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Wonderful Memories from YC 2002

From 28th July to 4th August the International Youth Convocation took place in Sydney, Australia at the Collaroy Centre. At the convocation were approximately one hundred participants with twenty-nine countries represented.

The Collaroy Centre is situated on a hill overlooking the beach and cliffs. Accommodation consisted of two barracks, one for

girls and one for boys, with twelve rooms of six people in each barrack. The meetings and the program were held in a large conference room in the main building. We enjoyed great Australian tucker (food), in a shared dining room. At Collaroy there were lots of facilities for sport activities such as a tennis court, soccer field and beach volleyball.

We were very impressed with the depth of the thoughts, opinions and ideas expressed by the youth delegates during these discussions.

A lot was achieved throughout these workshops, especially for the Strategic Plan. Say No To Violence guest speaker Dr. John Irvine was very inspiring and worked with everyone to open their minds to the possibilities of the role of Y's Men as

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Get to know the Youth Intern

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 Nationality: Korean
 Favourite Music: All music except Heavy Metal. Especially Classic, Jazz, Hip-hop, Kayo, Pop.
 Favourite Food: Almost everything. I want to try everything that humans can eat!
 Likes: Families, friends, talking with friends, dogs, movies, Sunday nap, taking people's photos, eating great international food with friends, green tea.

Dislikes: Boring days and being lonely.
 Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, photography, photograph collection, playing violin, martial arts.
 Best thing about being a YI: Having great brothers and sisters (Intern Family Forever~), working at Geneva.



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No To Violence program facilitators. Mentioned was the idea of an international 'Say No To Violence Day' by the youth delegates.

The following workshops were held :

Identity, mission and social service. (Ian Randall)

Say No To Violence (John Irvine)

Strategic plan for youth involvement (Angelique Roseman)

Me and my local Y's Men's Club (Kennedy Wabule)

The roles of the IYR, AYR, RYR and YI (Lise Dalsgaard)

Preparing the Youth Report (Angelique Roseman)

On Wednesday a joint session was held with the International Council Members to present the Strategic plan for youth involvement. The ideas were received well with a lot of positive feedback from the experienced Y's Men. It was inspiring for youth delegates to meet and be praised by those who are at the reins of the organisation. It was great to see both parties talking and joking together.

The IYR election was held on Saturday. There were five candidates and after a lengthy voting session they were narrowed down to two candidates, Georg Sjöqvist from Sweden and Aparna G Menon from India. It was a tight competition and Aparna won in the end. As the next International Convocation will be held in India, Aparna will be a great asset for the organisational committee.

In amongst all the serious sessions we had some fun activities. Some of the highlights included an Australian Bush

Band with bush dancing, the famous International Night and a mystery night that turned out to be a personal introduction to Australian wildlife. We visited the aquarium at Manly and cruised the Sydney Harbour with IC.

Special thanks go to Pam & Clarrie Stevens who acted as our camp parents. Others who deserve special thanks are Angelique Roseman (PYR), Lise Dalsgaard (IYR), Martin Dahle, Kennedy Wabule (PYI), Marianne Goh (PYI), Nanami Inada (PYI) and Connie Giorgi (AYR).

Chairperson of the IYC: Kristy Cameron, PYR: Teemu Koivisto



You can buy the IYC CD that contains almost 700 IYC photos, and Address book from Kristy (tosca69@hotmail.com) or Teemu (tpk@nic.fi). Send an E-mail to them. Benefits from selling CD will be used toward Youth Fund. If you want to see some of the IYC photos, you can access them on www.ysmen.org

June-ho Chung: Youth Intern

"OUR CHALLENGE TO YOU, OUR COMMITMENT WITH YOU"

REPORT OF
THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONVOCATION TO
THE 65TH INTERNATIONAL Y'S MEN'S CONVENTION
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 4TH 2002

Introduction: "We are making a difference"

We the members of the 9th International Youth Convocation have rededicated ourselves to this movement and organization. We have committed ourselves to increasing Y'sdom throughout the world by increasing youth involvement. We have addressed the issues of communication, publicity, community service on local, regional, and international levels, and we have set forth specific plans to accomplish our goals. We held seminars with emphasis on "Saying No To Violence", "Me and My Local Y's Men" and "Changes to the Strategic Plan".

