginable future of urban regeneration - Sustainable city as our framework - Case studies from cities around the world - Possible solutions and building a dream city - Our strategies: How can technologies contribute? - Conclusion 				
<p>WHAT IS URBAN REGENERATION?</p>  <p>An act which changes the values of places in villages, societies, and cities. It promotes the communal use of a place rather than to be owned by an individual</p>	<p>CURRENT PROBLEMS OF OUR CITIES</p>				
<p>CULTURE & SUSTAINABLE TOURISM</p> <p>"Our neighbourhoods are being transformed into Disney-style theme parks"</p>   <table border="0"> <tr> <td>BARCELONA</td> <td>Population: 1.6 mil No. of tourists: 8 mil/year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PRAGUE</td> <td>Population: 1.3 mil No. of tourists: 6.4 mil/year</td> </tr> </table>	BARCELONA	Population: 1.6 mil No. of tourists: 8 mil/year	PRAGUE	Population: 1.3 mil No. of tourists: 6.4 mil/year	<p>URBAN PLANNING</p> <p>Fez, Morocco</p> <p>NARROW CORRIDOR</p> <p>Have vulnerabilities in natural disasters (fire) and crimes</p>  
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4. Group B-1. Disappearing Jobs

Disappearing Jobs

Our Process

Listed the sub-topics we wanted to discuss

Discussed the three sub-topics in our groups of five

Created our final presentation as a group

1st: Voted on the three most important sub-topics to discuss and divided ourselves into 4 groups of 5

2nd: Discussed the three sub-topics in our groups of five

3rd: Each group presented on their discussion and solutions

4th: Created our final presentation as a group

5th: (Final step, no description provided)

Introduction and Current Situation

“By 2030 over 2 billion jobs will disappear”
- Reid Hoffman, Venture Capitalist and Co-Founder of LinkedIn

- 65% of children entering primary school today will ultimately end up working in completely new job types that don't yet exist
- Advances in computing power, Big Data and AI
- Mobile internet and cloud technology on the rise

Probability of Jobs disappearing

Job Category	Probability (%)
Technicians	95
Accountants and auditors	85
Hotel managers	80
Technical writers	75
Retail sales associates	70
Word processors and typists	65
Wholesale	60
Customer service	55
Economists	50
Health technologists	45
Actors	40
Flight attendants	35
Editors	30
Chemical engineers	25
Clerks	20
Athletic trainers	15
Baristas	10
Recreational therapists	5
Economics teachers	0

Social and Economic Impacts








Impact on Economic sectors

- The 4th Industrial Revolution is impacting every economic sector.
- Employees, working in the sectors of economy, not connected to humans are likely to lose their job first
- Reducing production time, expenses and errors in manufacturing.


Social Impacts

- Our roles are getting redefined to meet society's evolving needs.
- People should change their occupations and social status in order to adjust to the changing environment.
- People in short-term could be unhappy and disappointed because many of them are going to lose their jobs.

5. Group B-2. Collaboration with A.I.

 <h1>Collaboration with AI</h1> <p>The 29th International Youth Forum - Group B2</p>	<h3>Overview</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction Collaboration with AI in various industries Opportunity & Risk
 <h1>INTRODUCTION</h1>	 <h3>Artificial Intelligence</h3> <p>THE KNOWLEDGE ALREADY BEING EXPLOITED</p> <p>Education, Transportation, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Retail, Entertainment, Finance, Energy, Space & Aeronautics, Defense, Cybersecurity, Environmental, Sports & Leisure, Hospitality & Tourism, Media, and others.</p> <p>AI: THE NEXT FRONTIER</p>
 <h2>Collaboration with AI in various industries</h2>	 <h2>Transportation</h2>
<h3>Automated Cars</h3> <p>With autonomous cars you just have to sit back and relax, you can get your time more effectively while the car does all the driving.</p> <p>Thanks people will be able to travel more freely without worrying.</p>  <p>Sit back and Relax.....</p>	<h3>Traffic and Public Transportation</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic & Navigation Advanced detection system with image processing to traffic data collection can reduce the great traffic and help other reducing the road time. Public passenger transportation By using the data gathered by automatic traffic data which can contribute with other data public transportation systems can be made or use. 

