

C. Speech from The Ministry of Foreign Affair of Indonesia

The Ministry of Foreign Affair of Indonesia delivered a speech on Indonesia's role in International Interfaith Dialogue. Mr. Aziz as the representative of The Ministry of Foreign Affair of Indonesia also talked about how diversity and interfaith interaction has been part of Indonesian society since a long time ago. This session gave the participant the realization that they are in fact part of the agent of change and the future leader in interfaith dialogue.



Youth Interfaith Camp
Friendship, Teamwork and Volunteerism



Day 2

Day 2 is the day when the participant learnt the skill in term of communicating differences within interfaith interaction. The goal of these activities is that the participant will be able to open their mind and realize aside from differences that they have, also their similarities. In order to achieve this goal, we created a set of curriculum in interfaith communication, prejudice and stereotype, with the hope that the participant will be able to become the leader in fighting against stereotype and prejudice.

A. Take a Stand Activity

The goal of this activity is that participants will be able to see the similarities between them regardless of their belief also to build sympathy and trust.

This activity is quite simple. In a big group the participant were asked to gather in the middle of the meeting room. The committee has drawn a line in the middle of the room first. The participant must step on the line for every statement suitable with their condition. These statements will be read by the committee. Starting from a very simple question into something more emotional and personal. These are some of the questions:

- Who likes soccer
- Who likes spicy food
- Who has ever been punished by their teacher
- Who has ever been into an accident?
- Etc



There were a lot of other questions. The result was good. Some were funny and many has experienced before. For example who has ever been punished by their teacher, and many of them stepped forward with embarrassment and start sharing their experience. Other funny experience was at the question who doesn't like math, and almost most of them stepped on the line and everybody burst in laughter.

Some of the question stood out from another because there are many answers that we never expected before. For example, the question Who likes soccer? We never expect that Syaiful Latif, one of our visually disabled student came forward and said that he likes playing soccer and even has won a soccer championship for visually impaired student in the city. Everybody was in awe because of his story.



One of other question was quite the emotional one. The question was who has ever lost one of their family member, Mufid Nur Hasyim stepped on the line and share how he lost his brother.

The last two question were who believe that Indonesia is a plural country and who believe that Indonesia is a tolerant country? The first question was answer was all yes, on the second question however, only a couple participant stepped on the line while many disagree and stay out of the line. Ahlul as the trainer asked some of those who don't believe that Indonesia is tolerant enough. The first to answer was Rhea Rosanti, as a Chinese Indonesian she knows that Chinese Indonesian was very limited in term of political participation. Even though the law has been revised, the prejudices towards Chinese Indonesian still exist in Indonesia.



Another answer was from Sabine Rogers. She said that, not many Indonesian can accept a person who chooses not to believe in God. Many people she has encountered in Indonesia after living more or less six months in Yogyakarta, looked at her differently after she said that she is an atheist. This statement really challenges other participants since many of them believe strongly in their religion. Usually when they meet an agnostic person they may react the same way as those whom Sabine Rogers has met, but they were put in a situation where their good friend, Sabine Rogers, with whom they have created a strong friendship with is an atheist. Even though they didn't express directly how they feel about her belief, they were still be good friends in the next three days regardless Sabine Roger's belief.

After the entire question, the participant was asked what they think about the session. Some of them said that with this activity they can see that even though they have very different belief, they are all still human with their weaknesses and characteristic that need friends and should be friend with.