

## CONCLUSIONS

What can we learn from these WIHW activities?

1. Interfaith harmony & dialogue is not only for religious leaders and older generation. Young generation can play its role in this area, and it is very strategic.
2. The participation of Young Interfaith Peacemaker Community Indonesia in WIHW 2015 by promoting Harmony in Malaysia and Singapore shows that something good from a developing country like Indonesia can be blessing to other nations.
3. The work of making interfaith Harmony in multi-cultural nations needs great effort with collaborations of government, civil society, religious organization, academic institution and many other groups. It is uniting people for the same vision.
4. The message of "Love of God and Love of the Neighbor" is very powerful theme for building a bridge in interfaith harmony. We have to spread this message to every people in this planet.

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Kepada Yang Terhormat  
Bapak Andreas Jonathan, Ph.D Cand  
*National Coordinator for Young Interfaith Peacemaker Community Indonesia*  
di  
Tempat

Dengan hormat,

Merujuk Surat Saudara No. 124/YIPC/XI-14 tanggal 13 November 2014 yang ditujukan kepada Menteri Luar Negeri RI, perihal Permohonan Dukungan, bersama ini dengan hormat kami sampaikan hal-hal sebagai berikut:

1. Kementerian Luar Negeri RI sangat menghargai dan menyambut baik rencana partisipasi para mahasiswa yang tergabung dalam *Young Interfaith Peacemaker Community (YIPC) Indonesia* yang akan melakukan kunjungan sebagai *Interfaith Peace Ambassador* ke Malaysia dan Singapura dalam rangka *World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW)* pada tanggal 2-8 Februari 2015.
2. Namun demikian, perlu kiranya diketahui bahwa selain anggaran sesuai Rencana Kerja Tahunan (RKT) Kemlu tahun 2015, kami tidak memiliki dana yang secara khusus dapat mendukung kegiatan yang dilaksanakan unit/lembaga di luar Kemlu, seperti keikutsertaan dalam kegiatan dimaksud. Karenanya, dengan sangat menyesal kami sampaikan bahwa kami belum dapat membantu peserta program tersebut dari segi pendanaan.
3. Kami mengharapkan kiranya para mahasiswa tersebut tetap dapat berpartisipasi dalam kegiatan dimaksud untuk memperoleh manfaat dan pengalaman penting dalam kegiatan tingkat internasional.
4. Terkait dukungan fasilitas dari Kedutaan Besar RI di Kuala Lumpur dan Singapura sebagai tempat diselenggarakannya kegiatan, kami komunikasikan kepada perwakilan terkait.

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**COMMENTS & TESTIMONIES**



"The interfaith dialogue on "Challenges and Prospects on Christian-Muslim Relations in Southeast Asia" was a rare opportunity for members of both the Christian and Muslim communities to take stock and reassess the conditions in each respective country (Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore). The session underlies the importance of understanding the complexities that had shaped inter-religious relations, particularly on what had transpired in history that still conditioned the way each community relates to one another.

One thing that struck participants was that a new way of engagement is necessary. There was much hope in bringing positive Christian-Muslim relations agenda to the younger generation. The sharing of information, expertise and resources across the 3 countries will also augur well in a new integrated climate of Asean co-operation. Just as conflict often spills over to neighbouring countries in this inter-connected world, peace-building efforts need to include trans-national dimensions. This dialogue was a start in bringing Christians and Muslims together to discuss frankly, yet with mutual respect, on what impedes inter-religious relations as well as ways forward to bring lasting peace and friendship across both communities."

***Mohamed Imran Mohamed Taib,***  
***interfaith activist and founding member,***  
***Leftwrite Center, Singapore***

"It was my great pleasure to witness the recent interfaith dialogue session among university students from both Indonesia and Singapore at the IRO Office. The conversation flow was open and frank yet considered and respectful. I wish the Interfaith Dialogue Movement in Indonesia every success in their future endeavors!"

