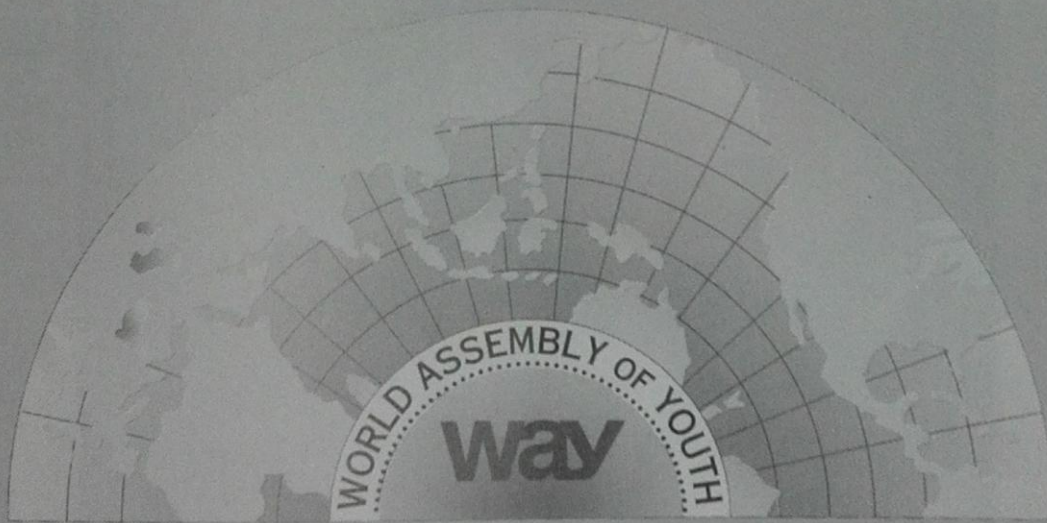


REPORT

The THIRD
WAY - PRIME MINISTER
of MALAYSIA
WORLD YOUTH
AWARD



10 MARCH 1995 * COPENHAGEN * DENMARK



WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award Trophy



**The Rt Hon Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad
THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA**

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WORLD YOUTH AWARD

BACKGROUND

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) on its 40th anniversary instituted the World Youth Award to encourage national youth councils or youth organizations to get involve in nation building and to address to themselves to social, spiritual and economic development of the individual youth and also on youth as a member of society.

The Worth Youth Award shall be awarded to the youth organization that has made deserving and effective contribution on social, spiritual and economic development. All aspects of the youth organization such as their impact and effectiveness will be considered as important criteria for the award.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the award are to:

1. Evaluate the success of the Youth movements in youth activities, including spiritual and economic development.
2. Provide incentive to youth organization to work harder in achieving greater success.
3. Inculcate the spirit of self-reliance among the youth movements
4. Encourage youth movements to play major roles in highlighting problems of youth and in attempting to solve as many of them as possible and
5. Accelerate the involvement of youth in nation building.

SELECTION OF AWARD WINNER

The award winner and runner-up will be selected on the recommended of an inter-national panel of judges.

The judges are prominent youth experts and the officials of UN agencies; they met in WAY secretariat office to make the final selection. Judges can also recommend a special prize as incentives for the youth organizations which show exemplary work, but do not qualify for the award.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

The award is open to all youth organizations irrespective of their views, ideology and affiliation. The panel of judges considers the following criteria for the evaluation of each participating organizations;

- Leadership Effective
- Organization Structure
- Management System
- Resource Availability
- Membership
- Programmes, their effectiveness and impact on youth, society and country.

THE AWARD CEREMONY

The selected organizations were invited to Copenhagen, Denmark to receive the award. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Rt. Hon. Datuk Sri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad presented the awards at the ceremony attended by representatives of the UN and other international agencies, national youth councils and youth organizations worldwide.

THE AWARD

The award trophy called WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award along with a certificate , is donated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. The Award will be presented once in every two years.

ORGANIZERS

The 3rd WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award was organized jointly by World Assembly of Youth (WAY), Danish Youth Council and World Youth Foundation (WYF) with the cooperation of the Danish Government.

