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CALDYOUTHPOLITICALACADEMY

IMAGINE, INSPIRE, INNOVATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



CYPA 2018

CALD Youth Political Academy 2018
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CONCEPT NOTE

In March 2017, the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats' (CALD) youth wing, CALD Youth, came up with the idea of reorganising the way the body holds its annual events by establishing the CALD Youth Political Academy (CYPA). It allowed the participants to gain knowledge and awareness on strengthening youth leadership in general.

Carrying the theme: "3Is of Leadership: Imagine, Inspire, Innovate", the event also enabled them to learn the fundamentals of strategic visioning, effective communication, and innovative change management. Significantly, CYPA paved the way for a newly organised and reinforced CALD Youth to serve as a primary training ground for young liberals not only within the CALD network, but also for other promising youth leaders in Asia.

As part of the continuing effort of CALD to involve the youth in its Climate Change Programme, the CALD Youth Political Academy goes green this year. For the spinoff to the successful Political Academy launch in Hong Kong last year, CALD Youth will go to the largest city in Central Java, Indonesia this year – Semarang. The series of events will also include visits to the country's capital Jakarta and to the culturally rich city of Yogyakarta.

Semarang's journey into becoming one of the most competitive pioneers of climate change adaptation and resilience in Asia is rooted in its experiences of flooding, coastal erosion, drought, and landslides. According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the city has earned its rank in the top ten core cities in the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN), and completed a vulnerability assessment that launched a number of projects including a flood warning system, rainwater harvesting, and mangrove planting. Semarang has also invested in green procurement, bus rapid transit (BRT), and a switch to LEDs for public street lighting.

The Semarang experience provides a fertile ground for young leaders to create programmes and policy recommendations that can be suitable to their respective communities. Further, it will help the youth to create a society that is economically, politically, and environmentally sound that would fit the needs of the future. In this day and age, youth leaders play significant roles in society, bringing hope to new and older generations alike.

The developing role of the youth in the society is a great manifestation of a growing need for a more smart and sustainable change that the youth should venture on, since their future depends on how they will handle the now. To this end, CALD Youth needs a deeper understanding on the relationship between climate change and the leadership.

In this regard, CALD chooses the theme "The 3 I's of Leadership for the Environment: Imagine, Inspire, Innovate" for this event to assist the participants in broadening their imagination, developing inspiration from successful environmental youth leaders, and acquiring innovative and sustainable solutions to the current debates in their respective fields or disciplines.

Organized in cooperation with the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), this continuing effort of CALD Youth in developing visionary, inspirational, and innovative leaders hopes to strengthen CALD Youth's role vis-a-vis CALD's Climate Change



Programme. More specifically, the objectives of this event are as follows:

- To continue the efforts of CALD Youth officials to reinforce the commitment of the Academy’s alumni in order to strengthen the organization, its members, and its international network;
- To train the members of the CALD Youth on the essential elements of leadership, particularly strategic visioning, effective communication, and innovative and sustainable management;
- To broaden the network of CALD Youth by establishing contacts with other youth leaders from the different sectors of society in Asia and beyond;
- To implement the proposed amendments in the CALD Youth Charter constituted during the CALD Assessment Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand last November 2017 by electing new officers;
- To provide concrete outputs that the youth wing should present to the Executive Committee Meeting during the Anniversary Conference in Bangkok, Thailand on November 2018; and
- To deepen the knowledge and commitment of CALD Youth in the Climate Change debate in a more imaginative, inspirational, and innovative approach.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

Arrival in Jakarta / Introduction of Participants / Welcome Dinner

Arrival in Jakarta

Check-in at the Hotel of International Delegates

Venue: Hermitage Hotel

Welcome Dinner (Hosted by PDI-P)

Venue: Cilacap room, Mezzanine Level, Hermitage Hotel

Attire: Respective National Costumes

17:00 – 17:30 **Registration**

17:30 – 20:00 **Dinner**

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Ivanpal Grewal

Chairperson, CALD Youth

Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia





Hon. Kiat Sittheeamorn

Secretary General, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Deputy Leader, Democrat Party, Thailand

Mr. Hanjaya Setiawan

Secretary of Government Affairs Department
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

Speed-dating - Name Game

Dinner

Cultural Presentation

The delegates will present a brief performance that shall cater the traditions and cultures of their respective countries.

End of Dinner

Return to the Hotel

Thursday, 18 October 2018

CYPA Day 1 | 3Is of Leadership for the Environment: "Imagine"

Attire: Smart Casual

06:30 – 07:00

Breakfast

07:00 – 07:30

**Assembly at the Hotel Lobby
Depart for the PDI-P Headquarters**

09:00 – 10:30

Courtesy call at the PDI-P Headquarters
Jl. P. Diponegoro No. 58, Mentang,
Jakarta Pusat 10310, Indonesia

Session Chair

Mr. Ivanpal Grewal

Chairperson, CALD Youth
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Welcome Remarks

Hon. Pramono Anung

Head Cabinet Secretary, Republic of Indonesia

Hon. Hasto Kristiyanto

Secretary General
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle





Photo Session

11:30 – 12:30

Visit the Indonesian House of Representatives

Jl. Jenderal Gatot Subroto, Senayan
Jakarta 10270, Indonesia

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

Venue: Plataran Dharmawangsa
Jl. Darmawangsa Raya No. 6,
Jakarta 12160, Indonesia

15:00 – 17:00

Session I: Meeting with Jakarta's Young Entrepreneurs

Venue: Impact Hub Jakarta
Jl. Kemang I No.7 Bangka,
Mampang Prapatan
Jakarta 12730, Indonesia

The delegates will meet some of Indonesia's young entrepreneurs. This aims to show how the youth, with clear vision, effective communication, and innovative approaches, can bring change in a developing nation that is very much dependent on the traditional ways of development.

Session Chair

Mr. Iqbal Dawam Wibisono

Researcher, Centre for Economics and Development Studies (CEDS)
Executive Board, Students for Liberty Asia Pacific

Speakers

Mr. Adryan Hafizh

Co-Founder
Kolaborasi

Mr. Rama Raditya

Founder & CEO
Qlue

Ms. Danti Boediono

Operations Manager
Impact Hub Jakarta

Mr. Kevin Cahya

Former Investment Associate
East Ventures

Photo Session





Refreshments

Variable

Free Night

End of Day 1

Friday, 19 October 2018

CYPA DAY 2 | 3Is of Leadership for the Environment: "Inspire"

Venue: Semarang, Indonesia

07:00 – 07:30

Breakfast

07:30 – 07:45

**Assembly at the Hotel Lobby
Depart for Semarang**

11:30 – 12:00

Check-in at the Hotel
Venue: Gumaya Tower Hotel

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch
Venue: Mahogany Room, 5th Level, Gumaya Hotel

13:30 – 14:00

Registration

14:00 – 14:30

Recap of the previous day's activities (Group 1)
The first group to present will report on the previous day's activities and sessions in a creative manner.

