

**SPEECH BY RT HON. DATUK SERI MOHD ALI MOHD RUSTAM,
THE CHIEF MINISTER OF MELAKA
AND
CHAIRMAN OF WORLD YOUTH FOUNDATION
AT CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE
CHANGE
ADAPTATION & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
30TH APRIL 2011, @ 10.00 A.M.
AVILLION LEGACY MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

A VERY GOOD MORNING TO:

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PEMBANGUNAN DESA & PERTANIAN

YB DATUK GAN TIAN LOO
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GUEST, PARTICIPANTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

**SELAMAT DATANG AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE
HISTORIC CITY OF MELAKA!**

**IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU
TO THIS *INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION***

**I AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT 30 PARTICIPANTS FROM
9 COUNTRIES MOSTLY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 TO
30 YEARS OLD HAVE TAKEN PART IN THIS THREE
DAY INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP.**

**THE PARTICIPANTS COME FROM NON
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, RELATED
MINISTRIES AND CORPORATE SECTORS.**

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN INTENSIVE TRAINING AND PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO REALLY WORK HARD TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULTS. PARTICIPANTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO HAVE A FOLLOW-UP IN THE FOLLOWING SIX MONTHS UPON COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING.

WORLD YOUTH FOUNDATION HAS BEEN ORGANIZING VARIOUS EVENTS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCE SINCE 1994.

IN AUGUST 2005 THE FOUNDATION HOSTED THE "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT " OUR SHRINKING WORLD" , IN 2006 THE "INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES ON ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND IN 2008 THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DISASTER RISK & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT .

THIS TRAINING IS A FOLLOW – UP OF THE ABOVE EVENTS . TRAINING WORKSHOPS LIKE THIS ARE ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD NETWORKS AND FORGE FRIENDSHIPS AMONG YOUTHS FROM DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE.

DURING THIS 4 DAY TRAINING, YOUR SESSIONS WERE ALSO COMPLEMENTED BY DOCUMENTARY FILMS, GROUP EXERCISES AND A FIELD STUDY VISIT TO THE MELAKA RIVER. THE DIVERSE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS ON THE BANKS OF THE MELAKA RIVER HIGHLIGHT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUILDINGS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LIFESTYLE OF PEOPLE DWELLING IN THAT AREA.

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN PROACTIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN MALAYSIA. BESIDES ADOPTING SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT POLICIES AND LAWS, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ENCOURAGES THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN PROMOTING GREEN TECHNOLOGY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS MALAYSIA, MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, MNISTRY OF ENERGY, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND WATER, TRAINERS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF OF WORLD YOUTH FOUNDATION FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE. MY SPECIAL THANKS TO RISK FRONTIER UNIT OF MACQUIRE UNIVERSITY FOR VALIDATING THE CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDENCE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS WHICH WILL BE VALUE ADDED.

TO ALL THE FOREIGN DELEGATES I HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED YOUR STAY IN THE CITY OF HISTORIC MELAKA AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WITH THAT, I HEREBY DECLARE THIS INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP *ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION* CLOSE

THANK YOU.

***YAB Datuk Seri Mohd ali Rustam,
Chairman
World Youth Foundation
30th April 2011***