6. Group B-3. Differentiated Capabilities for Human Being




DIFFERENTIATED CAPABILITIES FOR HUMAN BEING


WOULD YOU TAKE A ROBOT RUNNING BY AI AS YOUR SUPERIOR SERIOUSLY?

Differentiated Capabilities for Human Beings

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Transformation, Specification Abilities and Skills



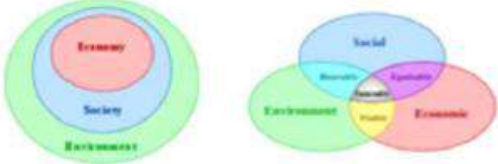


MAN VS MACHINE

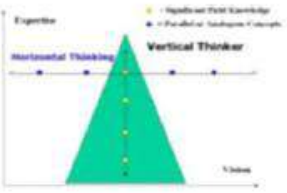

AI VS HUMAN

	Strengths of AI / Weaknesses of Human	Strengths of Human / Weaknesses of AI
Capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structured Calculating Reasoning Analyzing Repeating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unstructured Compassion Sensitivity Empathy Critical Thinking Creative Thinking Considering morality and ethics issues Having Personality
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent Productive Efficient Standardized Resilience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation Generating new knowledge Quantity Flexibility Sustainable development


VALUE JUDGEMENT



MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

EMOTIONS



7. Group C-1. Future Society that Youths Will Create

<h1>THE FUTURE THE YOUTH WILL CREATE</h1>	<h2>INTRODUCTION</h2> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EDUCATION 2. ENVIRONMENT 3. HEALTH 4. ECONOMY
<h2>EDUCATION IN THE FUTURE</h2>	<p>"IN EDUCATION WE PLANT THE SEED FOR THE FUTURE"</p> 
<h2>GOALS</h2>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Active citizens who can adapt to the future challenges and solve new problems -People who can make use of technology -People with cross functional skills (critical thinking, self development etc.) -Acknowledging different ways to learn, non-formal education -Accessible quality education for all! 	<h2>CURRENTLY</h2> 
<h2>VISION</h2>  	<h2>Issues</h2> 

8. Group C-2. Solidarity and Cooperation among Youth around the World

<p>The 29th International Youth Forum (IYF)</p> <p>Solidarity and Cooperation among Youth around the World</p> <p>Hosted by: Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, Korea (MOGEF)</p> <p>Present by: Group C2</p>	<h3>Introduction</h3> <p>“In the new world, it is not the big fish which eat the small fish, it’s the fast fish which eats the slow fish”</p>
<h3>Role of YOUTH</h3> <p><i>in the 4th industrial revolution</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth are the backbone of the society which shapes the society. Youth should improve coordination and exchange knowledge in order to respond to the new technology Youth should manage the risks and reap the rewards of the Fourth Industrial Revolution Have the skill of learn, unlearn and relearn Self learning 	<p>Social Impact on the 4th industrial revolution</p>
<h3>Social Impact</h3> <p>Negative Impacts on Social and Individual Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid increase in technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates an environment of impatience, anxiety, discontent and pressure May result to a low level of happiness Shift in communication methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard warrior Lack of accountability – cyber bullying Proliferation of unsubstantiated information 	<h3>Social Impact</h3> <p>Increase in Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fake news Politicized elections (Donald Trump and Russia’s scandal) Sex cyber crimes, prostitution, sex trafficking, discrimination and sexism Hate speech
<h3>Social Impact</h3> <p>Encroachment on privacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being forced to use insecure platforms like Facebook and other online websites Difficult to avoid social media even for e-governance Private companies control data – Cambridge Analytica and Facebook issue Unavailable alternative options Unsolicited photos taken by random 	<h3>Social Impact</h3> <p>Positive impact on social life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility Connectivity Speed

9. Group C-3. Solidarity and Cooperation around the World

SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION AROUND THE WORLD

BY THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PANDAS

SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION AROUND THE WORLD

Graph 1
KOF Index of Globalization Worldwide

WHAT IS SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION AND WHY DO WE NEED IT?

