



INTERNATIONAL COASTAL BEACH CLEAN-UP 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019, PANTAI PUTERI, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

In conjunction with World CleanUp Day, **World Youth Foundation** in partnership with several organizations took part in a beach clean-up on 21st September 2019. World Cleanup Day is a global social action program aimed at combating the global solid waste problem, including the problem of marine debris. World Cleanup Day harnesses the power of everyday people to achieve incredible things by joining together. Its beauty lies in cooperation and collaboration: building bridges between disparate communities, and including all levels of society - from citizens to business, to government.

What we collected:

- Cig butts 22 bottles 8607 pieces 3.7kgPET 10.7kg
- Lids 0.8kg
- Other plastic category 9.3kg
- Plastic bags 2.5kg
- Glass bottles 4.2kg
- Straws 50gm
- Paper boxes n wrappers 3kg
- Beverage packs 2 kg
- Iron/metal 8kg
- Aluminium cans 0.2kg
- Toys 0.3kg
- Mixed wastes 68.3kg



WORLD YOUTH FOUNDATION

International Coastal Beach Cleanup

**21st September 2019 (Saturday)
08:00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Pantai Puteri, Melaka**

Come and Join Us!

Organized by:
Penyelaras Japerun Pantai Kundur, World Youth Foundation
and Tzu Chi Foundation.

YOUTH AND LEADERS FORUM: TAKING THE LEAD: OUR FUTURE BELONGS TO ALL OF US

17 SEPTEMBER 2019, FACEBOOK VOID DECK, SOUTH BEACH TOWER, SINGAPORE

Women's Forum Asia started off with the Youth & Leaders Forum - Taking the lead: Our Future belongs to all of us at Facebook Singapore. It gave youth the opportunity to meet and share with outstanding role models to better understand their role in shaping the future of the global workforce, including Minister Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Communications and Information and at the Ministry of Culture, Sim Ann shared her experience about the lessons she learned and how young people are motivated by fairness, inclusivity and impact. Discussions were also centered on female inclusion in the global workforce, gender parity and how women can take the lead in contemporary AI research. **World Youth Foundation was glad to nominate 12 young people to the event. The delegation was headed by the Chief Operations Officer, Ms Varsha Ajmera.**



WOMEN'S FORUM ASIA 2019

18 - 20th SEPTEMBER 2019, RAFFLES CITY CONVENTION CENTRE, SINGAPORE

World Youth Foundation was represented by several young people to the Women's Forum Asia 2019 which was held from 18 - 20th September 2019 at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore. The Forum was opened by the President of Singapore Halimah Yacob, who in her speech highlighted the importance of gender equality in the workplace and why it has real and substantive impact on the economy. The Forum topics included gender equality, inclusivity, diversity and how removing barriers to promote an enabling environment for the full participation of women in the marketplace is beneficial to all. Over 1200 delegates from over 50 countries gathered in Singapore to show that gender diversity is not only the right thing to do, but the only thing to do if we want to fully associate women in the transformation of the workforce.



YOUTH CHAT SERIES: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION 29TH AUGUST 2019, PUSAT TUISYEN INTERAKTIF MINDA, MASJID TANAH, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

The theme of International Youth Day 2019, "Transforming education", highlights efforts to make education more relevant, equitable and inclusive for all youth, including efforts by youth themselves. Rooted in Goal 4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all". **World Youth Foundation in partnership with Pusat Tuisyen Interaktif Minda** organized a Youth Chat to hear the voices of young people, especially students in higher learning institutes on what transforming education means to them and how they are being engaged at local levels. The program was participated by representatives of 5 schools and institutions in Masjid Tanah, a semi-urban area in the outskirts of Melaka, Malaysia. There were 14 participants between 16 to 26 years old who shared their views and contributed ideas and opinions on how Malaysia can transform the education system.



