



“No East, No West”

*International Conference on Intercultural Dialogue:
Fostering Understanding and Building Bridges Across Cultures
Among Young People of Asia and Europe
26th – 30th April 2010, Holiday Inn Melaka, Malacca, Malaysia*

Frequently Ask Question

What is “No East, No West”?

During this 5-day event, religious leaders, politicians, business communities and young people, will come together and exchange views and experiences based on their respective religions, spiritual and cultural traditions. The Conference will also reflect on how religions can assist in facing critical issues that concern our societies, and will try to discover and create new pathways to peace through intercultural/inter-religious cooperation.

A social/cultural programme will be organized to enable the participants to learn more about the religion, culture and history of the host country. Field trips/ educational visits to historical and cultural sites and peace vigils may be arranged.

A young successful leader will be invited to share with the participants on why characteristics like integrity are important to make an effective leader.

Where & When?

The Conference will be held from **26th – 30th April 2010** at **Holiday Inn Melaka, Jalan Syed Abdul Aziz, 75000 Malacca, Malaysia** (Tel: +606-2859000 / www.melaka.holidayinn.com.my)

Who May Apply?

- Young people from Asia and Europe between the ages of 18 – 30 (**however some flexibility will be exercised** as the definition of youth varies from country to country)
- Youth representatives from various national youth organisations, institutions of higher learning, civil society organisations, young representative of religious/faith groups, including those working in institutions promoting cultural and interfaith dialogue, think tanks or those in accomplishments like education, arts and media from Asia and Europe.
- An official of the Ministry of Youth or a related government agency
- Have a good understanding of the theme and the relevant policies in their respective countries
- Proficient in English and able to do presentations in English, **is a must**
- Possess good communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to solve problems through adaptability and flexibility.
- Motivated to improve the lives of others through their actions and work.
- Culturally aware and sensitive to the aspirations of the youth around the world.
- Capable and willing to share experiences and resources with others in the community and contribute to the “No East, No West” follow-up process.

- Willing and being able to participate actively for the whole duration of the project
- Geographical and gender balance will be respected

How do I Apply for the Conference?

Fill in the Application Form at www.wyf.org.my and send the Application Form back to WYF via email or fax.

When your application is reviewed and approved, you will be issued a Letter of Confirmation.

Application Procedure:

Step 1 Download Application Form.

Step 2 Send in application via email, fax or post.

Step 3 Wait for confirmation letter.

Step 4 Fill in the Confirmation of Acceptance form, pay the registration fee and send back within 2 weeks of receiving the confirmation letter.

How Much is the Registration Fee?

Registration Fee:

Early Registration (on or before 15th February 2010)

Local Participant - RM 150

International Participant - USD 150

Late Registration (after 15th February 2010)

Local Participant - RM 200

International Participant - USD 200

It includes 4 nights of accommodation (twin sharing) in a five-star hotel; Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, coffee-breaks for the duration of the Conference and a Certificate of Participation.

Bank Details

Name of bank : CIMB Bank

Account No. : 0413-0000089-050

Swift Code : CIBBMYKL

Account Name : World Youth Foundation

Address : CIMB Bank Berhad, 110 Jalan Bendahara, 75100 Melaka, Malaysia.

Cancellation & Substitution

In case you are unable to attend the Conference, request for cancellation or substitution must be received in writing to World Youth Foundation via email or fax **at least 30 days prior to the start of the Conference.** Request for cancellation for less than 30 days before the Conference **will not be refundable.**

Who Takes Care of my International Travel?

Participants are responsible for their own air-travel and travel-related costs.

How to Travel to Malaysia?

Malaysia has excellent domestic air link and a well developed and effective public transportation system served by buses, taxis and trains. The better way to fly to Malaysia is by Malaysian Airlines directly or its partner airlines (www.malaysiaairlines.com) and we recommend that you book your ticket online which is much cheaper. The landing airport in Malaysia is Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Sepang (KLIA).

You can also fly to Malaysia via AirAsia or AirAsia X (www.airasia.com) which is a leading budget airline. AirAsia network focus will cover destinations which are less than 4 hours in flight duration from Kuala Lumpur while AirAsia X covers destinations which are more than 4 hours flight duration from Kuala Lumpur, offering daily point-to-point frequencies to popular destinations in China, India and Europe. Several other airlines like JetStar have also started to fly to Malaysia. In February 2010, a new international airport will open in Malacca, the host state where the Conference will be held. Flights from selected destination will be provided at the beginning stage.

Do We Offer Scholarships or Subsidies?

We are unable to provide any financial assistance.

We suggest you to check with local and international organizations in your region for sponsorship. Other delegates have found subsidy and sponsorship through searching the internet, approaching their local NGOs /GOs, businesses, friends, and even family.

Can the Organiser Assist Me with my Visa Application?

We **will provide** approved applicants with a **Formal Confirmation Letter** to facilitate the application of Entry visas. You can present this official letter to the Embassy of Malaysia if you are applying for an entry visa.

Please note that **the confirmation notice does NOT guarantee the issuance of a visa** or admittance to the Country. Visa issuance is entirely contingent upon the Embassy's and Consulate's discretion, and admittance upon the Immigration authorities' (INS) discretion at the point of entry.

We would also recommend that you check the following websites i.e www.kln.gov.my (Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia) and www.imi.gov.my (Department of Immigration) on visa and immigration rules. We would also advise all participants who need visa to make sure they apply for visa as soon as their participation is accepted. Please also make sure that you comply with immigration requirements for yellow fever certificates.

About Malaysia

To know Malaysia is to love Malaysia. A bubbling, bustling melting pot of races and religions where Malays, Indians, Chinese and many other ethnic groups live together in peace and harmony. Multiculturalism has not only made Malaysia a gastronomical paradise, it has also made Malaysia home to hundreds of colourful festivals.

For more information on Malaysia and Melaka please log on to www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my (Tourism Malaysia) and www.malaysia.gov.my . You can also visit Tourism Malaysia Offices situated in your country.

May I still Attend if I am NOT a Youth Representative?

You can still attend the conference as an observer. Limited spaces are allocated to observer. The fees are the same as for any delegate.

May I Attend One Day Only?

Yes; the full registration fee is still applicable. However, you will not be eligible for the **Certificate of Participation** unless you complete the full training program.

I have a Question that is Not Addressed Here - What Should I Do?

You can e-mail your question to wyf@po.jaring.my

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