CONCLUSION

The Third WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award was held by the World Assembly of Youth while 120 government leaders were attending the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, Denmark on March 10. 1995. The winners were;-

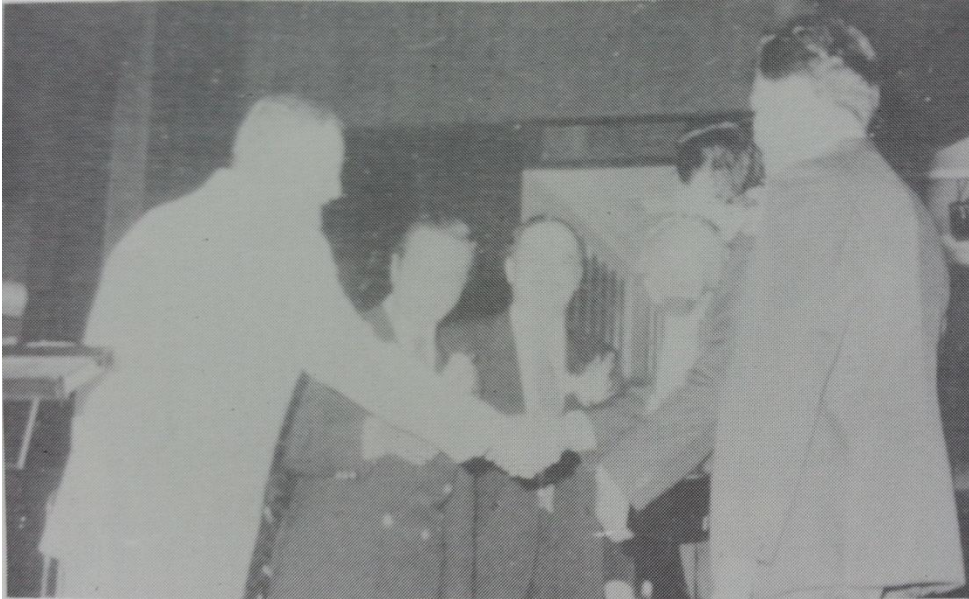
Winner : **Norwegian Youth Council**

1st runner up : **Mongolian Federation of Youth Movement**

2nd runner up : **Nigerian Youth Council**

WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award

PREVIOUS RECIPIENT



The first WAY – Prime Minister Of Malaysia World Youth Award was presented in 1990 and was presented to Malaysian Youth Council (MYC). It was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



The Second WAY- Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award has been held in 1990 and was presented to Slovakia Youth Council. It was also held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Winner – Norwegian Youth Council received the 3rd WAY Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award from the Hon. Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad in the ceremony held in Copenhagen in 1995.



The First Runner – up of the 3rd WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award Mongolian Federation of Youth Movement receiving the trophy during the award presentation ceremony in Copenhagen.



The Nigerian Youth Council , receiving the award for the Second runner – up of way – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award.



VIP's and guess enjoy a cultural performance at a dinner held in conjunction with the award ceremony.



A piano recital by a musician added to the merriment at the dinner.



Among the guests at the 3rd Way Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award Ceremony in Copenhagen in 1995.



A round of applause some of the guests at the 3rd WAY Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award acknowledging the contribution by award recipients.

ADDRESS BY:

THE RT HON DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

It is an honor for me to be given this opportunity to address you today. I wish to congratulate the Danish Government for its major role in promoting international youth development.

2. The hosting of this ceremony in Copenhagen today could not have been more appropriate or friendlier in the view of the convening of the Social Development Summit organized but the United Nation.

3. It is my hope that this Award will go a long way towards encouraging National Youth Organization to intensify their efforts in carrying out development projects in their respective countries. The support for such activities must be continued and enhanced as youth constitutes an important human resource. I am convinced that if each country can make a small contribution to the development of youth worldwide we will be making major strides in overcoming the global problem of social tension and social disintegration.

4. The need for the independent youth organization to coordinate and support youth development must be recognized and acted upon. This could be achieved through cooperation among regional and international youth councils and youth organizations the world over.

5. In this regard, WAY can play a crucial role by accepting more Eastern European youth councils in the framework of WAY. However, we must make sure that WAY must never be a political tool. To be strong and affective WAY must remain independent and apolitical.

6. However Youth Council can collaborate with other authorities and be reliable partners of governments in order to protect the interests of young people in their organizations.

7. A major problem facing the development of the young people in unemployment. Unemployed and under-employment is a worldwide problem. While there haven't been gradual improvements in the level of education in most rural areas around the world, the availability of work has not matched the levels of education and expectations of rural youth. As a result there is a steady migration of young people, particularly the better educated, to move to urban areas.

