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# GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT MALAYSIA 2020



# POST EVENT REPORT

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# INTRODUCTION: GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT



*Global Peace Chain (MAPS) envisions to build resilience, cultivate the culture of tolerance, inclusivity, interfaith harmony, peaceful co-existence, love & social peace building across borders through peace camps in educational institutions, interactive sessions, peace talks with society stakeholders, diplomats, religious scholars and community-based organization/ groups across the globe and by engaging Global Peace Ambassadors in this process.*

*This year's Global Peace Summit was held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 26-29 Feb. 2020. The Summit provided an opportunity for young and enthusiastic peace-builders from 70+ countries to develop their ideas, road maps to achieve sustainable development goals, and advocate peace in their communities to counter extreme violence, hate, and every kind of discrimination. The Summit provided the youth with a dynamic platform to enhance their leadership skills and share innovative solutions for some pressing world issues.*







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## Peace Summits-

*With a severe surge in the depletion of peace and harmony that has overtaken the human mind, today, it becomes imperative for all of us to look into the need and locus for peace. In times such as these, it also becomes essential to dissolve our differences and mingle with those from different backgrounds and nationalities to talk about the future that we aim to construct for ourselves.*

*For the past two years, Global Peace Chain has successfully organized 300+ social campaigns including 8 Global & National Peace Summits (South Africa, Ukraine, Kurdistan-Iraq, Nepal, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan and Malaysia). It has also collected 410,200+ signatures on the Peace Petition with the help of their passionate Global Peace Ambassadors and aims to submit the same at the UN HQ.*



## PREVIOUS SUMMITS





# SUMMIT THEME

DISARM HATE, DISCRIMINATION,  
EXTREMISM-INITIATE TOGETHERNESS,  
HARMONY & LOVE

*Multiple panel discussions and workshops were held. Topics covered areas such as Youth Inclusion for Conflict- Prevention and Sustainable Peace, Religion: Victim of Oppression, a Vehicle for Violence, and The Role of the Media: Encountering Violence.*

*With the participation of 150+ delegates from over 70 countries across the globe, the summit provided much more than just discussions on religious intolerance, power of media and 5th generation wars.*

*The summit provided the participants with an opportunity to expand their knowledge of International relations, the concept of peace and war, etc. and most importantly encouraged peacebuilders to raise the alarm and act if their personal space or rights are violated.*



DAY 1

# ORIENTATION SESSION



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*The event commenced with an opening speech by Director Programmes - Muhammad Ahmad. He greeted delegates and introduced The Global Peace Chain's mission and vision. The Director, in his welcome address, expressed his admiration for the global peace ambassadors and the change they have brought in their societies. Furthermore, he articulated the significance of 'Peace by Dialogue' and how development and Peace are interlinked. At the same time, he tried to get acquainted with all delegates by explaining Global Peace Chain's structure and achievements. The Director also explained the role of Global Peace Ambassadors in Conflict- Resolution and Peace Building. It was an interactive session which concluded with the feedbacks and suggestions from peace-builders on the aim/ goal and functioning of the Global peace chain.*





## MEDITATION SESSIONS

*Trainer: Lidia de la Garza*

*Moderator: Ziomara Estrada*

*Ms Lidia de la Garza started the session by highlighting the importance of meditation for attainment of deep inner peace. She said that we often store energy and emotions throughout our bodies, which can hinder the flow of chi (life force). Our being and meditation are all about gently letting go of the blockages that we are ready to release to restore our flow and vitality. She emphasised that meditation is a deep cleansing and healing activity as it unveils the light of our souls. Assisted by the moderator (Ms Estrada), Ms Lidia encouraged the delegates to focus on the interactions between their brain, mind, body and their behaviour. She also expressed how focusing on breathing is often overlooked, yet a compelling way to find serenity in the storm and hence is an invaluable tool for conscious living. The session left an indelible impact on the participants, and they felt more relaxed and were pumped with energy. In the end, the trainer also encouraged the participants to make meditation a part of their daily routines.*





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## SIGNING OF PEACE PETITION & CLOSING SESSION

*After the mediation session was over, Executive Director Mr Kamran used the platform to acknowledge the contribution of all the delegates and peace ambassadors of Global Peace Chain. He also discussed how differences should be seen as cultural enrichment instead of grounds for division and conflict. He explained that "the principality of shared future, harmony, unity and love for heterogeneity are a few tenets that will not just be preached but also practised at this conference." He encouraged the delegates to preach and practice these tenets in their societies as well.*