GLOBALIZATION AND ITS IMPACT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

BENEFITS

RISKS

ECONOMICAL INNOVATION

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

ECONOMIES OPENABLE

UNSTABLE DISTRIBUTION

INTERDEPENDENCE

THREAT TO SOVEREIGNTY

- Gap between developing and developed countries
- China > decreased poverty X direct impact from other nations economy fluctuation
- Industrial revolution > faster growing gap

POSITIVE APPLICATIONS OF A.I.

- Education
- Access to internet in developing countries
- Healthcare
- Agriculture
- Communication

NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF A.I.

- Developing countries left behind
- Replacing humans
- Fear of unknown

GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY OF GROUP DISCUSSIONS

MAIN TOPIC 1: THE IDENTITY OF THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: CHANGING SOCIETY

A. Sub-Category 1. Big Data and A.I.

The history and advantages and disadvantages of Big Data and A.I. were discussed in the introduction. Especially, self-driving car, which is one of the main issues of A.I., was mainly discussed. In this regards, human responsibility to control the A.I. is important when people use A.I. As a result, sufficient simulation will be needed before being released to the market. Besides, disappearing jobs and new jobs caused by the A.I were discussed. And also, how to apply both Big Data and A.I. to our lives was discussed. For example, ① Healthcare and life (exoskeletal robots to help people with disabilities and body trackers keeping the track of the body and informing the hospitals for faster treatment), ② Education (A.I. as a teacher/online testing, Student behaviour analysis).

B. Sub-Category 2. Two Sides of Personal Information Protection

The definition and the two sides of personal information protection in terms of government, company and individual were discussed. As the discussion progressed, the participants started to deal with the people who use our data and how people around the world protect the personal information. In this regard, several regulations such as PDPC (Personal Data Protection Commission) from Singapore, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) from EU were introduced. In relation to the personal information protection, the following three solutions were presented: ① Companies should appoint a DPO (Data Protection Officer) to be responsible for all the data ② Companies should invest in robust security systems ③ Consumers should be more aware of different types of phishing methods / fraudulent ways to obtain personal data.

C. Sub-Category 3. Imaginable Future of Urban Regeneration

First of all, the issues of Urban Regeneration were discussed by subdividing into culture, population and smart city. Especially, it was sought to identify issues based on air pollution, the risk of personal information protection caused by the smart city. Also, the issues of the Urban Regeneration in several cities around world were discussed such as culture (Barcelona, Spain), smart city (Dhaka, Bangladesh), and population (Cairo, Egypt). The solutions were also represented: ① Population: free education, providing a financial aid to cover basic needs. ② Culture: preserving culture such as historical monuments, traditions and local festivals. ③ Transportation: connecting the rural and urban by means of transportation so that people are able to go to the city but still live in the rural.

MAIN TOPIC 2: THE CHANGE OF JOBS CAUSED BY THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: NEW PARADIGMS OF CAREER

A. Sub-Category 1. Disappearing Jobs

The effect of disappearing jobs to the human and the barrier to entry of new jobs in the future was discussed. The severity of disappearing jobs was discussed by using examples such as reducing production time in the manufacturing, replaced human's job by A.I. due to cost reduction and quality improvement of A.I. The three recommendations were suggested in order to prepare new jobs: ① Preparing for technical progress with government, companies and individuals ② Retraining the Middle-aged workers to participate in the economy ③ Supporting education system focused on creativity and innovation.

B. Sub Category 2. Collaboration with A.I.

The collaboration with A.I. was divided by four main sectors: Transportation, Healthcare, Education and Smart city. The results of four main sectors are as follows: ① Transportation ('self-driving car': solving the inconvenience for disabled people and establishing potential stability) ② Healthcare ('BioMind': improving accuracy and efficiency of surgery) ③ Education (ME310, Stanford University and Computer Coding Education at elementary level, Korea) ④ Smart city (Fire prediction and facilitate criminal investigation through smart surveillance, Intelligent street lighting and Smart Kitchen, ex) Amazon Echo, Google Home).