Youth Chat Series: Transforming Education - WYF

GRETA THUNBERG TELLS WORLD LEADERS 'YOU ARE FAILING US', AS NATIONS ANNOUNCE FRESH CLIMATE ACTION



Ms. Thunberg was speaking directly to dozens of Heads of State and Government, business leaders, and senior representatives from civil society from around the world, who lined up to promise far-reaching steps to beat climate change, at the day-long event, held at the Organization's New York headquarters. Read more [here](#).

SPORT HAS 'UNPARALLELED POTENTIAL' TO BOOST EQUALITY AND PEACE

The Secretary-General has outlined how sport can be harnessed to boost international development by "changing perceptions and altering attitudes". Speaking at the Commonwealth Games Federation General Assembly in Kigali, Rwanda, Patricia Scotland said the "wide appeal and reach" of sport can be used to "accelerate progress" in areas such as gender equality and political inclusivity. Read more [here](#).



UNESCO FOOD AND CULTURE FORUM DISHES UP FRESH SERVING OF SDGS



"Cultural policies today provide innovative responses in areas such as inclusion, technical and vocational education, employment, the preservation of cultural heritage and biodiversity," Assistant Director-General for Culture at UNESCO, Ernesto Otonne, said. Speaking to some 200 international participants gathered in Italy's Parma for the gathering, entitled, "Culture

and Food: Innovative Strategies for Sustainable Development," Mr. Otonne stressed that cultural practices rooted in traditional and local knowledge systems related to food, are important markers of environmental sustainability. Read more [here](#).

NEW UN BOOK CLUB HELPS CHILDREN DEAL WITH GLOBAL ISSUES



Every day brings news about wars, humanitarian crises, and the climate emergency. These subjects can be a source of fear and nightmares for children, and parents can struggle to find the best way to explain them in a balanced way that does not worry their children even more. The SDG Book Club is one way to help. The Club, which was set up in April by

the UN, in collaboration with several book-related partners, selects books which contain messages related to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the core of the UN's 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, with the aim of providing a playful and participative way to learn about the Goals, through stories and characters children can relate to. Read more [here](#).

ASIA REGION FOCUSES ON IMPROVING PROSPECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A meeting of policy makers in Brunei-Darussalam has the potential to amplify the voices of millions of young people from across the Commonwealth. Aimed at exploring solutions to the many challenges facing young people, including a global economic slowdown and rising unemployment, the Commonwealth's seven Asian-member countries brought together senior officials, national youth leaders and representatives from international youth development organisations for three days in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan to discuss the



theme Resourcing and Financing Youth Development: Empowering Young People. Read more [here](#).

NEW UN WOMEN PUBLICATION ADDRESSES HOW TO END SEXUAL HARASSMENT



UN Women launched a publication to support the fight against end sexual harassment, entitled "What will it take? Promoting cultural change to end sexual harassment". The publication focuses on the influence of beliefs on actions and offers guidance to policymakers, employers and universities on how to achieve cultural change and address this scourge making sure that the needs of the victims and survivors are at the heart of all efforts. Read more [here](#).

WE CAN SOLVE CLIMATE CHANGE - IF WE INVOLVE WOMEN



With the 2030 deadline for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals approaching, the fight against climate change intensifies each year, with governments pumping resources into achieving them. One of the most critical SDGs is SDG 5, achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, because it will have positive cascading effects on the achievement of the other

SDGs, including quality education, poverty alleviation, clean energy, reduced inequalities, good health and wellbeing, zero hunger, clean water and sanitation, decent work and economic growth and most importantly, climate action. Read more [here](#).

HATE SPEECH EXACERBATING SOCIETAL, RACIAL TENSIONS WITH 'DEADLY CONSEQUENCES AROUND THE WORLD', SAY UN EXPERTS

"We are alarmed by the recent increase in hateful messages and incitement to discrimination and hatred against migrants, minority groups and various ethnic groups, as well as the defenders of their rights, in numerous countries", the letter read. The experts maintain that hate speech "has become mainstream in political systems worldwide and threatens democratic



values, social stability and peace", saying that it coarsens public discourse and weakens "the social fabric" of countries. Read more [here](#).