14:30 – 15:30

Activity: Strategic Visioning
The participants will use their imagination with the points raised by the young entrepreneurs to formulate a framework for one particular goal: "How to be a young champion of development without compromising the environment?" They will work with their home groups and prepare a presentation that addresses environmental issues and how can they inspire others to address them.

Facilitators

Mr. Ivanpal Grewal
Chairperson, CALD Youth
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Ms. Selyna Peiris
Former CALD Youth Chair
Attorney-at-Law & Business Development Director, Selyn

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee / Tea Break

15:45 – 16:30

Presentation



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Participants will be encouraged to have creative approaches for their presentations (e.g. public speaking, debate, newscasting, etc.)

- 18:00 – 18:15 **Assembly at the Hotel Lobby**
Departure for Dinner
- 19:00 – 21:00 **Dinner** (to be Hosted by the Semarang Local Government)
Cultural Presentation
Venue: Loka Krida Hall, Moch Ichsan Building, 8th Level, City Council of Semarang Complex
- Variable **End of Day 2**

Saturday, 20 October 2018

CYPA DAY 3 | 3Is of Leadership for the Environment: "Inspire"

Venue: Balai Kota Semarang (Semarang City Complex)

- 07:00 – 07:30 **Breakfast**
- 07:45 – 08:00 **Assembly at the Hotel Lobby**
Departure for Balai Kota Semarang
- 08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Inspirational Speech**

Hon. Hendrar Prihadi
Mayor, Semarang City
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Cultural Performance**
- 10:15 – 12:00 **Session II: Communication: The Key to Inspire**
This session will show the audience how to deliver their visions to their respective communities. They will be meeting young leaders and decision makers from various sectors who are practicing such skills on a daily basis. The speakers will share their knowledge on how they effectively translate their ideas, platforms, and values to the people, and what real challenges they face while implementing their visions.

Session Chair

Ms. Selyna Peiris

Former CALD Youth Chair

Attorney-at-Law & Business Development Director, Selyn

Speakers

Mr. Roy Joseph Roberto





Climate Justice Fellow, Climate Tracker
Youth Champion for Climate Action,
The 2030 Project, Philippines

Mr. Imantaka Nugraha
Co-Founder, Students for Liberty
Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia

Mr. Yan Min Aung
Consultant, National Environmental Policy (Myanmar)
Managing Director, 360ed

Mr. John Tobit Cruz
President & Co-Founder, Angat Kabataan
Local Village Councillor, Philippines

Open Forum

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

Venue: Loka Krida Hall, Moch Ichsana Building, 8th Level, City Council of Semarang Complex

13:00 – 14:00

Activity: Establishing and Communicating Values

The delegates will develop concrete strategies on how to establish, promote, and effectively communicate their visions. They will work with their home groups and will be assigned to use different communication tools to deliver their visions.

Moderators

Mr. Ivanpal Grewal
Chairperson, CALD Youth
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Ms. Selyna Peiris
Former CALD Youth Chair
Attorney-at-Law & Business Development Director, Selyn

14:00 – 14:15

Coffee / Tea Break

14:15 – 14:30

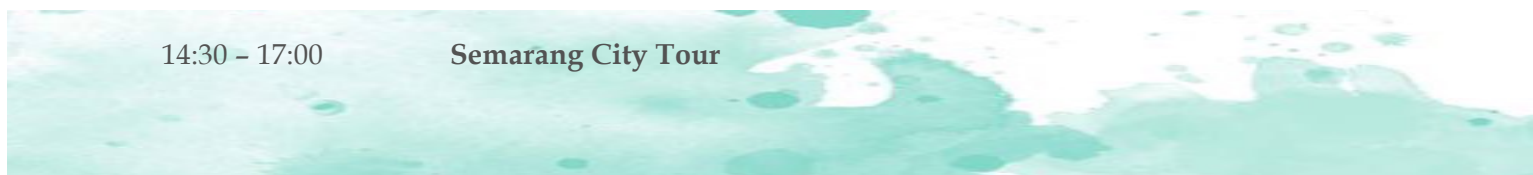
Presentation

Home groups will present through simulations. Each team will think of a unique way on how they will deliver their message that would clearly manifest their visions (e.g. role playing, newscasting, public speaking, debates, etc.)

The purpose of this session is to engage the participants in an interactive presentation of their visions by using different communication skills.

14:30 – 17:00

Semarang City Tour





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*Lawang Sewu
Sam Poo Kong*

17:30 – 18:00 **Assembly at the Hotel Lobby**
Departure for CALD Youth Elections & Dinner

18:30 – 22:00 **CALD Youth Elections & Dinner**
Venue: Nestcology Restaurant

Sunday, 21 October 2018

CYPA DAY 4 | 3Is of Leadership for the Environment: "Innovate"

Venue: Yogyakarta

06:00 – 06:30 **Assembly at the Hotel Lobby**
Depart for Yogyakarta

11:00 – 11:15 **Recap of the previous day's activities (Group 3)**

11:15 – 12:45 **Lunch**
Venue: Villa Borobudur

12:45 – 13:30 **Synthesis: Reflections and Feedbacks**
The participants will anonymously write their comments, feedbacks, and reflections on meta-cards and the facilitator will discuss the comments that will be divided into two sections (Likes and Dislikes).

13:30 – 13:45 **Awarding of Certificates**

Photo Session

14:00 – 17:30 **Observation Trip: Heritage and Environmental Sites**

Borobudur and Prambanan Temples

Batik-Making Experience

The participants will be able to witness, upfront, the culture of Batik, the traditional Indonesian fabric. Significantly, they will be able to speak to the batik-makers and hear their stories of success by sticking to the rich Indonesian traditions, how they innovate, and keep the national fashion in style.

18:00 – 19:30 **Dinner**

Depart for Jakarta

22:30 **Arrival in Jakarta**

Check-in at the Hotel in Jakarta





End of Day 4

Monday, 22 October 2018

Departures

07:00 – 08:00

Breakfast

Variable

Departure of the delegates





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SPEAKERS AND SESSION CHAIRS

WELCOME DINNER

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

Welcome Remarks



MR. IVANPAL GREWAL
Chairperson, CALD Youth
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Mr. Ivanpal Grewal is currently the Chairperson of CALD Youth, the youth wing of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats. He is also the Political Secretary to Hon. May Siew Keong, Gerakan National President and Malaysian Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities.

Apart from his political and organizational career, Mr. Grewal has written various articles and has co-authored the book “Managing Success in Unity” with Ho Khek Hua, Sivamurugan Pandian, and Hilal Othman, published by the Department of National Unity and Integration in 2010. Previously, he works as a columnist at the Star Online.

Previously, he served as a Special Officer to Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon (2009-2012) and Executive Director of Gerakan-linked think-tank, SEDAR Institute (2013-2014), and was the acting Chief Administrator of the Gerakan National Headquarters (2013-2014). He was also formerly a member of the Cabinet Committee on the Promotion of Religious Harmony (JKMPKA).

He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Laws from Cardiff University in 2007 and was called to the English Bar at the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 2009.



