

20 February 2022

Dear Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady,

I am pleased to inform you that the United Nations of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is organizing a virtual youth advocacy sharing session on "Youth Leadership for Peaceful and Inclusive Society in the Post-Pandemic World" as a closing session of the 2021 South-East Asian Youth Empowerment Dialogues, organized with the support of the Government of Japan. This sharing session will be held on 25th February 2022 in an online platform (Zoom), co-organized by 20 South-East Asian youth representatives aged 18-30, and will be participated by around 30 youth participants aged-15-19 years old.

The objective of this youth advocacy sharing platform is to support youth empowerment in educational activities related to criminal justice, crime prevention, and rule of law issues, as well as their relationship with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Education is key to empower children and youth to become agents of change by providing knowledge and skills to address issues related to the rule of law in their societies and also their role as a global citizen. The sharing session will likewise represent a follow-up to the recommendations of the previous 1st Global Youth Forum on The Culture of Lawfulness 2021, held in Japan in October 2021.

To ensure a meaningful session, we are honoured to invite you as our keynote speaker in this session on 25th February 2022 (Friday) 6- 8 PM GMT+8, in your capacity and experience in peace advocacy, global citizenship education and youth development. The proposed topic for your 5 minutes slot is "**Youth Roles in Sustaining Peace Post Covid-19 as a Global Citizen**". We believe your insights and support would be valuable for the youth as inspiration during the session.

Your support and participation are highly appreciated. Our organizing team shall communicate the arrangement of this in detail in future correspondence. Enclosed is the tentative agenda for your kind attention. We are looking forward to your response by email to make the necessary arrangements, no later than 24th February 2022. Should you require further clarification please contact Ms. Sharifah Norizah <u>sharifah.norizah@un.org</u>.

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We thank you for your kind interest in supporting our initiative and mission towards young people's empowerment throughout the South-East Asia region.

Sincerely,

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