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Young People Participate in YSEALI Programs in Malaysia

This webliography celebrates youth and promotes **YSEALI** (the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative – see below) and other U.S. and international initiatives which empower youth in myriad ways. All these initiatives aim to provide examples and guidance of how youth may work together, draw strength from diversity, hone their skills, and emerge as leaders in their own communities and countries, with the ultimate goal of creating more stable societies for peace and prosperity all over the world.



YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE

YSEALI is President Barack Obama's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in ASEAN, deepen engagement with young leaders on key regional and global challenges, and strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and young Southeast Asian leaders.

Malaysian youth between 18 and 35 years who are interested in economic development, environmental protection, education, or civic engagement are welcome to join YSEALI, by signing up at: <https://youngsoutheastasianleaders.state.gov/join/>

SUPPORTING YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) celebrated its 47th anniversary on August 8th. It was created to promote greater cooperation and improve the lives of the people of its member countries, now 10 strong -- a region of 620 million. Millions of Americans trace their ancestry to the region and it's our fourth largest trading partner, so what happens there matters to the American people. The United States works closely with ASEAN and its people on important issues from education to environmental protection to economic development. President Obama launched the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) in 2013 to strengthen youth's involvement in shaping the future of ASEAN, and its identity as a cohesive community.

Read more [here](#).

WHITE HOUSE

President Obama Speaks at the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Town Hall

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2014/04/27/president-obama-speaks-young-southeast-asian-leaders-initiative-to>

Youth Leader Using His Experience to Inspire Others

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/12/11/youth-leader-using-his-experience-inspire-others>

Video: A Conversation Between First Lady Michelle Obama and Mrs. Laura Bush Moderated by Cokie Roberts at "Investing in our Future," a Symposium for Spouses on Advancements for Women and Girls in Africa:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2014/08/06/conversation-first-lady-and-mrs-laura-bush>

Fact Sheet: The President's Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/04/27/fact-sheet-president-s-young-southeast-asian-leaders-initiative-0>

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of Global Youth Issues

<http://www.state.gov/j/qyi/index.htm>

FACT SHEET: Global Entrepreneurship Summit

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/10/11/fact-sheet-global-entrepreneurship-summit>

FACT SHEET: Youth Councils: Empowering Young People as Agents of Change

<http://www.state.gov/j/qyi/releases/press/2013/208953.htm>

Youth Councils Worldwide

<http://www.state.gov/j/qyi/releases/press/2013/209911.htm>

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' Youth Programs

<http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/youth-programs#sthash.IKYqpvlg.dpuf>

YOUTH AND SPORTS

Sports in American Society

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2012/04/201204204352.html#axzz3A2WIPiQn>

Sports Diplomacy

<http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/sports-diplomacy>

Sports Envoys Program

<http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/sports-diplomacy/sports-envoys-and-sports-visitors>

Gold Medal Winner Returns to Russia as Sports Envoy

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2014/02/20140211292610.html#axzz3A2WIPiQn>

Empowering Women and Girls Through Sports

<http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/sports-diplomacy/empowering-women-and-girls-through-sports/global-mentoring>

Sport Brings People Together, Transforms Lives

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/inbrief/2014/02/20140207292473.html#axzz3A2WIPiQn>

Sports Talk: Sports are a good way to learn American English

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2013/06/20130619276864.html#axzz3A2WIPiQn>



Tony Sanneh watches a young player during a skill training session in Kuala Lumpur. (U.S. Embassy KL photo)

UNITED NATIONS

UNESCO International Youth Day 2014

<http://undesadspd.org/Youth/InternationalYouthDay/2014.aspx>

The UN Office of the Secretary – General’s Envoy on Youth – Ahmad Alhendawy

<http://www.un.org/youthenvoy/>

UNESCO: By Youth, For Youth: Welcome to the UNESCO Youth Programme!

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/youth/>

The UNESCO Youth Forum: by and for Youth

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/youth/youth-forums/>

Report on Mental Health Matters 2014: Social Inclusion of Youth with Mental Health Conditions

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/documents/youth/IYD2014/reportsocialinclusionofyouthwithmentalhealth.pdf>

The UNESCO YOUTH FORUM: Celebrating a Decade of Youth Participation

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002156/215607E.pdf>

The United Nations 2013 World Youth Report published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

<http://www.unworldyouthreport.org/>

Youth Version of the 2012 Global Monitoring Report: “Youth and skills: Putting education to Work”

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002184/218409e.pdf>

YOUTH NGOS

World Assembly of Youth (WAY)

<http://www.way.org.my/>

World Atlas of Youth policies

<http://www.planwithyouth.org/resources/youth-policies/>

Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilizations

<http://unaocyouth.org/gym/>

Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC)

<http://www.ifyc.org/>

Electronic Journals

Volunteers: Answering the Call

Community service in America is promulgated by presidents and practiced by students and others. Volunteerism is woven into the fabric of U.S. society. For generations, Americans have committed themselves to helping those in need at home and abroad, and youth form a critical volunteer group.

Goal! Food. Fitness. Fandom.

This issue looks at ways Americans, especially youth, are boosting fitness and becoming a soccer nation.

Sports Strengthen Communities

Explores the integral role of sports in American society and highlights the power of sports to strengthen community bonds that transcend differences. Players learn valuable lessons about discipline, teamwork and tolerance that help them succeed on and off the field. Good reading for young people.

World Youth Building A Future

Illustrates the stories about international youth exchanges by students including Fariz, who recounts how his exchange student experiences have shaped his life in his homeland of Azerbaijan; Sara, a young Muslim woman who is part of a multicultural living experiment at Rutgers University; and Brian, an American whose teaching assignment in Rwanda became a learning experience for him.



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