HON. KIAT SITTHEEAMORN
Secretary General, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Deputy Leader, Democrat Party, Thailand

Hon. Kiat Sittheeamorn is currently the Secretary General of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD). He is also the Deputy Leader of the Foreign Affairs and Economics of the Democrat Party of Thailand.

Previously, he served as the President of Thai-land Trade Representative (TTR), acting as the special envoy of the Prime Minister on international trade and investment for Thailand. TTR is also responsible for developing strategies, negotiations and implementation of international agreements as well as an Advisor to the House and Senate Committees in the areas of foreign affairs, trade, investment and other economic issues.

Prior to his political career, he served as the Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) of Thailand National Committee, a Director of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and the Deputy Secretary-General of the Board of Trade of Thailand, where he played a crucial role in proposing policies and strategies to various governmental organizations related to trade and investment. Additionally, he was appointed as Thailand's representative in the East Asia Vision

Group to map out new architecture between ASEAN and China, Japan and Republic of Korea. In addition, he had extensive work experiences in many Asian countries, Europe, and the Middle East.

Furthermore, he has written many articles on trade and investment strategies and published the books entitled “As FTA Catches You” and “Government Budget Reform”. Hon. Kiat Sittheeamorn received a Degree in Engineering from Chulalongkorn University, graduated in Business Management from Harvard Business School and a Master’s Degree in International Affairs from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



MR. HANJAYA SETIAWAN

Secretary of Government Affairs Department
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

Mr. Hanjaya Setiawan is currently the Secretary of Government Affairs Department, Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle. He previously served the party as Head of the International Affairs Department of the Central Leadership Board. He also served as the chairperson of the foreign affairs division of the party’s youth wing where he has been an active member since 2006.

Previously, he has also been involved in the Indonesia Young Politician Forum, Mega for President Team (Presidential Election 2004), Professional Society for Democracy, and Institute for Peace and Justice.

He graduated from Trisakti University where he majored in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering.

“IMAGINE”

Thursday, 18 October 2018

Courtesy call at the PDI-P Headquarters

Session Chair



MR. IVANPAL GREWAL

Chairperson, CALD Youth
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Welcome Remarks



HON. PRAMONO ANUNG (TBC)

Head Cabinet Secretary,
Republic of Indonesia



HON. HASTO KRISTIYANTO
Secretary General
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

Hon. Hasto Kristiyanto is the Secretary General of the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle. He also serves as a coordinator for an association for political party reform. He has previously been secretary of the organizing committee for the second party congress of PDI-P. As a former Member of Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia, he focused on the field of trade and investment. He took up International Business at the Prasetiya Mulya Business School.

SESSION I: Meeting with Jakarta's Young Entrepreneurs

Session Chair



MR. IQBAL DAWAM WIBISONO
Researcher, Centre for Economics and Development Studies (CEDS)
Executive Board, Students for Liberty Asia Pacific

Mr. Iqbal Dawam Wibisono graduated from Padjadjaran University in Economics and was a Teaching Assistant in four subjects (i.e., Introduction to Microeconomics, Microeconomics I, Introduction to Econometrics, and Micro-econometrics). He has done several researches and projects with the Center for Economics and Development Studies (CEDS) Padjadjaran University, The National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS), Indonesian Regional Scientific Association (IRSA), and published several articles on pricing and competition, trade, economic development, property rights, and poverty.

He is currently working as a writer at Suarakebebasan.org, an Indonesian pro-liberty website and Executive Board of Students for Liberty Asia-Pacific, a researcher in TNP2K and CEDS Padjadjaran University, and currently initiating a blockchain think-tank in Indonesia. Additionally, Iqbal has presented his studies at Indonesian Regional Scientific Association (IRSA) Conference in 2014-2018, East Asian Economic Association Convention in 2016, Southeast Asian SFL Conference in 2016, Asia Pacific Conference in 2017) and Philippines SFL Conference in 2017.

Speakers



MR. ADRYAN HAFIZH
Co-Founder
Kolaborasi

Mr. Adryan Hafizh is the CEO and co-founder of a progressive startup named Kolaborasi, which he began in March of 2013 with the purpose to encourage and support young people to start their own business. Services that are provided by

Kolaborasi encompasses start-ups incubation, investment, acceleration and collaboration.

The young entrepreneur holds a BA from ITB (Institute Technology Bandung) and was awarded first place in the prestigious Lean Startup Competition in 2014 by creating an application (“Ngutang”), which allow people to lend money digitally without rigorous conditions.



MR. RAMA RADITYA

Founder & CEO

Qlue

The Qlue Application, which is very well known for improving general public services and turning public aspiration and complaints into actionable insights, will not have existed through the breakthrough contribution of its founder, Mr. Rama Raditya.

Mr. Rama Raditya, who holds a Master of Science degree from Strayer University, has an abundant of experiences as a senior IT advisor in the technology industry. The innovation on Qlue application, which he began in 2015, lead his company to accomplish following achievements”:

2015 – Google Playstore Karya Anak Bangsa #4 Best Application in Indonesia

2015 – Google Playstore Nominated as Best Application in Indonesia

2015 – Free Magazine #2 Best Local App

2016 – Selected for one of the top OTT by Kemenkominfo and ATSI

2016 – Grand Finalist Startup World Cup in South East Asia

2016 – Markplus Industry Champion for E-Commerce and Application

2017 – Google Launchpad Accelerator Program

2017 – Indonesian Pavilion – Archipelageek at SXSW

2017 – Sustainable Development Award 2017 – SDGs #16 by JCIM



MS. DANTI BOEDIONO

Operations Manager

Impact Hub Jakarta

A self-proclaimed “yin, yang and everything in between”, Ms. Danti Boediono believes in trying everything once. Her true love lies in dancing though, and her ten-year experience of teaching dance has helped built her soft-skill in her current tenure as Collaboration Facilitator and General Manager at Impact Hub Jakarta at Coworkinc Kemang, one of the favorite co-working spaces in Jakarta.

She has developed a coach’s knack for spotting areas for improvements, and believes that being encouraging, and being a good listener as the major requirements of being a co-working space host. Having also been a stage production crew for years, she also refined her multiple awareness skill essential to face the daily grind of running and maintaining a co-working space.



MR. KEVIN CAHYA
Former Investment Associate
East Ventures

Mr. Kevin Cahya is an Associate in East Ventures that holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with concentration in Finance from University of Southern California. During his time in college, he has managed a start-up called Insight Student Services, a start-up that helps international students to find housing in the US. Over the summer, he interned at Ernest & Young that exposed him to car rental and property industry. After he graduated, he interned at Boston Consulting Group, where he was involved in a banking project. Then, he worked as Operations Project Manager in Zalora Indonesia that exposed him to E-Commerce warehousing and logistics industry.

"INSPIRE.I"

Friday, 19 October 2018

Activity: Strategic Visioning

Facilitators



MR. IVANPAL GREWAL
Chairperson, CALD Youth
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia



MS. BULGAN BAYASGALANT
Former CALD Youth Chair
Communications Head, UNDP Mongolia

Ms. Bulgan Bayasgalant currently serves as the Communications Head of the United Nations Development Programme Mongolia. Previously, she served as the Chairperson of the CALD Youth following her stint as its Secretary General, and was President of the Youth Wing of the Civil Will Green Party of Mongolia. She worked as the Foreign Relations officer at the Civil Will-Green Party, and successfully completed the mission of bringing landlocked Mongolia's third-force liberal party to the fellow Asian liberals' network.