*Mr Kamran explained that the way to achieve peace is through dialogue. This is also a reason why the Global Peace Chain is crusading to get 1,000,000 signatures from people from all walks of life and present it at the United Nations Headquarters. Petitions are a great way to show support for your efforts, attract the attention of the community and policy-makers, and bring most importantly to bring a change. Petitions demonstrate group strength. Representatives from over 70 countries signed this petition.*

*He also encouraged peacebuilders to come up with innovative measures for the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. He believes that wars are no longer economically viable. Change is occurring so fast that nations are struggling to keep up with both the legal and social ramifications. Our notions and concepts of peace are changing with it. Today every developing country want to provide a better way of life to its citizens. Peace among different nations will play a vital role in the economic development of a country. Hence, peace and development are interlinked. The session ended with a melodious rendition by the Malaysian delegates, of their country's national anthem. Their harmonious voices in sync created a vibrant atmosphere.*



DAY 2

# STAND UP FOR A CHAMPION

DISCUSS, DELIBERATE AND TAKE ACTION

*Day 2 of the Global Peace Summit commenced with a standing ovation for the directors of Global Peace Chain. This was a beautiful gesture by the delegates to show gratitude for their work on world peace and the implementation of the UN SDGs.*

*Boosting youth participation to shape a better world for all, based on the 2030 UN SDGs was a recurrent theme during the session. It was felt that including youth at all levels of decision-making is crucial for fostering positive social change and creating sustainable societies. Delegates also emphasised that youth must be enabled to act as agents of positive social change, contributing to promoting awareness of the 2030 Agenda and using sports and intercultural dialogue as tools to enhance tolerance and respect for human rights.*



**SUMMIT- DAY 2**



## SUMMIT-DAY 2



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### OPENING SPEECHES BY MR. KAMRAN ZAFAR (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR), MS. FATIMA (ADVISOR UPSI) & MR. MUHAMMAD AHMAD (DIRECTOR PROGRAMS)

*The speakers were delighted to see the enthusiasm of the delegates. They emphasised on the fact that mutual efforts are required to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. A greater emphasis was placed on the need to safeguard the interests of minority groups.*

*They called upon delegates to discuss issues encompassing humanitarian crisis, to uphold fundamental human rights, to form a joint plan of action, and to develop solutions through dialogue and mutual understanding. A Global Peace Chain Documentary, which recounted past years' projects and initiatives, was shown to delegates, to help them create their proposal.*



## SUMMIT- DAY 2







# DIPLOMATS PANEL TALK

*The Diplomats Panel Talk focused on Peace Education: The Role of Youth in Peace-building. Here the moderator, Alexandre Gosselin, discussed how the young leaders could bring peace to the world. Panel members shared their experiences, thoughts, and opinions on the role of youth in peacebuilding. They discussed how youth could act as mediators, community mobilisers, humanitarian workers and peace brokers. Like any particular conflict-affected population group, the mobilisation of youths' capacities requires a targeted and long-term approach.*

*Participants also spoke about the problems of their respective countries, the diplomats agreed that the central reason for any war and conflict is a difference in opinions. Religious intolerance and fake news are the major reasons for these differences. Therefore, diplomats urged all the delegated to effectively bring about a secularity of ideas in order to make their society free from all sorts of discrimination.*

*Lastly, there was a discussion cum training session on conflict management and how to handle conflicts sensibly, reasonably and efficiently.*





## YOUNG LEADERS TALK



The Young Leaders Panel Talk was focused on sustainable solutions that can be brought by the younger generation. Panelists mentioned that young people are usually tech-savvy and should use information and communication technology to their advantage. At the same time, they also emphasised the human aspect of life and described how technology is a mighty weapon, and should not be misused.

Furthermore, they emphasised how social media platforms can prove to be a crucial tool in the dissemination of information, particularly in conflict situations. They also spoke about the methods through which novel technologies can be used to assist those who have been traditionally marginalised, victims of human rights violations, and are more likely to be affected.

They showed how young people could be instrumental in devising means and ways to empower women, educate girls, advocate for climate action and ensure access to safety and security. Delegates demonstrated their conviction in creating new organisational and societal value of innovating responsibly with emerging technology along with embracing continuous learning and knowledge exchange.



