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BACKGROUND

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which brings together young people, youth leaders and relevant stakeholders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has convened on a wide range of tropical 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

Fundamentally, Education involves the learning of skills, knowledge and transfer of habits between generations through teaching, training or research. Incidentally, the 1990 background document for the World Conference on Education for All, defined education as “the provision of learning opportunities in a purposeful and organized manner through various means including, but not limited to, schools and other educational institutions”. As per the Article 13 of the United Nations 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural, everyone has the right to education, and this right has also been recognised by a significant number of governments.

Furthermore, in 1990, Jomtien, Thailand, over 155 countries adopted the World Declaration on Education for All “which reaffirmed the notion of education as a fundamental human right and urged countries to intensify efforts to address the basic learning needs of all”. A framework for Action to meet the basic learning needs identified six key areas/goal that were to be met by 2000.

A review of the 1990 conference was done in Dakar under the World Education Forum, 2000. Despite not having attained the initial goals set, 164 governments pledged to achieve Education for All (EFA) and identified six other goals to be met by 2015. These included the following:

- Goal 1: Expand early childhood care and education;
- Goal 2: Provide free and compulsory primary education for all;
- Goal 3: Promote learning and life skills for young people and adults;
- Goal 4: Increase adult literacy by 50 per cent;
- Goal 5: Achieve gender parity by 2005, gender equality by 2015; and
- Goal 6: Improve the quality of education.

In order to achieve the above mentioned goals, the Governments, development agencies, civil society and private sector will have to work towards attaining the set targets. A review by the United Nations in 2013, identified that significant gains had been made, but there still lies a great deal of work that needs to be done in order to attain the set goals of Educational for All by 2015.

It therefore goes without say that the prudent approach would be to chart a course for 2015 and beyond, and identify what needs to be done. With concerted effort from the governments; private sector; international, regional and national non-governmental organisations; and other relevant

stakeholders, development of policies and strategies for the Post 2015 Development Agenda should be the target.

14TH MIYD THEME

Henceforth, we have made it a point to focus on **'Youth and Education: Taking Action, Getting Results'** as our theme for this year. This theme has been realized to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards the Post 2015 Development Agenda on education. An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth in the different levels of society that they represent.

Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, public and private sector officers, and NGO representatives will gather to call for action and structure experience on the issue of education and chart a course towards the Post 2015 development Agenda. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards a better and sustainable future.

OBJECTIVES OF 14TH MIYD

During the dialogue all participants will gather to address and call for action on the following objectives:

- i. To raise an informative generation on the current situation of youth and education with anticipated behaviour adaptation and consequently admission to decision making amongst youth;
- ii. To foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the societies;
- iii. To address the challenges and determinants of education faced by youth today;
- iv. To promote equality of opportunities and facilities between young men and women;
- v. To formulate the environmental, political, economic and cultural factors that are associated with education;
- vi. To ascertain the obligations of society to respect, protect and fulfil the right to quality education among the young people;
- vii. To classify the role and the contribution of the national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining resourceful youth educational policies;
- viii. To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing youth and education for the present and future;
- ix. To integrate networking, collaboration and cooperation between public and private sectors, civil societies and other stakeholders to address the issue of youth and education;

ORGANISERS

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



PARTICIPANTS

Expected participants should be between the ages 18 and 35, gender balanced groups representing the respective National Youth Councils, Youth Organizations, Ministries of Youth, Ministries of Education, Education related organizations, International Organizations and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 200 from at least 80 different countries.

REGISTRATION

All willing participants must fill in the enclosed application form, which is also available in our website and submit the filled form to the organizing committee via the email miyd@way.org.my. Deadline for submission of application is set for **Saturday, 17th May 2014**. The admission of each application will be determined within 3 working days from the submission.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The Dialogue will commence on Monday 23rd June 2014 until Wednesday 25th June 2014. The participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 22nd June 2014 and depart on Thursday 26th June 2014.

The Dialogue agenda comprises of the following components:

- A. Plenary sessions compose of introductory speeches and papers, regional views today, and personal views of youth based on the mentioned theme;
- B. Workshops are brainstorming sessions for participants. In this session, emphasis is made that there is no debate, no criticism, and no cross talk. Instead we call for suggestions and note them, all of them, and later prioritize the list of suggestions to come up with a long term based declaration. The "brainstorm" is very structured and focused and the participants must learn and practice the ground rules;
- C. Business meetings and networking working dinners;
- D. Field trips and / or cultural tours.

REGISTRATION FEES

The MIYD participation fee of US\$150 (Malaysian RM 450) inclusive of registration fee, accommodation, food and local transportation shall be levied on all participants. Accommodation shall be based on twin sharing basis. The Dialogue organizers will not provide accommodation, meals or transportation before or after the mentioned dates. For any other preferences there shall be an additional fee therefore, kindly contact the Organizing Committee.

For bank transfer, kindly remit the fee in advance to our bank account as follows and provide proof of payment of transfer;

Account Name:	World Assembly of Youth
Account Number:	5040-1282-8298
Bank Name:	Maybank
Branch Name:	Jalan Munshi Abdullah
City:	Melaka
Country:	Malaysia

Payments by cash, kindly indicate on the application form for official acceptance on arrival. For other modes of payment kindly contact the Organizing Committee.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The program for the MIYD shall be as below. Specific details on Speakers and Facilitators shall be provided in due course.

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE
22 nd June	All Day	Arrival & Registration	KLIA/LCCT-Melaka
	1900HRS	Ice Breaking Session	Melaka
	2000HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Melaka
23 rd June	0800HRS	Breakfast	Melaka
	0900hrs	OPENING CEREMONY	Melaka
	1030HRS	Tea Break	Melaka
	1100HRS	PLENARY SESSION 1: <i>Obstacles and Challenges towards Attaining Education for All (EFA) among the Youth</i>	Melaka
	1300HRS	Lunch	Melaka
	1400HRS	PLENARY SESSION 2: <i>Advancing the Education for All (EFA) Goal through Collaborative Efforts of National Youth Councils</i>	Melaka
	1530HRS	Tea Break	Melaka
	1600HRS	PLENARY SESSION 3: <i>Attaining Education for All (EFA) and Post-2015 Development Agenda</i>	Melaka
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Melaka
	2000HRS	Dinner	Melaka
	2100HRS	Cultural Performances	Melaka
	24 th June	0800HRS	Breakfast
0900HRS		Workshop on <i>The Role of Public and Private Sector, NGOs, Media and Society on Youth Education and Post-2015 Development Agenda</i>	Melaka
1030HRS		Tea Break	Melaka
1100HRS		Workshop (Continues)	Melaka
1300HRS		Lunch	Melaka
1400HRS		Workshop (Continues)	Melaka
1530HRS		Tea Break	Melaka
1600HRS		Workshop: Group Presentations	Melaka
1700HRS		Free and Easy	Melaka
2000HRS		Dinner	Melaka
2200HRS	Drafting Committee Meeting	Melaka	
25 th June	0800HRS	Breakfast	Melaka
	0900hrs	Presentation of 14 th MIYD Draft Declaration	Melaka
	1030HRS	Tea Break	Melaka
	1100HRS	Adoption of 14 th MIYD Declaration	Melaka
	1300HRS	Lunch	Melaka
	1400HRS	Field Trips and/ or Cultural Tour	Melaka
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Melaka

	2000HRS	Farewell Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony	Melaka
26th June	0800HRS	Breakfast	Melaka
	All Day	Departures	Melaka – KLIA /LCCT