She also held positions at the Parliament of Mongolia and Ministry of Environment and Green Development of Mongolia; thus an ideology of liberalism and green development are always a priority in her career. She ran for the City Council elections in year 2012 as the youngest amongst all candidates.

She has a degree in International Relations, Political Science, and Business Administration from American University in Bulgaria and Butler University, Indiana, USA, respectively.

“INSPIRE.2”

Saturday, 20 October 2018

Inspirational Speech



HON. HENDRAR PRIHADI
Mayor, Semarang City
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

SESSION II: Communication: The Key to Inspire

Session Chair



MS. SELYNA PEIRIS
Former CALD Youth Chair
Attorney-at-Law & Business Development Director, Selyn

Ms. Selyna Peiris (Attorney-at-Law) is the Director Business Development at Selyn, Sri Lanka's only fair trade guaranteed Handloom Company and one of the country's largest social enterprises. She was previously the Deputy Director at the Office for National Unity & Reconciliation within the Presidential Secretariat, Government of Sri Lanka and continues to be a passionate advocate for the rights of women in Sri Lanka.

She has also worked at the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and consults on social business and livelihood development projects for Government, non-governmental and international organizations. She is a graduate of Law from the University of Hull and has Masters Degrees in International Business Law from University College London and Advanced International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Austria.

As a youth activist, she was the leader of the youth wing of the Liberal Party of Sri Lanka and the founding Chair of the Youth Council of the Council for Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD Youth). She also served in the executive committee of the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY). She headed the programmes team of Sri Lanka Unites - a youth movement for reconciliation and was also a driving force behind the informal group Rally for Unity, working towards a racism free Sri Lanka.

Speakers



MR. ROY JOSEPH ROBERTO

Climate Justice Fellow, Climate Tracker
Youth Champion for Climate Action, The 2030 Project, Philippines

Engr. Roy Joseph R. Roberto is a Philippine Youth Ambassador of Goodwill under the 42nd Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP). Being an engineer, he is also a youth leader, and a public speaker rolled into one.

He is currently the Global Climate Director of Nexus Exchange Ltd., a global business hub headquartered in Lancashire, England. In 2017, he was selected as a Climate Justice Fellow of Climate Tracker, where he frontlined climate issues in the Philippines through solutions-based journalism.

He also mainstreamed youth-led green advocacies via radio, TV, and social media. Recognizing his work, he was named as Youth Champion for Climate Action by the 2030 Project, the premier youth organization advocating for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) in the Philippines.



MR. IMANTAKA NUGRAHA

Co-Founder, Students for Liberty
Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia

A jurist by education, a crypto evangelist by passion. Mr. Imantaka Nugraha graduated Law School on 2017 after writing a thesis on cryptocurrency. He majored in business law, state administrative law, and cyber law. On 2015, he co-founded Students For Liberty Indonesia and served as its first president. On behalf of SFL, he has spoken at many events in the entire Pacific region to educate young people about the heart and soul of classical liberalism, and to help them to establish their own pro-liberty student group in their campuses.

On 2017, he was chosen as one of the three finalists for SFL's Student Of The Year Award. At the moment, he serves as one of the Executive Board members of Asia Pacific Students For Liberty.

Besides his activism, Imantaka spends his 9 to 5 working as a Cryptocurrency Investment Analyst in one Jakarta based tech-startup. He is also initiating the first blockchain think tank in Indonesia. Furthermore, he also occasionally writes for an Indonesian libertarian portal Suara Kebebasan (Freedom Voice). His writings there focus on Ayn Rand's Objectivism, the ideas of money denationalization, as well as the potential for the adaption of cryptocurrencies.



MS. BULGAN BAYASGALANT

Former CALD Youth Chair
Communications Head, UNDP Mongolia



MR. YAN MIN AUNG

Consultant, National Environmental Policy (Myanmar)
Managing Director, 36oed

A national environmental policy advisor, Mr. Yan Min Aung is the Managing director of 36oed with a mission to support curriculum development focusing on science subjects, environmental studies, ecology, ethics, law, and government.

His services as a policy advisor include economic valuation of ecosystem services of Myanmar forests, contribution in national policies such as Myanmar National Environmental Policy, Myanmar National Land Use Policy, Myanmar Environmental Quality Guidelines (Industrial Emission), and Environmental Impact Assessment Procedures.

Yan Min Aung has received his Bachelor degree with a major in Chemistry from College of Wooster, where he did his award winning thesis under Dr. Wingfield Glassey, a student of Nobel laureate, Dr. Roald Hoffman. He received his Masters' degree in Environmental Policy from Bard.

In July of 2017, he has joined the board of director of 36oed, which mission is to provide educational policy advice, conduct teachers training and apply technological innovations to pedagogy in Southeast Asia, starting with Myanmar. Due to its effort in commitment to creative solutions to Education problems, 36oed is norminated for UNESCO award for innovation in digital technologies.



MR. JOHN TOBIT CRUZ

President & Co-Founder, Angat Kabataan
Local Village Councillor, Philippines

Mr. John Tobit Cruz is currently a councilor in Barangay Sta. Ana Taytay, Rizal, a local village with a population of about 120,000. He formerly worked with Ayala Foundation as part of the Youth Leadership Development Unit, and eventually in Measurement and Evaluation after being accredited as an Impact Assessor by Shujog Impact Academy in Singapore. He is also the President and co-founder of Angat Kabataan, a youth-led socio civic group based in Taytay that was awarded as one of the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations in the Philippines in 2012 and in the ASEAN Region in 2013 for their river rehabilitation initiative that is now tagged as a model in Southeast Asia.

An advocate of the environment, Tobit has been selected as a youth ambassador for Sustainable Consumption and Production by the United Nations Environment Programme, and has represented the country in different conventions in the US and the Asia Pacific. He has been championing 25 fully-implemented ordinances and 200+ resolutions in their local village addressing environmental issues, empowering young people, and eradicating poverty.

PROFILES OF PARTICIPANTS

CAMBODIA NATIONAL RESCUE PARTY (CNRP)



MR. MENGBUNRONG SENG
Social Media Coordinator, CNRP Youth
Cambodia National Rescue Party

Mr. Mengbunrong Seng is a young activist from the Cambodia National Rescues Party (CNRP), the biggest opposition party that was recently dissolved by the ruling party. He also serves as the assistant of former Cambodian MP, former Chairperson of the CALD Women’s Caucus, and CNRP Vice President, Hon. Mu Sochua, and has been in this career since 2014.

He is the youngest among the other assistants of Hon. Mu, taking responsibility on the social media presence of the party and of the MP. Besides working with opposition deputy leader, he has participated in some environmental programs such as “Along the Water”, a program sponsored by the US Embassy in Phnom Penh, and “Teuk Bottle”, an environment-friendly business StartUp sponsored by SmartSpark.