Me and my local club

We have been given the opportunity to learn more about the various Y's activities that youth from other regions and areas are involved in at their local clubs. Observance of Time of Fast in February is a major event, with local clubs setting aside one special day for fundraising projects, the proceeds of which will go to Time

of Fast. Some youth actively work as camp leaders or program coordinators at the YMCA. Attending charity events and participating in fundraising programs are done in most local Y's Youth clubs.

However, we have also expressed our intention to be able to widen this range of activities by coming up with creative and concrete projects that we hope to implement in our respective clubs. One way to promote the movement is to hold charity walks while wearing Y's Men's T-shirts. We would like to become more involved in social service through volunteering at rest/retirement homes or helping people with disabilities. Fundraising projects, whether local or international, could be organized not merely to benefit the club but more importantly to serve worthy causes like helping victims of natural disasters.

However, we believe that all of us here have God-given talents that we can share by utilizing our own knowledge and experience in different fields such as education, medical services, and Information Technology. This way we are not only extending our help to others but at the same time, we are working on our own personal growth. By reaching out to other people, we would be able to improve our skills in interpersonal relationships and leadership. By meeting others from diverse cultures we can overcome language

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barriers and broaden our horizons to new and exciting experiences. What we need from you is to let us help in your local clubs so we also feel part of the Y's Men's movement.

The strategic plan for youth involvement

We have agreed upon some changes in our Strategic Plan that all of the youth at this convocation have committed themselves to implementing. The changes, which will set the tone for future youth in Y'sdom are included in the final version of this plan specified in appendix A. The changes in this strategic plan have been approved by the International Council Members and we now need YOUR help to implement this plan.

Say No To Violence

During our "Say no to violence" seminars we were fortunate enough to take part in a roundtable discussion featuring Dr. John Irvine as our guest speaker. Throughout this seminar we were able to touch on some of the issues our fellow Y's Youth are dealing with in their respective areas. We have touched on topics such as crime against women and children, political violence, weapons in schools, the impact of violent entertainment on young people, and domestic violence.

We were able to come up with some programs that we believe will increase awareness of violence and consequently decrease its occurrence within our communities.

The Youth Convocation members came up with these ideas as ways to promote non-violence:

- 1) Calendar showing SNTV day and various Y's Men's days.
- 2) T-shirts / badges worn with pride on SNTV day.
- 3) Incorporate promotion of Y's Men and our various programs at other organization's events.

It was proposed that we begin promoting on a regional level, and then through communication incorporate it on an international level.

Promotion of the Y's Youth activities through the following, were also looked at as ways to increase involvement and decrease violence.

- 1) A youth book containing such material as what the movement is and what it entails. It would also give contacts as to where more information can be received. Information about youth activities would also be included.
- 2) Youth fun fare. Fun day of activities directed at the youth.
- 3) And lastly by forming Y's Youth Clubs we can increase involvement and promote non-violence.

Our challenge to Y's Men's International then is for the technical and financial help we will need to instigate and continue this very important project for the whole movement. Not only is recognizable help important to us but also your continuing positive encouragement. We can work together for a united purpose to promote non-violence.

This is our challenge to you. We hope that you will accept this challenge as we all have committed ourselves to working in synergy with you.

A Word from the International Youth Representative

Our new International Youth Representative, Aparna Menon from India, has written a long and interesting article with reflections on the Youth Convocation and thoughts about the future of youth involvement in Y'sdom. A few highlights are given here. The full article can be found on the Y's Men International website: www.ysmen.org

- "..... 'real participation of Youth' in Y's Men activities should take place. The youth are often told that we are an integral part of the movement. But what I feel is that maybe, with the exception of a few youth who are assigned specific tasks, the majority of the youth don't have a feeling of belonging.
- "..... We are all good followers many times. But how many of us will take up the responsibilities and the risk factor of its consequences to come forward in a situation?"