C. Sub Category 3. Differentiated Capabilities for Human Being

The discussion was progressed by comparing between structured and analyzed A.I.'s abilities creative and innovative human's abilities. And then, the discussion was concluded that the Differentiated Capabilities for Human Being is morality and ethics with examples of the manufacture of illegal weapons using 3D printing as negative effects of the new technology of the 4th industrial revolution and making fake data easily by producing fake news. Therefore, the education that is basic concepts of moral and ethics related with 4th industrial revolution must be provided from primary level to higher education essentially in order to develop the morality-ethics that is the Differentiated Capabilities for Human Being.

MAIN TOPIC 3: THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN PREPARATION FOR THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION: YOUTH POLICY

A. Sub Category 1. Future Society that Youths will Create

The future society that youths will create was divided by four main sectors: Education, Environment, Health and Economy. And also, the goals and issues caused by the four topics were discussed by ① Education (Interacting with youth from different backgrounds to be flexible to adapt to new changes) ② Environment (Participating in invention of 'Green Technology') ③ Health (More advanced 'Gene Therapy', improving efficiency of diagnosis) ④ Economy (expecting the future job creation and establishing global youth network)

B. Sub Category 2. Solidarity and Cooperation among Youths around the World

The discussion that youth needs to share their knowledge in order to interact with new technology and must manage risks of the 4th Industrial revolution was progressed. The impact on the 4th industrial revolution was discussed by four sectors, which are culture, economy and society. For the more detailed, social impact and culture impact were indicated minutely. ① Social impact: increased inaccurate information due to rapid technology development, increased sex cyber crimes and encroachment on privacy. ② Youth needs to increase understanding of the different culture from all over the world and needs to reduce prejudice.

C. Sub Category 3. Solidarity and Cooperation around the World

The reason why the solidarity and cooperation around the world is needed and the roles in government, corporations and NGO (Non Government Organization) were discussed. The three suggestions for solidarity and cooperation around the world were represented: ① Creating a uniform regulation system that applies to everyone and does not allow for loopholes and the exploitation of private data ② Promoting laws that encourage the access to technology in developing countries by encouraging corporations and organizations to share and donate in exchange to favorable conditions ③ Laws that prevent the creation of mass destruction weapons, which have been made possible with recent technological advances (Drones, Nanorobotics etc.)



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13th GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE FEST- GYPF 2018

**'PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING TO BREAK THE
BARRIERS AND BRIDGE THE GAPS'**

September 30 - October 2, 2018

Chandigarh, India

Global Youth Peace festival kicks off

Over 250 young delegates from 30 countries converge in Chandigarh to deliberate on how they can work together to achieve the SDG targets

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THE 13TH Global Youth Peace Festival-GYPF2018 kicked off here today with a clarion call to the 250 odd young people assembled from 30 countries to forge youth partnerships for a better world so that we do not miss the target of achieving the sustainable development goals by 2030. The annual Global event this year is being organized by Yuvsatta an NGO in collaboration with Indian Oil Co. Ltd., Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali Campus, Chitkara University, Department of Environment, Forests & Wildlife, Science & Technology and Tourism of Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42 & Peoples Convention Centre.

Delivering the keynote address at the inaugural event, Bernie Meyer, known as the American Gandhi, who is also the brand ambassador of GYPF said the challenges of sustainable development have to be met with a creative response. "We can all learn a lesson from the life of Mahatma Gandhi who met the challenge of discrimination involving being thrown out a first class compartment in a train in South Africa with a creative response which we now know by the name Satyagraha," he said.

Bernie, who has been coming to



the GYPF for several years now talked about challenges like climate change and the proliferation of nuclear weapons that is endangering the planet earth and said youth must come together in a global partnership to ensure that we leave a better planet for future generations.