MR. SOKNGENG CHEN
Chief, CNRP Youth Siem Reap
Cambodia National Rescue Party

From 2012-2015, Mr. Sokngeng Chen served as an officer at the Department of Election and Law at the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) headquarters.

Since 2016, he was elected to be the Chief Youth of the CNRP Siem Reap Province, and on June 4, 2017, he was elected to be the Chief of Sala Kom Reuk commune in Siem Reap City (National Election of Council Commune).

CIVIL WILL-GREEN PARTY OF MONGOLIA (CWGP)



MR. ALTANBAYAR NARANGEREL
Youth Community Specialist
Civil Will-Green Party, Mongolia

Mr. Altanbayar Narangerel assists the party to engage young students from Ulaanbaatar city with different activities of the CWGP Youth wing. He hopes that by engaging different representatives of our society will create public awareness on activities towards youths of Mongolia.



MS. UYANGA ALTANERDENE
Youth Public Relations
Civil Will-Green Party, Mongolia

Ms. Uyanga Altanerdene started her membership with the CWGP Youth in 2014. She helped to establish good relationship among two districts of Ulaanbaatar. She has Bachelor's Degree in English and Master's Degree in Finance.

DEMOCRAT PARTY OF THAILAND (DP Thailand)



MR. PORNPHRM VIKITSRETH
Member
Democrat Party of Thailand

For my Bachelor's degree, between 2010 and 2013, I read politics and international relations at King's College London (KCL) where I graduated at Upper Second Class honours. After taking two years off, I moved across the Atlantic from London to New York for my Master's degree when I attended New York University to study Energy Policy and the Environment, focusing on environmental security.

Straight after graduating my BA degree, I worked as an Assistant to U.S. Congressman Mike Honda for one year in Washington DC, responsible for climate change and environment portfolios, as well as volunteering for the Democratic candidate for the 2013 Virginia Governor. After returning to Bangkok from Washington, I worked as a journalist at the Bangkok Post newspaper when I covered energy, social, and political issues. My main piece was covering the issue of human trafficking in the Thai fishing industry. After finishing my graduate degree in New York, I returned to Bangkok to join the Democrat Party of Thailand where I am involved with the party's policy unit (energy and environmental policies), communications team, as well as a member of the Democrat New Gen (youth wing). Additionally, I am a part-time professor at Thammasat University's Faculty of Liberal Arts, teaching international relations.



MS. SIRIPA INTAVICHEIN
Assistant to His Excellency Chuan Leekpai
Democrat Party of Thailand

Ms. Siripa Intavichein currently serves as the Assistant of former Thai Prime Minister and Democrat Party Leader, Chuan Leekpai. She also holds the title of Business Development Director for Sirinakorn Co., in Thailand. Moreover, she was also elected as a global shaper at the Bangkok Hub of the Global Shapers Community. Ms. Intavichein received her Bachelor's degree from the Mahidol University with a concentration in Entertainment Media and holds a Master's degree in Global Management with Finance and Politics and Governance from the

Regent's University in United Kingdom and from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand respectively.



MR. KOBTHONG NUTTASOPHON
Policy Analyst
Democrat Party of Thailand

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HONG KONG (DPHK)



MR. LEO CHU
Member, Executive Committee, Kowloon West Branch
Democratic Party of Hong Kong

Mr. Leo Chu is currently the Executive Committee of the Kowloon West Branch of DPHK, Committee Officer of the Yau Tsim Mong District and Legislative Assistant of Dr. Hon. Helena Wong Pik Wan. He joined the DPHK in 2013 and started the community service in 2016. As an Ex-Co of Kowloon West Branch, Leo helps DPHK to improve internal communication and cooperation, and strengthen the network in Kowloon West by rebuilding community associations and recruiting members. Also, as a community officer of Yau Tsim Mong District, Leo proactively relink the party and the community by providing community services such as case follow-up, policy advocacy, and organize leisure activities and services for residents. Also, as a Legislative Assistant of a Legislative Councilor, Leo helps the councilor handle social network and multimedia design and also district-based policy research especially health, transport and environment policies.



HON. TED HUI CHI-FUNG, MP
Legislative Councilor, Hong Kong
Democratic Party of Hong Kong

Hon. Ted Hui Chi-fung is a legislator from The Democratic Party, Hong Kong (DPHK) representing Hong Kong island. He is also currently a member of the Central and Western District Council for Chung Wan. Prior to entering public office, he worked as a Policy Research Officer for the party. Hon. Hui studied both in Canada and Hong Kong, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Law with Honours in 2006.

Being one of the youngest legislative council members and an active member of the DPHK – Young Democrats, he is passionate about education and highly believes in the power of youth to influence positive change. It is one of his missions to help mold the youth through democratic values. Hon. Hui's political work mostly focus on youth, environment, education and human rights.



HON. DANIEL SHUM, MP
District Councilor, Hong Kong
Committee Member, Young Democrats
Democratic Party of Hong Kong

Hon. Dan Shum is currently a District Councilor of Wong Tai Sin District. He is also a trainee solicitor with degrees in Politics and Law. Mr. Shum began his political career as an assistant to councilor and later on was elected at that constituency. He is also a committee member of Young Democrats, the youth wing of the Democratic Party of Hong Kong.

LIBERAL PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES (LP)



MR. HARVEY PADILLA
Communications Head
Liberal Party of the Philippines

Mr. Harvey Padilla is a fresh and enthusiastic Media savvy that has proven record in leadership and management where he has handled several organizations in his University and led multiple events and convention. He has also administered numerous Medium-Large scale Social Media pages that helped in increasing 25% of audience engagement and likes where he used his expertise in Adobe Photoshop and other Multimedia platform to create Graphic Design and Video Presentations that captivates the audience. He is a well decorated debater gaining local and national awards that improved his immersion to social issues, research skills and communication. He is a young, spirited, and decisive individual ready to expand his horizon in a growth centered environment.

He received his Bachelor's Degree from the Polytechnic University with a concentration in Broadcast Communication. He is a core member in Youth Wing of the Liberal Party of the Philippines.



MR. JEREMIAH TOMAS
Student Affairs Coordinator
Liberal Party of the Philippines

Mr. Jeremiah Tomas is a Business Economics student at the University of the Philippines - Diliman. He is very much active in the University Student Council serving as the Ways and Means Councilor in which he oversees the income generation and the External Relations of the Council.

Currently, he assumes the role of Student Affairs Coordinator for the Youth Wing of the Liberal Party of the Philippines. One of his main roles is organizing student led initiatives as expansions inside various Universities.

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY (NLD)



MR. WYNE MAUNG SOE

Member

National League for Democracy, Myanmar

Mr. Wyne Maung Soe is a News and Public Relation officer of the Ayeyarwady regional branch of the National League for Democracy (NLD). Before his current position, he was the Chairperson of the Environmental Conservation Committee of the regional branch of the party. Further, he is the founder and chairperson of the Zalun Youth Network, a non-profit community-based organization in his native.