- "The STEP and YEEP programs have to gain more popularity....."
- "SNTV plans have to be initiated....."
- "..... We need leadership who would take up things. I had a discussion about youth clubs with a few senior Y's Men of my region. Many showed reluctance in encouraging the idea."



STRATEGIC PLAN FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN Y'SDOM (Final Version Recommended by the YC 2002 & Approved by ICM 02)

This final version of the "Strategic Plan For Youth Involvement in Y'sdom" contains the recommendations received from the Youth attending the YC 02 in Sydney in regard to the second draft of "The Plan".

A) PREAMBLE: THE "DOs" AND "DO NOTs"

- We would like young people to be active participants in Y'sdom in leadership training, helping to make decisions and also executing concrete actions, but we do not pretend to be a youth organisation or an organisation that gives service to the youth.
- We wish youth participation within Y'sdom, not "side by side" to it.
- We want to enrich the support we give to the YMCA and the community with youth participation but we do not pretend to compete with the YMCA in the excellent programmes they develop with youth.

B) OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN

The objectives of the plan are:

1. To promote Youth Involvement at all levels of Y's Men (Local, Regional, Area and International levels).
2. To implement a leadership training process at the youth level, to develop the all-round capacity of the youth in all spheres of Y'sdom's operations and programmes.
3. To encourage the update and development of ongoing youth programmes such as YEPP, STEP and International Youth Convocation.
4. To create a new exchange programme for young adults / university students with a duration of one to two semesters.
5. To define and promote other new youth programmes.
6. To increase youth membership in Y's Men.

C) ACTIVITIES OF THE PLAN

1. To have regular meetings of the International Youth Committee through electronic communication and face-to-face meetings once a year.
2. To have periodical consultation with larger youth groups around the world through the Electronic Network.
3. To implement Youth Leadership Training and Personal Development:
 - a. At the International level as part of the programme of the international YC.
 - b. At Area and Regional levels as part of the programme of Area YC and Regional YC.
 - c. At all levels through training from a distance.
4. To organise International Youth Convocations that include: cultural immersion and experience of each country represented, especially that of the host country; presentation of global issues by high profile speaker(s); workshops on Mission and Vision of Y's Men; Say No to Violence; Peace and Justice; Gender Equality, Entrepreneurship Skills; Youth Work Skills; YEPP; STEP; Youth Time of Fast and others.
5. To promote Area and Regional Youth Convocations with similar topics as above.
6. To promote the adoption of Youth Policies at the Local Club level and then at Regional, Area and International levels.
7. To support the creation of Youth/Adult Y's Men's Clubs promoted by Youth Leaders over 28 years who were part of the above activities.
8. To increase youth membership through large-scale promotion of Y's Men International:
 - Creating and/or redesigning promotional/recruitment brochure for use in each Area.
 - Distributing the above to friends, public libraries, community centres, churches and schools.
 - Creating a television advertisement to promote movement (Australia).
 - Encouraging "word of mouth" promotion.
 - Creating electronic bulletin board linked to Y-website.
 - Improving accessibility of electronic *Youth World*, download in suitable format (PDF).
 - Expanding the circulation of *Youth World* to potential members.
 - Promoting youth related programmes by having booth at YC, IC, AYC and AC.
 - Establishing a Youth Fund in each Area (funds raised by youth for youth activities).

9. Y's Men's Youth to attend YMCA Youth Gatherings at International and Area levels as well as the Local level.
10. YMCA Youth to attend Y's Men Youth Convocations at International and Area levels as well as the Local level.
11. To increase the number of participants in the YEEP and STEP programmes.
12. To promote and increase the distribution of *Youth World*.

D) TOOLS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN

The following are the immediate tools to start the implementation of the plan:

1. The International Youth Committee.
2. The Electronic Youth Network.
3. The Web-Site of Y's Men International.
4. The International Youth Convocation.
5. The Area and/or Regional Youth Convocations.
6. The Youth who are members in Local Y's Men's Clubs.
7. The Local Y's Men's Clubs with young members.
8. The Youth Programmes such as YEEP and STEP.