## PANEL TALK



## RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS PANEL TALK

*During the Religious Scholars Panel Talk, panelists spoke about the role of religion to counter the rise of conflicts and terror. They shared their views on faith, traditional doctrines, and their fluctuations across the world.*

*They agreed that religious doctrines have evolved throughout the years and that there is a need to interpret them while taking into consideration their applicable contexts.*

*They also mentioned that the world must reject those who falsely and maliciously invoke religion to build misconceptions, to fuel division, to spread fear and hatred. We must be vigilant about attempts to instrumentalise religion, identity to restrict the full enjoyment of rights by others, and to perpetuate or justify inequalities. One of the delegates also mentioned that there are richness and strength in diversity; it is never a threat. Profiting from that diversity requires a strong investment in social cohesion policies. We have much wisdom to guide us on our way.*

*Finally, all agreed that "Hatred is a threat to everyone and so this must be a job for everyone."*



# MIDDLE EAST STORY

## THE CRISIS AND CONSEQUENCES OF CONFLICTS BY MR. BADR OMER BABRISH (YEMEN)



*A journalist asked this Syrian girl to smile*

*Delegates from the Middle East demonstrated the long-lasting conflict between the Arab countries and Israel. A presentation on- Palestinian loss of land (1946-2000) and oppression of Palestine by Israel shed light to the disestablishment of the region, war crimes, violation of international laws, crimes against humanity, human suffering and hatred.*

*The delegate from Yemen gave a presentation on the Syrian war and the refugee crisis. In his performance, he also shed light to the fact that over 5.6 million people had fled Syria since 2011. The main reason was to seek safety in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and beyond. Millions more are displaced inside Syria and, as the war continues, hope is fading fast.*



*Delegate from Yemen, explaining the Middle-East conflict*

*In Yemen around 24 million people require immediate humanitarian assistance, 12 million are children. Moreover, the delegate also talked about how developed nations have exploited the Middle East for their resources.*

*At last, a positive and influential role by the international community is required. For centuries, the region has been at the centre of struggles for religious and economic dominance, citizens want all this to end soon!*





# AWARD CEREMONY

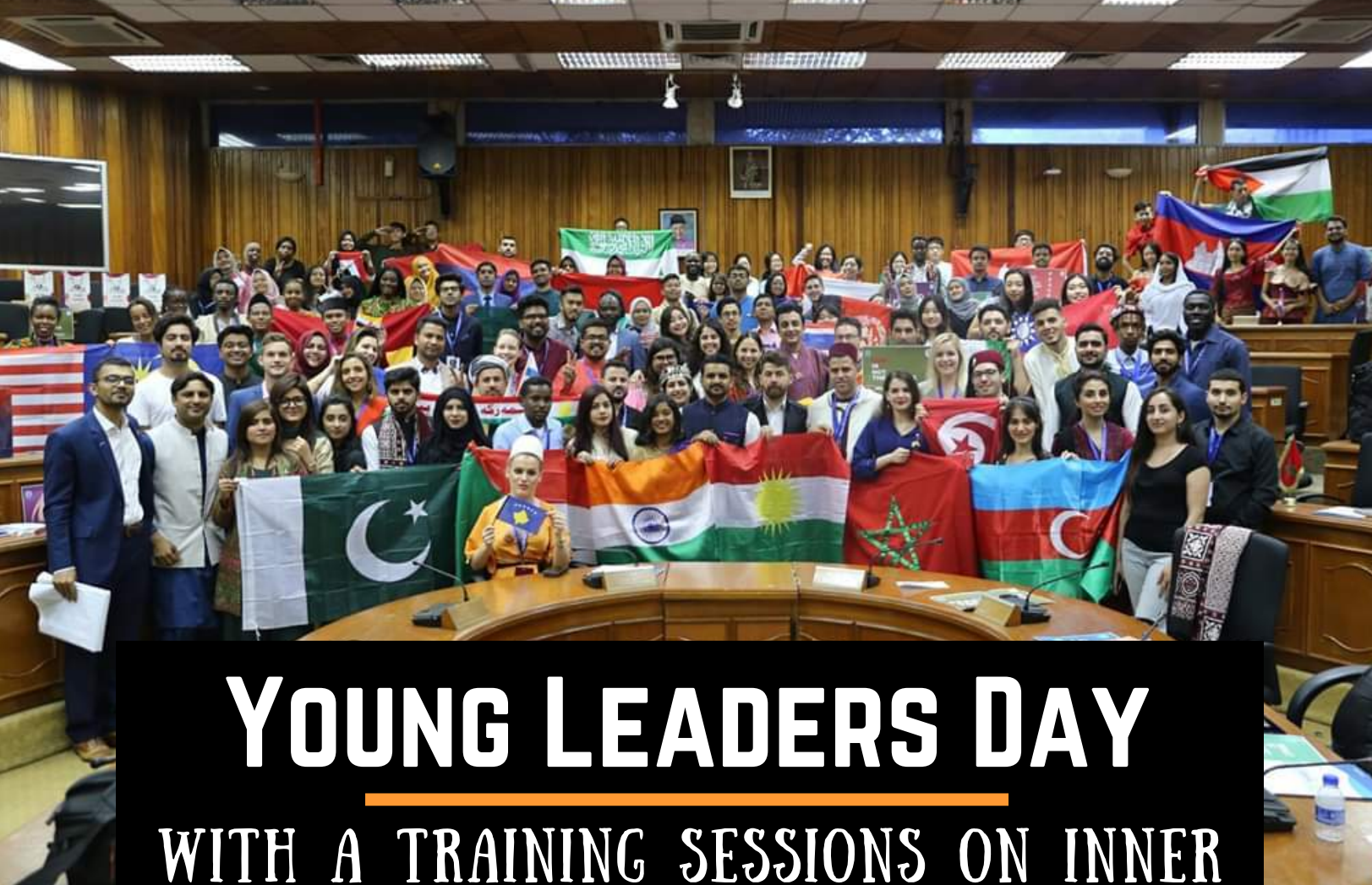
*Each participant was awarded a medal, and the director acknowledged the efforts of the organising committee, The university and its students.*