He received his A.G.T.I Diploma, specialized in Mechanical Engineering from West Yangon Technological University in 2009 and his Bachelor's Degree in Science Major in Mathematics from Yangon University of Distance Education in 2013. He accepted other post-graduate diplomas such as Diploma in Peace and Security Studies at Myanmar Institute of Peace and Security Studies (MIPSS), Diploma in International Relations, and Diploma in International Law from Yangon University. Furthermore, he has once handled his own construction material shop for five years but had to stop in order to participate in politics more deeply.

He recently started to study Master's in Public Administration programme at Yangon University of Economics. Moreover, he currently participates as an advisory member of the Emergency Management Committee of Environmental Conservation and Climate Change, appointed by the Ayeyarwady Regional Government. He is preparing to run as a union level candidate in 2020 general elections.

INDONESIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF STRUGGLE (PDIP)



MS. LENI RODIAH

Volunteer

Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle



MS. SUCI BINTA

Member

Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle



MS. DWI ASTUTI
Member
Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

PARTI GERAKAN RAKYAT MALAYSIA (PGRM)



MR. SOO YONG FEI
National Youth Executive Secretary
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Mr. Soo Yong Fei serves as the National Youth Executive Secretary for the Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia. Prior to this, he also held several significant roles in the party such as Branch Youth Chief and State Youth Secretary to name a few.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Decision Science from the Universiti Utara Malaysia. He believes that cooperation and collective action would provide a better environment and a safer future for all humanity.



MR. SIMPSON GOH KAI XI
Social Media Coordinator
Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Mr. Goh Kai Xi joined Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia in late 2017. He first started as an assistant to a former Member of Parliament in Malaysia—performing research, social media, and election campaigns. He was recently appointed as the Social Media Coordinator for the party. He was also tasked to study on tactical campaign strategies uses by political parties worldwide.

He took his Bachelor's degree at the Sheffield Hallam University, UK and majored in International Public Relations.

THE NATION AWAKENING PARTY (PKB)



Mr. Muhammad Habiburrohman
Deputy Secretary General on Youth
The Nation Awakening Party

CALD SECRETARIAT



MR. FRANCIS MIGUEL PANDAY

Program Officer
Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

Mr. Francis Miguel Panday currently serves as the Program Officer of the CALD Secretariat. He performs the general function of handling CALD's Climate Change and Youth Programmes.

Previously, he participated in the Friedrich Naumann Foundation's (FNF) International Academy for Leadership (IAF) in Gummersbach, Germany with the program entitled "Liberals, Property, and the Environment". The seminar focused on the principles of liberalism and how they affect the imposition of property rights in saving the environment. Furthermore, he is a Council of Europe accredited trainer after representing CALD Youth in the Second Training of Trainers organized by the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) in Gummersbach, Germany in 2017. In 2015, he attended the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference in Paris, France as part of the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) delegation, representing the CALD Youth.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, and now is taking his Master's Degree in International Studies Major in European Studies at the De La Salle University Manila, Philippines.



Ms. Audrie Frias

Project and Administrative Officer
Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

Ms. Audrie Frias performs the general function of assisting the CALD Secretariat in its administrative requirements – assists in the administrative needs of CALD's programmes and projects under the direct supervision of the CALD Executive Director.

She was an Economic and Social Council delegate of the Saint Benilde student delegation sent to the National Model United Nations in Olomouc, Czech Republic in 2015.

She finished her Bachelor's Degree in Consular and Diplomatic Affairs at the De La Salle - College of Saint Benilde Manila, Philippines.



Ms. Julienne Janolo
Communications Officer
Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

Ms. Julienne Janolo is the Communications Officer of the CALD Secretariat. She handles the dissemination of information between CALD and the general public through social media. She manages and assists the organization in external communications and promotes a positive image of CALD.

She used to serve as the President of Gabriela Youth, an organization that advocates for women's rights from 2016 to 2017. Moreover, she was also an active volunteer of the Federation of Free Workers, which fights for labourers rights.

She graduated Cum Laude in St. Scholastica's College Manila with her Bachelor's Degree, major in Mass Communication minor in Development Communication.



Mr. Alden Vincent Angosta
Student Intern
Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

Alden Vincent Angosta is a college student from the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde (DLS-CSB), taking up Consular and Diplomatic Affairs, and is expected to graduate on March 2019. He is currently having his internship at the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats Secretariat in Manila, Philippines.

Remarkably, he co-authored an undergraduate research project entitled "Deserted Heroes: A Cry for Help of Domestic Migrant Workers in Saudi Arabia". He was also a delegate at the 20th Benilde Model United Nations, and represented Pakistan in the General Assembly; and was also part of the 2nd Mapua Model United Nations, representing Ethiopia in the United Nations Environment Assembly.



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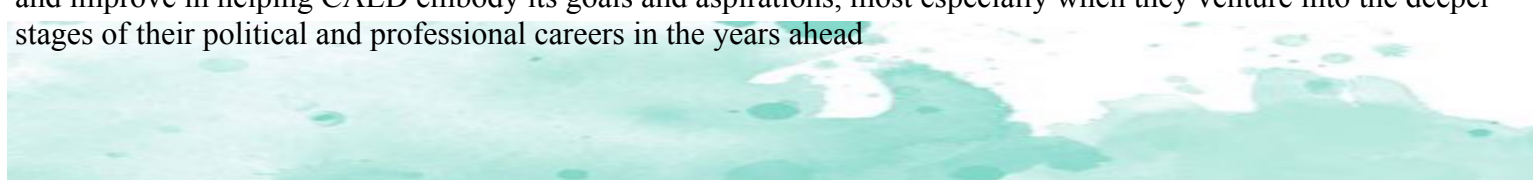
After the success of the celebrated pilot event of the CALD Youth Political Academy (CYPA) that was held in Hong Kong last March 2017, CALD Youth concludes a yet another event not just to look back to, but to bring more ideas and people to along with a bigger, stronger, and bolder platform that is CYPA.

The youth wing convened in Indonesia last 17-22 October 2018 for the much-awaited spinoff of CYPA with over thirty delegates from the CALD network, carrying the theme “The 3Is of Leadership: Imagine, inspire, innovate, for the environment.”

“Life is too short not to live your dreams. Find your passion and make it happen,” CALD Secretary General Khun Kiat Sittheeamorn urged the youth delegates during the visit at the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle or PDI-P’s Headquarters in Jakarta. Sittheeamorn graced the event with utmost joy, enthusiasm, and optimism about the youth’s vital role in shaping a more progressive CALD as the network embarks into its twenty-fifth anniversary next month.

PDI-P Secretary General, Pak Hasto Kristiyanto convinced the delegates that the Indonesian youth has largely become norm entrepreneurs in bringing the party into the limelight of progress and innovation. “PDI-P has dedicated itself to change, innovation, and creativity. That’s how we became the most popular party among the millennials,” explained Pak Hasto. “We are the oldest [political] party in the country, and yet we have been the most digital,” he added. The promising development that the party has shown over the years amazed not just the delegates but the CALD SecGen as well. “We do not have to go far to look for a successful party management, just go to Indonesia, and visit the PDI-P headquarters,” said Sittheeamorn.