Advocate General of Punjab, Atul Nanda, who was the chief guest for the occasion, said young people today have a choice to work for a better future for everyone on planet earth. "Unlike earlier times when decisions were forced upon the young people, today they have a lot of exposure to the world through social media and other networking channels. It is the responsibility of the youth to harness this positively instead of failing prey to misinformation and fake news,"

he said. Quoting Bhule Shah, a sufi poet from Punjab, he said internal engineering was as important as making positive changes in the world. He exhorted the young people to work with a pure heart and open mind.

Tanya Shanti Spisbah, Head of Strategic International Engagement at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia, said solving problems in a spirit of camaraderie without falling prey to conflict borne of the ego is very critical to harbouring a new approach that can bring peace in the world.

Sharing some of her life lessons with young people, she said being open to working with others and not always aiming to want your way is the first step in relating to the world differently. She hoped that the young

people will acquire peace building and conflict resolution skills that comes from a heart-to-heart dialogue that the young people have an opportunity to forge in forums like these.

TC Nautyal, Member Secretary, Chandigarh Pollution Control Board and Conservator of Forests, Chandigarh Administration said young people have a role to play in cleaning up the environment and mitigating the impact of climate change.

RN Dubey, Chief Manager (Planning and Coordination), Indian Oil Corporation, Punjab State Office Chandigarh, said he was happy to be associated with the peace festival and hoped that the young people who have gathered here from different countries would go home with a message of peace and conservation.

Day 2 spotlight on gender equality

Delegates From 5 Countries Gave Their Views

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Chandigarh: Changing their topic to 'gender equality' from 'women empowerment', a team of young delegates from five countries spoke about equality for all genders and all identities at a presentation on the second day of the ongoing Global Peace Youth Festival-2018 at the Indian School of Business, Mohali.

As many as nine delegates from Nepal, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Albania prepared a presentation to tackle the prevalent mindset regarding genders and sexual identities and suggested ways to increase awareness and create a 'safe space' for all.

Speaking about her presentation, Neeru Karki, a peace delegate from Nepal said, "It is often seen that people talk about women issues, but at the same time, issues

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of men and the third gender are just as important and concerning. Hence, while sitting with my team-mates, we decided to change the topic and call it 'gender equality'."

Bahara Hussaini, a delegate from Afghanistan, said that, "In our country, women mainly face issues like illiteracy and disadvantages of belonging to the more submissive part of society. It is more in rural areas but not as much in urban. After getting married in the rural areas, women are not allowed to continue their studies or work, but the government is trying to change that and empower women by electing women in the positions of power, along with men. I think I want to be a role model for my sister and other women to pursue my education and work outside. According to our religion (Islam), women and men are equal, but a lot of people

STRESS ON TACKLING TRADITIONAL MINDSETS



Nepal is considered to be the most progressive nation in South Asia on LGBT rights. I am very proud of Nepal government's decision in electing its first-ever constituent assembly member, who is gay

NEERU KARKI
Peace delegate from Nepal

misuse this aspect and are afraid of 'women's progress, thus giving a bad name to Islam."

Talking about the gender issues in Nepal, Neeru said, "Our problems are not very different from India. India is a patriarchal society and there have been cases of violence, harassment and acid attacks against women. In some palaces, boys are still preferred over girls, but Nepal is considered to be the most progressive nation in South Asia on LGBT rights. I am very proud of Nepal government's decision in electing its first-ever constituent assembly member, who is a gay."

At the same time, providing a



male perspective on gender discrimination from Afghanistan, Hedayarullah Azimi, said that, "Most people think that all Muslim countries are full of terrorists and extremists, but that is actually how the media shows it and this is not true. It is all about equal opportunities for men and women and I know men who believe the same. There are people from the younger generation who are not afraid of providing women education and equal rights after marriage. The government is doing a lot to empower women and the

First Lady is pro-woman."

On the other hand, breaking the feminism stereotype, Lavneeta Jalan, a member from Joint Women's Programme, Delhi, said that, "The kind of feminism we study as young girls in India is a slightly westernised idea of feminism and is not applicable in India. What we think women should do from that front is not at all real at the ground level. Economical independence is the most important thing for a woman because it diffuses her dependency on a man."



