

ASEAN PEACEBUILDERS CONFERENCE

Tomorrow's Leaders,
Today's Peacebuilders



Panel Title:

ASEAN PEACEBUILDERS RAPPORTEUR SUMAMRY

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Setting the Tone

- Thematic: **Tomorrow's Leaders, Today's Peacebuilders**
- Catalyst for sustained action and impact - platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and innovative solutions
- **Multifaceted Challenges** - empower individuals with knowledge/skills for meaningful peacebuilding efforts.

PDG Dato
Bindi



- **ROTARY ASEAN 2022** - 1,600 clubs, 42,000 Rotarians (14th May 2022)
- **ROTARY IN ACTION** - work together to resolve conflicts and problems, to work towards hope and peace, using the magic of Rotary

PDG Jason
Lim



- **Multifaceted Approach** in the work that ASEAN as a group of 600 million international citizens
- **Commitment of the ASEAN Secretariat** thru their various interventional strategies as Malaysia takes the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2024

HE Ekkaphab



- **NATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- Yakin Boleh theme for Youth Day
- Rakan Muda - 1.2 million youths have been reached out

- **CHALLENGERS**

- 10% vs 90%
- Only where 11% are youth organizational members
- Digital Divide, GIG Economy

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Invited Rotary to partner the government, with resources, time and reach to synergize the nation building work
- Rakan Muda subsets - Rakan Prihatin and Rakan Demokrasi
- Reaching out towards Capacity Building and Outreach Programs

YB Hannah
Yeoh



- **THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL**
- Binding thread between the initiatives of United Nations - SDG
- ASEAN
- Not mutually exclusive domains of Human Security & Mental Health

- **ENABLERS**
- Political, economic, social opportunities
- Transparency guarantee - access to knowledge, information and decision making.
- Protective security

- **DIVERSITY OF ASEAN**
- Its heterogenous in its nature - Need to have synergy between the programs

- **ACTION ITEMS**
- Developing comprehensive programs with strong focus on awareness
- Straightening interventional processes

Prof Harry
Minas



- **4 PILLARS OF CHANGE**
- **1. VALUES NEEDED IN PEACEBUILDERS**
 - ⑩ Respect/Knowledge for the 'other' across race, religion and politics
 - ⑩ Inclusiveness/Dignity of one in many and many in one
- **2. CHALLENGES OR PROBLEMS OF YOUTH IN BUILDING PEACE**
 - ⑩ A divisive, isolationist teacher/teaching in religion, competition and success
 - ⑩ Industry based education that dehumanizes
 - ⑩ Rhetoric in history, social contact and proclaimed supremacist in the idea of race
- **⑩ 3. HOW TO EDUCATE THE IMPORTANT VALUES OF PEACEBUILDING**
 - ⑩ To unlearn and relearn -reflect alone on the one to the many and the many to the one
 - ⑩ To walk the path alone and to end with another path together
- **4. CHALLENGES IN ORDER TO LEAVE A PEACEBUILDING LEGACY**
 - ⑩ Political, religious, educational institutions and their narratives/decrees
 - ⑩ An unchecked and an unshackled social media and freedom of speech
- **ACTION ITEMS**
 - Malaysian identity - Building a Parallel Malaysia

Prof Tajuddin



Panel 1: Mental Wellbeing

Prof Harry Minas

- Collective Role: All of Government approach - Government, public and private stakeholders, including preventative approach - promotion and treatment and care. Need to build capacity of both, partnership between both - programs across ASEAN

Dr. Dutsadee

- School Mental Health Program in Thailand - changes seen in 30-year initiative in the last 6 years
- Digital Assessment, screening and then referring to hospitals - Digital platform HERO
- HERO - intersectoral collaboration - education and health - potential reach to 100,000 students

•Dr. Hervita

- Determinants for mental disorder - low education, domestic violence, low social income and loneliness
- Improve primary care - WHO model - community mental health model
- Improve secondary care

Panel 2: Youth as PeaceBuilders

Martin Scott

- We don't engage youths because we think youths are leader some day, youth can be leaders today
- They need to be included in decision making process
- Easier to train because there is less unlearning to do

Lea Perekrest

Measuring global peace - Global Peace Index

High levels of positive peace are associated with higher per capita, resilience, better environmental outcomes, higher measures of wellbeing, better performances on SDG

Bringing the conversation across the globe

Jasmine Begum

Demographic Dividend
Radicalization of permeating factors

Youth contribute 30% of the GDP

They need to make decision, they have economic impact, they give different perspective, they contribute to the digital world

Panel 2: Youth as PeaceBuilders

Charmaine Mae

- Community engagement
- Building the next generation leaders as peacebuilders - has to be a 2-way conversations
- Realize that our time has passed and give opportunities to the young people

Ronnie Sudusta

Youth
Empowerment
capacity building
models
Experience &
Expertise
Targeted and
participative

Asiya

SDG &
Inclusiveness
Refuges Youths and
Asylum seekers
Right to basic social
access - Education,
Health and social
inclusion
Contextual
Communication

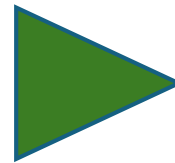
Panel 3: Climate Change

Dato Dr Xavier

1. Equity and Equality in SDG and ESG nations
2. Megadiverse nation
3. There are different starting points
4. Green Washing

Dato Shah Redza

Cost of conservation with potential economic cost to the nation
4.5 million land mass with 700 m population
Forest conservation is necessary for water conservation



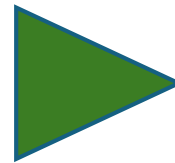
Panel 3: Climate Change

Dr Serina Hijjas

Adaption & Resilience
Climate Governance
Carbon is the new currency
Green is the new black

Dr Natalia

24% are environment related mortalities
Climate Change relationship with health risk
Need to include polarized communities as part of the solution



Conclusions



1. **APPROACH:** All of nation approach, multifaceted and inclusive of stakeholders
2. **SYNERGY:** across nations, policies, resources sharing and pooling of talent and capacity building,
3. **BEST PRACTICES:** Cross fertilization of ideas, actions and interventions - SDG, ASEAN, Malaysia digitalization
4. **ACTION:** Time for action is now