These kinds of advancements help the youth arm of the network to work harder on the things that they can still do and improve in helping CALD embody its goals and aspirations, most especially when they venture into the deeper stages of their political and professional careers in the years ahead





Remarkably, this year's CYPA delegates had the opportunity to visit the Indonesian House of Representatives and were able to meet some of Indonesia's young entrepreneurs. This experience helped them see how the youth can bring change in a very competitive society with a clear vision, effective communication, and most especially innovative techniques. However, the highlight of the entire summit was concentrated on the training sessions of the programme where the participants enhanced their knowledge and skills in leadership to become actual agents of a greener cause.

According to Ivanpal Grewal, the previous CALD Youth Chair, "CYPA was a monumental event for CALD and CALD Youth as we managed to get participants from all corners of Asia. By choosing the environment as a central theme, CYPA will go a long way in creating awareness on the seminal challenge of our lifetime, not only on our localities, but in the region as well." Furthermore, his predecessor, former CALD Youth Chair and now United Nations Development Programme (Mongolia) Communications Officer, Bulgan Bayasgalant said, "I believe that the main obstacle in tackling environmental issues rests in people's behaviours. For several days participating in CYPA, we might have inspired some influential regional youth to become stronger voices that can be further echoed in their respective spheres."

The intense workshops on strategic visioning, effective communication, and sustainable management led to a fruitful discussion on what they can do to magnify the ideals of CALD Youth in its journey to becoming a more environmentally sensitive organization. Hence, they were able to develop and formulate concrete project proposals to start working on for the next two years. To have started on something is already a breakthrough, and this basically gives the hint of ending this event hopeful than ever.

CALD Program Officer Francis Miguel Panday said, "for over four years of being part of the CALD Secretariat as a project assistant, now a program officer for youth and climate change, I never felt this determined to actually work harder on what the liberal youth can do to bring real change in an imaginative, inspiring, and innovative approach." "CYPA is a special platform where young leaders are trained not just to fish, but to become the big fish themselves," he added.

New officers take over



Originally, there were only two positions that occupy the CALD Youth leadership: the Chairperson and the Secretary General. The decision to add two more positions — Vice Chairperson, and the Public Relations Officer — was finalized unanimously, and was later successfully adopted during the 36th CALD Executive Committee in Bangkok, Thailand.



As a result, new officers take over the leadership. The delegate from the Democrat Party (DP) of Thailand, Siripa Nan Intavichein won the highest position, which is the chairperson, followed by Leo Chu from the Democratic Party of Hong Kong (DPHK) as the Vice Chairperson, Jeremiah Tomas from the Liberal Party of the Philippines (LP) as the Secretary General, and Mengbunrong Seng from the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) as the Public Relations Officer.

The new set of officers were equally enthusiastic and optimistic of what they can do to continue the endeavours that their predecessors have built. They initiated the implementation of a regular online meeting among the CALD Youth officers and its members in order create an atmosphere of a more intimate and committed set of liberal youth across the network; this was also a way of tracking the ideas and developments for future CALD Youth activities.

These are just among the many platforms that the new officers target. On the upcoming 25th Anniversary Conference of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats in Bangkok, the CALD Youth Chair is set to propose to the Executive Committee the project proposals that came out of this year's CYPA.





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Delegate: Leni Rodiah

Party: Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle



#CALDYOUTH is the young generation of leaders.

We are all different. We present 9 countries in South East Asia, good think we have one thing in common: English, our unifying language.

The big theme for the CALD Youth Political Academy (CYPA) is political education and climate change. Our process started in Jakarta, then Semarang, then Yogyakarta, and we flew back and ended in Jakarta again.

The differences starting from the region, the language, the habits, the custom, and the other varieties are interesting. We have all of these differences and possible barriers for understanding but CYPA was enough for us to gather to understand and learn all these differences as well as for the other issues that we have no idea about.

I value the result of this learning experience. I was able to experience a few fun days with my new friends. Starting to learn the differences is one of the journey of the process of creating beautiful friendships.

#indonesia, #philippines, #thailand, #myanmar, #hongkong, #srilanka, #malaysia, #mongolia #cambodia

One thing we really understand is that, we are different but we are all one in fighting for peace in this world.





Delegate: Harvey Padilla,
Party: Liberal Party of the Philippines



The whole journey of CYPA 2018 revolved on the cultural, social and political convergence towards a regional response to growing issue of Climate Change. As liberals and democrats, we value the diverse narratives and experiences to craft a more receptive solution to global issues. Through the Council of Asian liberals and Democrat, the 6-day event which was held at the beautiful cities of Semarang, Jakaarta and Yogyakarta, the mix of regional leaders from different counties sharing their unique experiences and best practices to better and innovative solutions.

The program gave new perspectives and realities with everyone who shared their local situations and how we were given opportunity to explore, discuss and share solutions. And as the discussion goes along, the vision seems clear to everyone, the value of regional alliances and connecting with people aligned with our ideology and principles will definitely help us understand problems and seek a unified and tested answers.

Indeed, CYPA brings so much hope for the Liberals and Democrats of Asia to harness solutions to the emerging problems of the society. More than the learning, I deeply cherish the moments and friendships made in the fellowship. It is inspiring and moving. From the Philippines, we are ecstatic to craft and make into reality the proposal and ideas we have shared and co-created.

In these trying times CALD through CYPA should be at the forefront of protecting liberalism and democracy throughout our region. This is a tough task to ask from such young leaders who are yet to dwell in the political realm. These kinds of collaborations are what we need in our region, where in we shape the young liberal leaders that will lead the new era of our tomorrow.





Delegate: Siripa Intavichein

Party: Democrat Party of Thailand



The CALD Youth Political Academy (CYPA) was a successful platform for young liberals to convey the message of youth participation in the democratic and liberal struggles of political parties across Asia in an imaginative, inspiring, and innovative way. We discussed current issues from the different countries, and conceptualized solutions to these problems, together as a region. We shared our different experiences to encourage one another. More importantly, we were able to build a stronger bond and connection in the region. CYPA 2018 has been a wonderful experience for all of us. It has empowered each individual to become the future leaders of Asia.

I came to Indonesia for this second CYPA as a young member of the Democrat Party of Thailand, representing not only my party, but also my entire country. I went home as CALD Youth's new chair, and for most of my journey so far, I have felt challenged, more than pressured.

Now, I do not only represent my party in a pool of equally competitive and well-known political personalities, but I represent the whole of young Asian liberals in this continent and beyond.

In and with CALD Youth, I hope that I will be able to channel the needed changes, together with the other officers, and the Secretariat. As we continue to keep up with change, we will cultivate what is already fertile within our potentials so that we can bring out the values of CALD Youth to others, and make them more imaginative, inspired, and innovative.