***Foo Check Woo***  
***Vice-President***  
***IRO Singapore***



"The dialogue encouraged our students to take a small step in building bridges between Christians and Moslem brothers and sisters. It has also opened their eyes that candid and truthful conversations about each other's faith could be carried with dignity and harmony"

***Lisman Komaladi***  
***General Secretary***  
***Fellowship of Evangelical Students (FES)***  
***Singapore***

"The event conducted by the Islamic Renaissance Front (IRF) and YIPC with the help of Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIA) in Kuala Lumpur was of a unique character. The theme of interfaith dialogue is of a great importance as well as popularity in inter-ethnic inter-religious Malaysia. However the problems of inter-religious relations are persistent and even deepened with the time. The format in which the program was conducted helped to generate different results, which it was visible in the course of the day.

The Muslim-Christian group from Indonesia diluted the Muslim and Christian representatives from Malaysian part and enriched the discussion Malaysians used to conduct between themselves. The group work on textual analysis as well as panel discussion were conducted in the kind, positive atmosphere of mutual acceptance and appreciation. It is not that important what ideas were specifically discussed in each group between the students, the more important thing is that love to God and love to neighbour were discussed peacefully with the agreement on fundamental principles without disputing minor theological differences. Young people from Malaysia and Indonesia who belong to two different religious denominations discussed the topics of love in Islam and Christianity with the utmost interest to learn about each other.

IRF as a co-organizer of this event highly appreciates YIPC work and in its turn satisfied by the way the program was conducted in cooperation with the Indonesian mind-mates."



***Julia Sveshnikova***  
***Islamic Renaissance Front***  
***Kuala Lumpur***

## STUDENTS IN SINGAPORE

My opinion about this event is quite good for opening my knowledge and this is an excellent initiative because many Indonesian people are quite closed about their religion so it has to be open. So this is a really good initiative from YIPC.

***(Pasha, NTU Student)***



I think this is a good event because we can share one another about other's perspectives of life, how to love God and others. I hope in the future it will bring peace in our daily life so we can respect one another and creat interfaith peace in Indonesia.

***(Fikri, NTU Student)***



I'm very grateful and joyful for this kind of program where we can learn about other people's faith..

***(Kevin Christian, NUS Student)***



## YIPC WIHW AMBASSADORS



The visitation to other religions' worship places, dialogues and discussions have inspired me about the meaning of diversity in thanksgiving to God. In this event, i found that Islam as rahmatan lil alamin in my life. Religion is my steppingstone toward God. I realize that the meaning of WIHW 2015 is peacefulness in living as society though there is diversity. (Cecep)



For us, this is a priceless experience. I pray that will be many peacemakers from our country that want to seek God's will in peace and become witness and model in creating peace. I also learn a little bit about students' condition in Malaysia and Singapore and also Indonesian student who studied there. There is a chance to do interfaith dialouge there. (Apni)



From WIHW experience, it convinces me more that this peacemaking movement will be effectively reached by interfaith relation. It also convinces me that youth play strategic role in this vision. But it will be success if many youth see this not just as a programme, but movement. God surely will bless this movement because peace movement is His own will. (Iman)



I learn a lot from this event. Beside meeting with other YIPC family from around the Indonesia and brethern from Malaysia and Singapore, I also got so much insight. From IRO Singapore, I find some religions that I never knew before and it improves my knowledege. I also learn not be apatethic as young people because it is young people's responsibility to advance our civilazation. (Anifa)



I am so grateful to meet with Indonesian students who study in Malaysia. They were really open to us and care with peace. They were enthusiast in joining the event but after theological dialogue, some of them felt uncomfot. I learn to accept all responses and hope that they want to join us in another peace events. But in Singapore, I was moved by them and learn many things from their culture, their mindset and i hope it will be first step for another event for them who interested. (Jenny)



From this event, I'm getting deeper in understanding how to love God because God loves us first. Loving God means we have close relation with Him. I also learn to love my neighbours and pray for them. Some interesting visitation was in synagouge and St. Andrew's Cathedral. I learn many things from the rabbi and try to respect their paradigm about Mesiah. (Tialin)



I am grateful to God who has given me a huge favor to attend the event of World Interfaith Harmony Week 2015 in Malaysia and Singapore. I hope the next WIHW 2016 can be held again in different countries like Philippines or Cambodia. (M. Nazir)



Dialogue with FES students and IIUM really memorable because all of us had attitude to listen to others and explain openly about our faith. I also had interesting experience in our SR (Scriptural Reasoning) group when someone declared her disagreement about interfaith dialogue. Then we discussed about it and explained to her. (Saskya)



## REPORTATION

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NEWSPAPER



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attended by an estimated 100,000 people.