8. This has drained the rural areas of the more enterprising members of society while at the same time creating problems of urban congestion and unemployment. In this context it is important that youth programmes emphasize the policy of rural industrialization. Youth organizations like WAY, must develop innovative approaches to disseminate practical skills through combining institutional training with apprentice-ship in order to enhance the opportunities for rural youth.

9. A system of cooperation between urban industrial enterprises and newly established rural industries must be developed. I am confident that WAY can provide assistance to its members in terms of providing productive employment. Towards that end, a rural industrialization approach can achieve not only balanced development of rural areas but also reduce problems of unemployment.

10. I take this opportunity to congratulate the winner of this WAY WORLD YOUTH AWARD. I hope that WAY members will give their dedication and commitment in carrying out youth programmes and also can be an inspiration to others. I hope that this Award will be a motivation to youth to develop values which ultimately will contribute towards the betterment of the world.

SPEECH BY:

DATUK ALI RUSTAM,

President of WAY

On behalf of the World Assembly of Youth, I would like to extend our warm welcome to the Honorable Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia and Dato Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Bt Mohd Ali, and all of you to do this 3RD WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award in the city of the mermaid. – Copenhagen.

Indeed, we are privileged and grateful to the Hon. Prime Minister for making it to this World Summit for Social Development despite a very tight schedule in Malaysia. We thank you for coming all the way from Kuala Lumpur to deliver your keynote address and to present the award. This is reflective of concern for the future of the young generation and WAY is proud of your continuous involvement and support to the assembly. In recognition for your endless support, we have named this award the WAY – Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award, to be given every two years as an appreciation and encouragement to national youth councils to give their best when serving the youths.

I congratulate you, Hon. Prime Minister, because during the Summit, UNICEF has announced that Malaysia, with 10 other countries, has been selected as one of the most successful countries in alleviating poverty. Malaysia was able to reduce its poverty level from 50% in 1950 to 13% in 1994 by involving the youths in development programmes.

Hon. Prime Minister, ladies and gentlemen. Prior to the Summit, WAY and several other international youth bodies organized the International Youth Consultation on Social Development. In our recommendation, we call upon all youth movements throughout the world to rally together and work harder towards the eradication of poverty, unemployment and to promote social integration. We also call upon all national governments and the United Nations to involve youths in future development programmes if we really want to see this Summit as the Summit of Hope.

In order to improve the voice of the youth at international level, we call upon national governments to include youth representations in their delegations to the UN international summit and the General Assembly.

Ladies, Gentlemen, a scholar named Imam Ghazali once said The Youth of today is the mirror of tomorrow's society of WAY, who was recently appointed Minister of Housing, Special thanks to him and the Danish Government which has contributed USD 210,000 within 3 years beginning from 1994 to WAY for leadership training courses. I also thank the Malaysian Government for contributing USD 200,000 for the establishment of the World Youth Foundation, which will carry out research documentation and development programmes throughout the world pertaining to youth.

Thank you to the host, the Danish Youth Council and the WAY Secretariat, and the Panel of Judges for successfully organizing the ceremony. To the winner, congratulations.

Once again, thank you hon. Prime Minister of Malaysia for honoring us with your presence to grace this occasion.

Thank You.

The World Assembly of Youth

WAY recognizes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the basis of its action and of its services. WAY is promoting the work of youth organizations in areas such as; democracy, environment, human rights, population, health, drugs, community development, leadership training, and cultural and religious tolerance. WAY provides opportunities for youth representatives from different countries to exchange ideas and experiences, to coordinate program plans, and to reach a better understanding of each other's problems and racial, religious, and national backgrounds.

Since its conception, WAY has increased its membership of national youth council to the present 59 full members, from as many countries from all continents. Furthermore Way has 13 associated members and 15 organizations have observer status The regional structures of national youth council in Asia and Europe, Asian Youth Council and European Youth Forum, are consultative members.

As an international coordinating body of national youth councils from all continents, WAY has consultative status I with the United Nations system, the highest status possible for a non-governmental organization. WAY co-operates with the UN and many of its special agencies, particularly with UNESCO, the UNFPA and the WHO.

WAY funding is based on membership fees and other contribution from members and the World Youth Foundation. WAY is different projects have been funded by the various UN agencies, Government aid agencies and private organizations.

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