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# YOUTH ROLES IN SUSTAINING PEACE POST-COVID-19 AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN

*Youth Leadership for Peaceful and  
Inclusive Society in the Post-Pandemic  
World*

Southeast Asian Youth Empowerment Dialogues

*By*

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# SPEAKER

Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady is an Assistant Professor at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC- IIUM). Besides that, he holds various external positions such as Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT), The Hague, Netherlands; Associate Research Fellow at the Accounting Research Institute (ARI), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia, International Advisory Committee Member at Global Peace Institute (GPI), United Kingdom, and Deputy Director, Alumni Relations Division (ARD), IIUM. Since 2011, he works closely with the Special Branch's Counter-Terrorism Division, Royal Malaysia Police, and Prison Department to implement the Rehabilitation and Deradicalisation programs for individuals detained under terrorism laws in Malaysia.

*The youth needs to ride the wave of globalisation, building global mindset, being the agent of peace, playing an active role in youth diplomacy, and building resilience as a global and digital citizen.*



Ahmad is also a member of the Deradicalisation Panel and Expert/Specialist appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs for cases investigated under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act (SOSMA) 2012 and Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) 2015. Prior to that, he was a consultant to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) (2019) and co-authored a report with Ben Schonveld, senior consultant at the United Nations

Ahmad also served as a think- tank member (2014-2019) and consultant (2018-2019) to the Institute for Youth Research Malaysia (IYRES), Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia. Ahmad is now a Co-principal investigator for two-year research at the IIUM-ISTAC's Extremism Analytical Unit in collaboration with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses of Terrorism (START), University of Maryland (2018-2020).

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

## Organized by:



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## SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT DIALOGUES

### Virtual Youth Advocacy Sharing Session on:

### “YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY IN THE POST-PANDEMIC WORLD”

#### Keynote Speaker:

#### Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady

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#### Youth Speakers:

- **Mr. Pham Nguyen Duc Anh**  
Youth Leader, Vietnam
- **Ms. Chea Pichdalen**  
Youth Leader, Cambodia
- **Ms. Maria Theresa Llorente**  
Youth Leader, Philippines

#### Intervention Slot:

- **Ms. Amina Mubarak Ahmad**  
Youth Advocate, ShE Leader Africa Matters  
initiative



#ALL  
OF US  
MATTER

**25 FEBRUARY 2022 (FRIDAY). 18:00-20:00 GMT+8. VIRTUAL PLATFORM (ZOOM)**

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.



# RIDING THE WAVE OF GLOBALISATION



We are living in the interconnected world that we can call as "globalisation of the local, and localisation of the global"

*Globalisation presents the youth with an opportunity to become a global citizen, and ability to build a global connection. It is an opportunity that our ancestors had never experienced before.*

- Building interest in a global issues, crisis, conflict
- build global networking, individual or organisation
- optimise the use of information and technology to raise awareness on national and global issues.
- being a digital citizen



# BUILDING A GLOBAL MINDSET

## MINDSET

To become a global citizen, we need a global mindset

*Think global, while remains locally embedded in our own community. Bring up the local problem for a global solution.*

- Train the mind to see ourselves as part of the global community, who are able to contribute meaningfully to the local and global problems.



# YOUTH DIPLOMACY

Youth needs to prepare themselves to play a role in youth diplomacy. Youth needs to be given opportunity to participate in discussing issues at the global arena

*Youth role in diplomacy is also vital. They are the future leaders who can shape the nature of interaction between countries.*

- Developing negotiation skills and the art of diplomacy.
- Developing language competency in the world's major languages.
- Interaction with diplomats, exchange program, internship.





# BUILDING RESILIENCE

Covid-19 pandemic is a crisis. To live in a crisis, we need resilience. Youth need to cultivate holistic resilience; physical, emotional, cognitive, spiritual, social, and digital resiliency.

*Youth as resilience energiser.  
They need to build internal  
and external resilience.*

- Build holistic resilience requires personal efforts and good support system.



# YOUTH IS AN AGENT OF CHANGE

We live in a challenging world - pandemic, climate change, natural disaster, poverty, famine, war and conflict. It also presents us an opportunity to overcome those challenges, to build resilience, and being the agent of change, instead of surrendering to the fate of destruction.



***If you want to make a change, say something, do something and be something!***