(Clockwise from top) Delegates enjoy kite flying, support the 'Pink Turban campaign' in Sector 17, share a light moment at a farmhouse and perform bhanga

However, explaining a similar state of affairs for women in Albania, Majlinda Xhaferaj said that, "I have been living in Albania for the last five years and the main problem is domestic violence. There have been cases of boyfriends killing their girlfriends just because they believe they can and at times some women also believe that they deserved the beating. The justice system is such that the culprits are not punished for long and they come out and shame the women again, so it is basically ineffective in defending

women's rights. At the same time, the idea of a 'strong man' providing for his family is also toxic and needs to change because there are all kinds of men. The NGOs are working towards educating women and as per quota, they have 30% reservation in the government."

Pointing out to the biggest flaw, Joyeeta Hossain, from Bangladesh mentioned that surprisingly there is no mention about about 'gender equality' in the private spaces and it is only mentioned for public spaces, which limits people's rights.

Young mind discuss sustainable devp goals

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Chandigarh: Young people from different countries participated in the 13th Global Youth Peace Festival (GYPF) 2018 on Monday discussed individual and collective action they could all come up with to take the world closer to the sustainable development goals in times to come. They also presented action plans in the afternoon what they could do as a Global Youth Peace Forum (GYPF) on the two days of the ongoing peace festival.

The sessions, which were conducted at the Indian School Business (ISB), looked at enhancing ideology into action in the case of celebrating women's right respect for others and bridging inequalities and living in harm with man and nature. In addition there was a discussion on forging partnerships for sustainable development goals which was the overarching theme for the 13th GYPF. The facilitators for the session included Harsh Narayan, creative director and film-maker; Nya Spisbah of the University of New South Wales, Australia; Raheel Dhantwala, sociologist; Dazy Zarabi, chairperson, department of community education and disability studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and Ash Ripin Shah, director, wild spaces.

Young people felt that it could benefit by connecting with each other and sharing ideas and resources.

Dr Raheel Dhantwala conducted a workshop on breaking stereotypes with respect to others by bridging inequalities session which was then discussed in larger group and an action plan prepared. The living in harm with man and nature group decided to conduct sustainability activities in their respective countries and then share data over a website.



Students performing during the 13th global youth peace festival at the hotel management institute in Sector 42, Chandigarh, on Sunday.

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13TH GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE FESTIVAL

Over 250 delegates from 30 countries converge on city

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CHANDIGARH : The 13th Global Youth Peace Festival - GYPF 2018 kicked off on Sunday with 250 delegates participating from 30 different countries.

The aim of the festival is to forge youth partnership for a better world. The prime focus of the event is to plan the achievement of the sustainable development goals by 2030.

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LIST OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDEES

- Suresh Thakur from Nepal
- Masago Roderick from Indonesia
- Matin Ahmed and Fahm Shehriar from Bangladesh
- Masago Roderick from Zimbabwe
- Nageswary from Malaysia
- Jamal Adam from Sudan
- Ali Fayeaz from Afghanistan
- Joachim Kavishe from Tanzania
- Aneet Aklesh Kumar from Fiji
- Sahan Jayaneththi from Sri Lanka
- Hiranya Hazarika from India
- Edwin Kok from The Netherlands
- Wayan Sari Dika and Clarissa Amadhea from
- Chen Tai Wei from Taiwan

THE PRIME FOCUS OF THE EVENT IS TO PLAN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY 2030

because of internet exposure."

There were many qualified panellists present in the event like Chandigarh Pollution Control Board and Conservator of Forests member secretary TC

Nautiyal, Indian Oil Corporation, Punjab State Office Chandigarh, chief manager RN Dubey and Ashish Bipin Shah from Wild Ecologues.

The prominent youth leaders from around the world were also awarded on the occasion.

Chandigarh-based NGO Yuv-satta's founder Pramod Sharma told HT that the festival will continue over the next two days with a day-long interactions among young people at the Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali campus.