## Indonesian varsity students spread goodwill

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BATU CAVES — Twenty students from top universities in Bandung, Jakarta, Medan and Jogjakarta attended the Thaipusam celebrations here yesterday.

The delegation, led by Andreas Jonathan from Gadjah Mada University, were in the country to spread goodwill messages to foster and promote interfaith relations.

The students, who are members of Young Interfaith Peacemakers Community Indonesia, had earlier attended the "World Interfaith Harmony Week 2015" dialogue in Gombak.

The dialogue to promote interfaith harmony among younger generations was held in collaboration with the Indonesian Students Association of Malaysia.

A secretariat member, Muhamad Robi from the International Islamic University, said the students departed for Singapore last night to attend a similar dialogue programme.

"They were here to foster good faith among people from different religious backgrounds," he said.

LINTAS AGAMA

# Menebar Cinta Berbagi Nilai Toleransi

Pekan World Interfaith Harmony Week adalah agenda Persekutuan Bangsa-Bangsa untuk merayakan harmoni, cinta, dan toleransi antarumat beragama di seluruh dunia. Agenda itu jadi momentum bagi komunitas Young Interfaith Peacemakers Community Indonesia untuk menyebarkan nilai perdamaian ke dua negara anggota ASEAN, Singapura dan Malaysia, pada 2-7 Februari lalu.

Peserta memaparkan nilai-nilai perdamaian dengan mempresentasikan makalah seputar konflik dan nilai toleransi lewat diskusi, berdialog dan sharing ke beberapa tempat peribadatan, universitas, pemimpin agama, serta organisasi mahasiswa Indonesia di luar negeri.

"Mengampanyekan semangat mengasihi sesama manusia dan membangun hubungan yang baik antarsesama pemeluk agama seharusnya dipopulerkan secara khusus oleh kaum muda dengan energi, strategi, dan potensial inilah sobas yang tepat mengatasi permasalahan konflik atas nama agama," kata Hadiarto Marganda Purba, salah satu peserta.

Para peserta kunjungan World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) ini juga menggelar diskusi antaragama dengan beberapa mahasiswa Indonesia di Kuala Lumpur sebagai aksi damai. Kunjungan ke National University of Singapore (NUS) diambut oleh Pro-

fesor Farid Alatas, guru besar di kampus itu. "Kegiatan WIHW ini perlu digerakkan di kalangan kaum muda dan kami tertarik untuk ikut aktif dengan kegiatan WIHW ini," kata Alatas.

Selain untuk mempromosikan nilai toleransi dan perdamaian, WIHW juga memaparkan buku *Common Wind*. Buku itu berisi pernyataan 158 tokoh Muslim dan 300 tokoh Kristen sedunia untuk memahami titik temu antara kedua agama tersebut sebagai langkah menciptakan perdamaian.

Lewat buku itulah mahasiswa diajak menghayati arti kehadiran agama dalam bingkai persamaan untuk membangun perdamaian, mengkaji dan menghargai iman setiap penganut agama. Salah satu bentuknya adalah melalui *scriptural reasoning*, yaitu kegiatan membaca kitab suci dari setiap

agama, khususnya Yahudi, Kristen, dan Islam, dan beberapa agama lainnya, dalam kelompok kecil.

Kunjungan ke Inter-religious Organisation Singapore dinilai dapat memberi pandangan baru tentang keberagaman bagi anggota Young Interfaith Peacemakers Community Indonesia (YIPCI) sendiri. "Di sana, kita belajar melihat sepuluh agama yang diajari di Singapura," kata Siti Chadiyah Poang Marulu, salah satu peserta dari Medan.

### Saling mencintai

Lewat pekan harmoni sedunia yang dilakukan PBB ini, para pemuda Indonesia ikut belajar mengkaji nilai sejumlah agama yang tumbuh di ASEAN.

Andreas Jonathan, aktivis Interfaith Peacemakers Indonesia, juga menilai bahwa WIHW merupakan sebuah acara yang harus dimanfaatkan oleh semua generasi muda untuk saling mengasihi sesama manusia.