*Organisers used numerous soundtracks to keep the environment light and fun-loving. The background music, along with their unique performances, conveyed sentiments and feelings that words could not capture. Delegates also performed on their traditional songs and dances.*

*Each song delivered a beautiful message of togetherness and love; whereas, each performance displayed a vibrant array of colour and talent. All the delegates were mesmerised by the performances.*







# YOUNG LEADERS DAY

## WITH A TRAINING SESSIONS ON INNER PEACE AND HAPPINESS

Day 3 of the conference was filled with a lot of excitement as delegates were asked to wear their traditional dresses, and everyone looked extremely vibrant and fashionable. The venue for this conference was The University of Technology, Malaysia. The session consisted of presentations from young leaders from different parts of the world.

The welcome meeting and the ice-breaking was conducted by Mr Kaisar Riyadh, Country Director of Global Peace Chain Bangladesh. "Inner peace and happiness comes with being comfortable with yourself, embracing yourself, the good and the bad which gives you the very opportunity of acceptance....only then you can look inside yourself and recognise the things that make you happy..." explained Mr Riyadh. This session aimed to recognise the relevance of happiness and well-being as universal goals and aspirations in the lives of human beings around the world and the importance of their recognition in public policy objectives. According to Mr Riyadh, the fundamental reason why happiness is so important is that it's extremely vital to our own goals in life and can help us achieve many other cherished personal ambitions and goals. Mr Riyadh tried to inculcate the value of oneness in the delegates. His session was appreciated both by the leadership of the Global Peace Chain and the delegates!





## SOCIAL PROJECTS EXHIBITION & THOUGHT SHARING ON PEACE BUILDING

*Global Peace Chain strives hard to provide a ground for youth empowerment, education, networking, and generating public opinion to support youth participation and UN SDGs. Hence, this session was dedicated to young achievers. Delegates were provided with a brilliant opportunity to present their work before all the representatives and get valuable feedback.*

*More than 20 delegates shared their opinions and demonstrated their projects based on education, gender, equality, women empowerment, security, conflict management, climate action, unemployment issues, population and hunger.*

*This session inspired all the attendees to work hard to achieve their goals. The session concluded with the felicitation of the guest speakers and the two best speakers, Spencer from Australia and Nonjabulo from South Africa.*



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# CERTIFICATION CEREMONY

*It is of immense importance to acknowledge the efforts that were put in by the organisers, speakers and the young leaders. Therefore, each delegate and trainer were given certificates for their participation in the 2020 Global Peace Summit Malaysia. At last, Director programme thanked all the delegates for their participation in the Global Peace Summit and their enthusiastic contribution to the aim and vision of Global Peace Chain.*

## CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS, SUMMIT- DAY 3



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# A VISIT TO BATTU CAVES

*After the certification ceremony, a short visit to Batu Caves was arranged for the delegates. Batu Caves is a limestone hill that has a series of caves and cave temples in Gombak, Selangor, Malaysia. Delegates were entertained by a horde of Macaque monkeys and enjoyed the local food.*

*Some delegates were wearing the global peace ambassador t-shirts and had a group picture in front of the Batu Caves.*



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## CELEBRATING PARTICIPATION



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## FAREWELL PARTY

*Global Peace Summit Malaysia 2020 was a grand success. Both the organisers and the delegates rejoiced this achievement during the celebration/farewell party, which included a cake cutting ceremony as well. The summit officially came to an end after the closing remarks from the Executive Director, Global Peace Chain- Mr Kamran Zafar, who thanked all the delegates for their active participation and motivated them to spread the aim and vision of Global Peace Chain in their respective countries.*

# CELEBRATION PARTY

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