THE SPIRIT OF INCLUSION MARKS FEST CONCLUSION

Global Youth Peace Fest Stresses on Sustainable Devp

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: The 13th Global Youth Peace Fest came to an end with a message of taking along everyone and excluding no one in order to achieve sustainable development goals by fostering partnerships among the youth.

On the occasion, an overbearing spirit of 'inclusion' was witnessed between schoolchildren of Chandigarh and other young people from the city, who shared the same vision as the delegates of the peace fest. This was amply reflected both in the camaraderie and the mindset that was on display at the concluding ceremony.

Four schools from Chandigarh and one college, Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, were presented peace awards for initiating activities through their peace clubs in the past few years

Four schools from Chandigarh and one college, Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, were presented the peace awards for initiating a large number of activities through their peace clubs in the past few years. The principals and vice-principals of these schools are Reema Dewan of Delhi Public School, Sector 40-C; Ramesh Kumar of Government Model Senior Secondary School, Dhanas; Sister Mary Supreeta of Carmel Convent School, Sector 9-B; and Vibha Ray of DAV Senior Secondary School (Lahore), Sector 8-C, and T K Razdan, principal, Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, received the award from Debendra Dalal, chief conser-



SPECIAL GUEST: Purna, a visually-challenged student of Government Model Senior Secondary School, Dhanas, getting the special award

ator of forests and director, department of environment, Chandigarh Administration. The awardees were honoured on stage by presenting them a traditional Phulkari dupatta and a peace award memento.

Before the award function, all schools presented the reports of the activities undertaken through peace clubs in their schools. The highlight was the presentation of

WILDLIFE WALK

In the morning, to celebrate start of the Wildlife Week, a 'Walk for Wildlife Conservation' was organized at the Sukhna lake in which all delegates and 100 students from different schools of Chandigarh participated



Purna, a visually-challenged student of Government Model Senior Secondary School, Dhanas, who got a standing ovation and a special award. This also set the stage for 'inclusion', which was strongly suggested by the participants as the

theme for the next GYPF-2019. Debendra Dalal said that it was heartening to see young delegates coming together and talking about a whole range of issues, including sustainability and wildlife conservation.

For delegates, there was empathy & bonds

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Chandigarh: At the concluding ceremony of the Global Youth Peace Fest (GYPF), some of the delegates reflected on the deliberations and other activities over the past 48 hours. A range of emotions and thoughts were expressed by the participants as they reflected on the past deliberations.

This included empathy, making bonds and fostering friendships to get new ideas and good thoughts for implementing sustainable development programmes together.

Majlinda from Albania said that, "We must live the themes of the fest and not just leave them at the discussion table." She particularly pointed out that she felt uncomfortable when men stared at her or if she found rubbish strewn around the auditorium, both which go against the lofty ideas discussed at the women's rights and



FOOTLOOSE: A delegate tries to match the dance steps of a dancer

living in harmony with nature sessions. "Change must begin within oneself," she maintained. Priyanka, an Indian delegate, said that the fest must have more young people from

India participating in it so that 'we are able to truly connect and appreciate the value of working together as one global family'.

She objected to the use of the

word foreign delegates and said we must drop the word foreign as we are all delegates.

Another highlight of the concluding function was a meditation session by Kuldeep Singh of World Peace Initiative, who has participated in several peace fests in the past. He introduced some easy tools for the delegates for practising calmness of the mind and said that balancing the outer and inner personalities was critical for sustaining oneself and making progress.

Harsh Narayan, a film-maker and creative director, spoke about his initiative of bringing youth from South Asia together through the medium of films and creative arts.

He said that he was organizing a South Asian film festival in Delhi in November, followed by another film festival in Karachi early next year. He invited all delegates to come and attend the film festival.



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**18TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
“YOUTH ENGINEERING SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION”
PANTAI PUTERI HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA
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**INTERNATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS ASSEMBLY
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6TH – 15TH AUGUST 2018
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**THE 29TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM
“THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WITH YOUTH: LIFE IN THE FUTURE”
SEOUL AND GOYANG CITY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
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