E) HUMAN RESOURCES TO PROMOTE, COORDINATE AND FOLLOW UP ON THE PLAN

1. The overall coordination of the plan will be the responsibility of the ISG with the International Youth Committee.
2. The overall promotion and follow-up of the plan will be the responsibility of the YI and the International Youth Committee.
3. The coordination of the different areas will be under the responsibility of the YI, IYR, ISD YIA, ISD YEEP, ISD STEP.
4. The promotion, coordination and follow-up of the plan at Area and Regional levels will be the responsibility of the AYR, RYR, ASD and RSD for YIA, YEEP and STEP.
5. It will be appropriate that ISDs for YIA, YEEP and STEP be young persons.

F) PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

The way to continue with the implementation of the plan from now is as follows:

1. That the International Youth Committee implements this first step of the plan until ICM 03.
2. That this first step of the plan be adopted and implemented by youth groups at Area, Regional and Local levels, and be used to "wake up" the interest and promote the participation of youth at all levels.
3. That the International Youth Committee prepares a mid year evaluation of the first step of the plan to be presented to MYM 03 and an annual evaluation of it to be presented to ICM 03.
4. That ICM 03, based on the evaluation of the first step of the plan, decides to approve or not the continuation of a second step of the plan.

Geneva, 12 September 2002



Why not join the Intern Family?

Y's Men International is looking for the new Youth Intern who will work for 11 months at the IHQ in Geneva, Switzerland.

If you have

- Active involvement in Y'sdom/YMCA,
- International Experience (YEPP,STEP, IYC)

- Very good English skills

Why don't you apply to be the Youth Intern at IHQ? You should be between



22 and 27 years of age.

Contact ihq@ysmen.org, if you are interested. The application deadline is 31 December.

Youth Time Of Fast [TOF]: 26 February 2003 Dieting — the triumph of mind over platter



Do you know what these projects are?

Health for All (Brazil), Women's Vocational Training (India), Street Children and orphans (India), Y Community Centre (India), Community Development (India), Future of Underprivileged (India), Rehabilitation of Children & Women (India), Integral Development (India), Y Community centre (India)

These are TOF projects 2002/2003. TOF is a popular programme where Y's Men members all over the world traditionally give up at least one meal (usually during the month of February, but it is welcomed anytime you want to act.) and donate the cost of that meal to the TOF fund which in turn makes the money raised available to projects sponsored by both Y's Men and the YMCAs all over the world.

Here you can see a detailed example of a project in India.

Background: Kumbanad is a rural place which has made a very significant advancement in education through Christian missionary work. Although many boys and girls even from very poor homes get a basic formal education, they are unable to make proper living as they have not been trained in various skills. Yet there is a lack of skilled work men in rural areas, for example, to provide electrical and electronic repairs.

Project: the Y's Men Club with over 40 members since 1986 will make an addition to the present Club building to organize a study and seminar centre with a computer, internet connection and projector. There will also be tailoring classes for 100 unemployed women,

and a course in repairing electrical and electronic equipment for technicians.

Budget	US\$
Sewing machines	1,300
Electrical repair equipment	1,600
Salaries for 1 year	1,080
Seminar centre with computer	2,000
Furniture and projector	620
Addition to building	2,500
Total cost	9,100

How to donate?

When you donate money, please tell your Club Treasurer to specify that out of the total amount raised for TOF, this amount comes from Youth TOF. That way when it eventually reaches IHQ, we will be able to see how much comes from Youth TOF. Please do not send money to IHQ directly, as that creates complications as well as being a risk to mail money. Please contact your local club.

Here are some examples of how your friends raised money

- * Sale of home made crafts in Peru;
- * Carol singing and sale of Christmas cakes in India;
- * Flea markets in Denmark;
- * Barbecues, cookouts and food booth;
- * Ask friends to join TOF.

If you would like to know more about TOF projects. go to our web-site !!

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