Ayi Yunus Husyana, pendiri YIPCI, menilai bahwa WIHW itu sangat penting karena mengampanyekan hubungan harmonis antarpemeluk agama. "Hubungan antarpemeluk agama bukan hubungan yang syarat konflik seperti pada masa lalu," ujarnya.

Delegasi YIPCI juga berdialog dengan mahasiswa Muslim dan Kristen di Universitas Antar Bangsa, Malaysia. Mereka mengunjungi tempat-tempat ibadah, seperti Church of The True Light, Masjid Abdul Gafur, Kwan Im Buddhist Temple, dan St Andrews Anglican Cathedral.

Lewat WIHW ini, tanggung jawab pemuda Indonesia untuk ikut aktif membunikan semangat toleransi dan cinta kasih antarsesama pemeluk agama akan menjadi peluang untuk menghindari konflik berbasis agama. Berikutnya, YIPCI akan menggelar International Student Peace Camp untuk pemuda Indonesia dan luar negeri untuk aktif berdialog seputar tema-tema perdamaian dan toleransi pada Juni 2015.

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Mengampanyekan semangat mengasihi sesama manusia.

Hadiarto Marganda



Peserta pekan World Interfaith Harmony Week pada 2-7 Februari lalu.

Jawa Pos • Selasa 10 Maret 2015

## Kabarkan Kerukunan di Indonesia

MAHASISWA asal UGM, Andreas Jonathan bersama puluhan mahasiswa yang tergabung dalam Young Interfaith Peacemaker Community (YIPC) Indonesia sejak awal Februari lalu berpartisipasi sebagai ambassador beberapa kegiatan di Malaysia dan Singapura. Melalui kegiatan itu, YIPC memberikan inspirasi kepada dunia, bahwa kehidupan antar umat beragama di Indonesia terjalin harmonis dan saling mengisi secara positif. Selain itu mereka menekankan bahwa persoalan antar umat beragama bukan hanya urusan para ulama dan orang tua, tapi generasi muda dapat juga mengambil peran yang signifikan.

Mengusung tema *Love of God & Love of the Neighbor* mereka melakukan dialog dengan Persatuan Pelajar Indonesia (PPI) dan Keluarga Mahasiswa Nahdlatul Ulama (KMNU) di Kuala Lumpur dan mahasiswa Malaysia di Universitas Islam Antar-bangsa (UIA). Selain itu, bertepatan dengan perayaan hari Thaipusam, YIPC juga mengadakan kampanye interfaith harmony bersama masyarakat Hindu Malaysia. Aktifitas ini mendapat sambutan yang luar biasa.

Di Singapura, YIPC mengadakan dialog dan kunjungan ke beberapa komunitas: Inter-Religious Organisation (IRO) yang merupakan forum dari 10 agama di Singapore, Harmony Centre dari Majelis Ulama Islam Singapura (MUIS), St. Andrew Cathedral, Kuan Im Temple, Sri Khrisna Temple, serta Jacob Balas centre. (dap/man/ga)



YIPC FOR EKSPRESI

**KEBERSAMAAN: Young Interfaith Peacemaker Community sebarakan kerukunan beragama hingga Malaysia.**

**POST WIHW: TALKSHOW ON TV PROGRAM**



**JOGJA TV  
18 Feb 2015**



**Link of the video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBKGTWNtfpw>

**POST WIHW: SHARING THE EXPERIENCE IN 5 CITIES**



**In Medan, 14 Feb 2015**



**In Semarang, 19 Feb 2015**



**In Surabaya, 22 Feb 2015**

**In Bandung, 22 Feb 2015**



**In Jogja, 22 Feb 2015**



All praise and thanks we give to our God for the opportunity given to us to be involved in this great mission to spread Love of God and Love of the Neighbour.  
Without God's grace we are nothing.

Thank you for all partners that have cooperated to make these events possible to take place both in Malaysia and Singapore.  
May God bless you all!

We thank you also for those who support these events unknowingly. Those people who willing to take pictures with us, to accept our stickers and bookmarks, to talk with us in every chance of our journey. You have been big encouragement for us!

This journey is just a initial step for us to be a real peacemaker. May God continue to guide us and lead us to finish the task.

See you in WIHW 2016!

Salam Peace Shalom!

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