EVENTS & GRANTS



INNOVATION IMPACT GRANT PROGRAMME

The Expo Live Innovation Impact Grant Programme aims to fund novel and innovative solutions that encapsulate the spirit of Expo 2020 Dubai's overall theme: 'Connecting Minds, Creating the Future'. Expo's three subthemes, Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability, are focus areas for funding. Read more [here](#).



WIN A GRANT TO ATTEND THE GLOBAL FORUM IN TAICHUNG!

The Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy is the largest gathering of direct democracy activists and experts worldwide and this year will take place in Taichung, Taiwan from 30 September until 5 October. This year, the Global Forum will focus on the question "How to move from democracy movements to direct democracy institutions?" and will have a special focus on Taiwan's new referendum experience. At the Forum, you will get the chance to network with democracy activists from all over the world and gather ideas for your future projects. Would you like to be a part of it? Win one of 20 travel grants worth up to 1000€ now! Apply at [here](#).



SDGs Design
International Awards
2019

SDGS DESIGN INTERNATIONAL AWARDS 2019

These awards invite students from all over the world to use their design skills to create new, bold, and innovative solutions. Submit designs for SDG 13 Climate Action, SDG 14 Life Below Water or SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities. Any genre of design is accepted. The top winner will receive a prize of ¥300,000. The competition is open to all post-secondary students interested in design. Register at [here](#)



PLANET YOUTH - CONFERENCE

Save the date for the next Planet Youth Conference which will be held in Reykjavik Iceland from the 4th of March to the 6th of March 2020. More information will be provided later. Participants will be provided with an extensive overview of the Planet Youth methodology introduced by the employees of ICSRA. At the end of the Conference, participants should have a good understanding of the basic elements of the Planet Youth method

and be able to estimate the feasibility of adopting the model in their own community. Register at [here](#).



THE 8TH UNESCO-APEID MEETING ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION, 9-11 OCTOBER 2019, HANGZHOU, CHINA

This meeting aims to facilitate the digital transformation of entrepreneurship education in the Asia-Pacific region. It will discuss increasing concerns about humans being replaced by artificial intelligence in the workplace along with the challenges faced by young people entering the modern labour market. The event is organized by UNESCO Bangkok in collaboration with the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO and Zhejiang

University. Register at [here](#).



SEVENTH ASIA-PACIFIC URBAN FORUM (APUF-7)

The Seventh Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-7) will be held from 15-17 October 2019 in Penang, Malaysia, to mobilize partners from across the region to focus on accelerating implementation to achieve a sustainable future for cities throughout Asia and the Pacific. APUF-7 will bring a diverse array of cities, expert speakers and thought leaders who are shaping the region's urban future. Held every 4-5 years since the first APUF was held in Bangkok in 1993, the Forum is the

largest regional gathering of urban stakeholders, engaging policymakers from local and national governments, financial institutions, civil society, the academia, the urban training-research community and private sector to discuss innovative solutions, identify common actions and objectives and strengthen effective partnerships to achieve sustainable urban development.

Apply at [here](#).



CHALLENGING INEQUALITY: WORKING TOGETHER FOR A JUST SOCIETY

AASW is proud to launch the Conference 2019, Challenging Inequality: Working together for a just society. This event will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia from 7-9 November 2019. Attracting over 600 delegates from Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region, this event will give attendees an opportunity to exchange information on the current

challenges and trends in the sectors, advance networks, gain peer knowledge from leading experts and review the newest services and products on the market. The conference program will include poverty and social disadvantage, climate change and sustainability, human rights, Reconciliation, mental health, disability, family violence, trauma and abuse, children and youth, aged care, substance abuse and housing. Apply at [here](#).



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