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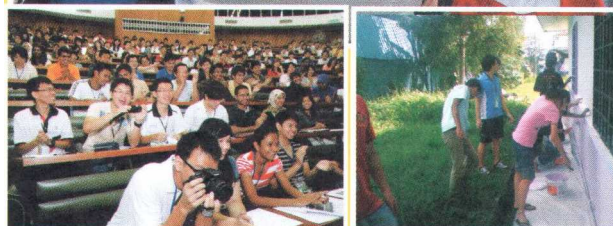
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Youth Nation Summit 2011 – Youth-driven Change towards a Better Malaysia!

The rising alert on global issues such as HIV/AIDS and global warming are no longer fantasy issues that have been taken so lightly in the past. In a nation dominated by the young generation like ours, youth leaders should be trained to equip and prepare themselves as future leaders who will be ready to tackle the uproar of global issues. In efforts to provide a platform for our nation's youth leaders to make an impact, myHarapan and AIESEC Malaysia co-organized the inaugural Youth Nation Summit 2011 at University of Malaya and Youth Action Forum at One World Hotel in Petaling Jaya.

While the thought of a semester break to most youth means more time to watch TV or go shopping, 300 top youths from all over the country spent 4 days contributing to society and making a change. These local youths have been showing an increasing interest in entrepreneurship and issues surrounding daily lives. In recent years, there is an increasing acknowledgement on the powerful impact the youth of the nation can bring to the society. Cheah Kar Fei, Congress Committee President and also the incoming President of AIESEC in Malaysia said, "There are lots of undiscovered potential within youths these days. They are driven to make an impact in the society but have minimal knowledge and resources to do so. This is where the Youth Nation Summit 2011 comes in as a platform for them to activate youth leadership to contribute to the betterment of the society and lead the change."

"Like most other youth summits, the participating youth will be able to gain the necessary knowledge needed to initiate their own CSR project. However, the Youth Nation Summit 2011 brings these youths one step further by providing them opportunities to have hands-on experience in executing CSR projects and connect them with resources to kick start their own CSR initiatives. This is something that most other youth summits do not provide," shared Roslan Bakri Zakaria, Chairman of myHarapan.

Kick-starting Youth Nation Summit 2011, Joel Neoh (CEO of Groupon Malaysia) gave an inspiring and youthful speech that got the whole delegation roaring! What followed was 4 days of hyped up sessions that included highlights such as Youth to Business Forum, Youth to Government Forum, CSR Do Lah! Program and Project Pitching, Youth Action Forum. Invited speakers throughout the summit for various sessions included: Steve McCoy (Founder of Counterpoint), Dato' Dr Dionysius Sharma (CEO of WWF), Prof. Dr Norma Binti Mansor (NEAC), Julia Chong (Truly Loving Company), Marina Mahathir,

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Roshan Thiran (CEO of Leaderonomics), Dr Goh Chee Leong (Dean of HELP University College), Chris Tan (Founder of Chur Associates), Ng Khai Lee (CEO of SAYS.my), Eliza Noordin (Vice President of Teak Capital).

The sessions of the summit were structured to educate and equip youth with the necessary knowledge and resources to implement and execute CSR initiatives.