Delegate: Ted Hui

Party: Democratic Party of Hong Kong



Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats together with the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDIP) hosted the CALD Youth Political Academy in Indonesia from 17 – 22 October 2018. The event was attended by delegates from different countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Mongolia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. This is the second year CALD Youth hosted a political academy aiming to train youth leaders within CALD network on the essential elements of leadership, particularly strategic visioning, effective communication, and innovative and sustainable management. It was also aiming to broaden the network of CALD Youth by establishing contacts with youth leaders from different sectors of society in Asia and beyond. Attending this conference was not only essential in order to meet other democratic leaders around Asia but it was also personally interesting since the topic of Climate Change was also discussed. A part of the conference was held in the largest city in Central Java – Semarang. This city is becoming one of the most competitive pioneers of climate change adaption and resilience in Asia with projects such as flood warning system, rainwater harvesting and mangrove planting.

Hong Kong's situation might be considered quite manageable compared to other cities such as Semarang, but it is also not getting better. Recently, Hong Kong was hit by Super typhoon Mangkhut – the highest typhoon warning was issued as strong winds and heavy rain shook the city. The typhoon aftermath was also devastating leaving properties damaged, commuters stranded for hours at the MTR station, a numerous number of fallen trees blocking roads, flooded areas and beaches left upturned and covered with marine refuse. The government of Hong Kong needs to be able to rethink and advance its storm resilience strategy. Hong Kong could also adopt a real-time data platform that should be supported by the government in order to keep citizens updated of the situation in every area and for them to be able to receive clearer and faster advisories regarding road blocks that cause disruptions to public transport.

Apart from being inspired about this city's climate change resilience programs, it was also enlightening to be able to share political views and stories with other members of parliament of Indonesia. PDIP is the oldest traditional party in Indonesia – it gained 53% of the votes garnered nationally during the most recent presidential elections in 2014. This shows how huge their voters' spectrum is. Currently their youth participation is even getting better as they use digital technology and social media to strengthen the young generation's involvement. This could be one of the models and best practices DPHK could develop and execute.

As one of the younger legislators, creating and building a network is very important. The only way to truly maintain the essence of democracy is through open communication, discussion and being able to work democratically and innovatively with new emerging needs of present and future generations – may it be in terms of governance or climate change.



Delegate: Habiburrahman El Hanafi

Party: National Awakening Party



The CALD Youth Political Academy (CYPA) was a nice opportunity to meet new people from other countries. I had a lot of fun learning and listening to their stories and backgrounds. I learned a lot about each other's political status in their own countries.

It was very fun meeting and talking to young politicians from Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar and the other countries. I was also able to meet other officials from my country Indonesia. I met members and officials of PDIP during our visit in their headquarters in Jakarta. I also met the government officials of Semarang when we went to their municipality. There are many things I learned and did.

I hope I can participate again in the future CYPA.



Delegate: Simpson Goh

Party: Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia



Working with them in the past 6 days, my mind has truly enlightened. I was surrounded by youth leaders across Asia and I felt so little. Because with my age, I could have done a lot already. Leaders, politicians, entrepreneurs, environment activists you name it, I was able to meet all of them. Thank you former chairs for your leadership. Thank you officers for making CYPA possible. Terima Kasih. #CYPA2018



Delegate: Leo Chu

Party: Democratic Party of Hong Kong



Memories of CALD Youth Political Academy Summit 2018 at Indonesia.

亞洲自由民主聯盟青年部政治學院 2018 一連六日的印尼之旅已完滿結束。

It was a wonderful trip in Indonesia with all friends in different ASEAN countries to share about their experiences and insights on climate change and innovation.

In the trip we visited the headquarters of the governing party - PDI-P. They struggled for decades to turn Indonesia to a better place with true liberty and democracy, without compromising people's livelihood and cultural diversity.

We also visited Semarang, a city with agility and passion.

In the trip, we also visited various young entrepreneurs in Jakarta. They all have brilliant ideas to improve the city with innovative ways.

Also, I was honoured to be elected as the new vice-chairperson of CALD Youth, the youth branch of the Council of Asian Liberal and Democrats. We will continue to find ways to connect youth among the ASEAN countries and bring another CYPA to more youngsters.

Thanks for the arrangement from the CALD Youth Secretariat I wish we can find more new faces in the next CYPA.

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Delegate: Mengbunrong Seng

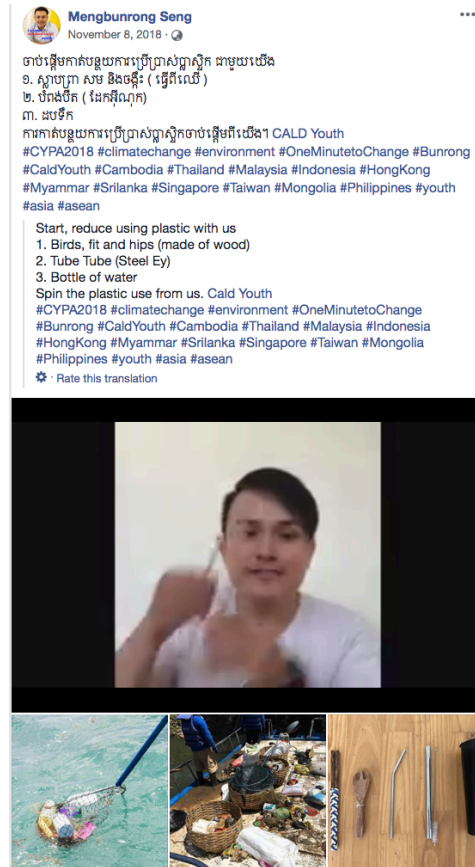
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In CALD Youth, we learned about how to fight climate change. Start and reduce using plastic with us. You can start by using eating utensils made of wood, stainless straws, and bringing a bottle for your water. I got these materials when I participated in the CALD Youth Political Academy which focused on climate change. Minimizing the use of plastics for our environment, starts with us.





Speaker: Roy Joseph Roberto, Philippines



HAVE YOU MET TED?

Last October, I got invited as Speaker for the CALD Youth Political Academy (CYPA) 2018, which was held in three cities in Indonesia: Jakarta, Semarang, and Yogyakarta.

The program was fully sponsored by the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats, the biggest regional political alliance in Asia.

This year, CYPA had a truly diverse mix of speakers and participants--legislators, policy consultants, party representatives, councilors, and youth leaders and advocates.

In the Strategic Visioning session of the program, I was tasked to present solutions to a number of environmental challenges in Hong Kong caused by massive land reclamation projects.

Thank god I was paired with Ted, who happens to be a Legislative Councilor of the Democratic Party of Hong Kong. He proposed to convert military lands into residential spaces to reduce the creation of new land from oceans and riverbeds.

CYPA has been a quite unique journey for me on a personal level. It gave me the opportunity to exchange ideas and co-create project proposals with policy influencers and lawmakers from different parts of Asia.

We have submitted our output to the CALD Secretariat, and I really look forward to seeing our hard work come to fruition.

Thank you, CALD, for this awesome opportunity.



Speaker: Tobit Cruz, Philippines



5 years with my district, and almost 12 years being active in the community, I admit that there are still a lot I need to learn. I also know that our projects and initiatives are not perfect, and there are still areas for improvement.

However, it was a great honor to share these to the different leaders in Asia -- all of our successes, failures, and our dreams for the country.

