Art exhibition of Peace Action Plan developed at the $3^{\rm rd}$ Youth Peace Ambassador International workshop

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INTRODUCTION

Titled Art, the united language, the eight day event which had been started from December 15th, saw thirty selected Iranian living in Malaysia from different background, cities, social level, gender and age as well as different religious believe and political point of view, come together and use different forms of art to depict the multifaceted nature and meanings of true peace. Themes included "inner peace", "peace with the environment" and "peace with and among women and children". Participants divided into different groups including a "photography group", "environmental art group", a "music group" and a "painting group" burned the midnight oil to finalise their artwork. Different speakers from the community and civil society addressed participants at different times to discuss various aspects of peace, including finding ways to transcend and mediate conflict. There were three member judging panel that deliberated on which group would receive a small prize, based on both the level of cooperation within the group and how well the finished artwork explained the message and concept of peace. RLC Director Anwar Fazal inaugurated the three day art exhibition on December 20th, delivered a speech and also gave prizes and certificates to the participants. The event time was from 5pm to 9pm.



OBJECTIVES

The main Objective of this workshop was using Art as an instrument to make people who are from different backgrounds who are somehow isolated toward each other to work together and be united in order to have peace within them. Besides that one of the workshop's mission was making more people to think of peace in diversity aspects and let each of them to be a peace seeker among their own family and community as little people do little things and in big scale lots of thing would be change for good in the world.





DETAILED REPORT

First Day 15.Dec.2011

After welcoming words had been given By Natasha Shokri, the program manager, one letter from a Nigerian street kid letter had been read to participants to make them understand that they are not blank hearted therefore they need to fulfill their hearts with love and peace. Then as Ice breaking everyone introduced himself and their purpose of being in the workshop. VIP of the day had elaborated their speeches on Art and peace as well as artist and inner peace. Participants served two tea break sessions. At the end of the day, participants have been divided to the group of their interest and the fixed budget amount had been given to each group for facilitating their need for their artwork.



Second Day 16.Dec.2011

On the second day, the Theme of children had been chosen for the group of photography and painting. After welcoming session our VIP s of the day had given the participants speech on children issues and how by innovative methods peace can be developed. Then photography, environmental art and music group showed their work to everyone and all the participants discussed about the different aspects of peace in the photos and music. Then painting group started their painting.





Third Day 17.Dec.2011

On the third day morning, participants went to two places first was Penang Handicapped welfare association the place in which mentally disordered children whom their family could not take care of them anymore were kept. And the other place was ST Nickolas House where blind people were taken care. Some photos had been shot over there. At the evening of the day in the workshop Yoga session which was more about how participants can connect to their inner peace by using grounding as well as crystal usage with special natural fragrant oils. After Yoga had been done and more peaceful mind had been created for participants, painting group had started their work. As much as they were inspired by the workshop environment they had worked together until 1 am and they loved to work and complete it and by the way the theme of the day was environment.





Forth day 18.Dec.2011

After welcoming was done participants asked to do one moral game on the topic of how do you think? And then participants have been asked that do they think conflict can be transform to peace by art? Those who do agree and those who didn't agree and undecided ones, start debating. After that the VIP of the day had given speech on women theme, Then again groups have been presented their works photography group as well as environmental art had done their work, music group done their performance and painting group started to paint again until 1am. The theme of that day was women but painting group has worked on 3 painting instead of one as they had plenty of ideas which they were really delighted to work on their ideas.



Fifth Day 19.Dec.2011

In the morning of the 5th day we all went to Batu Fringi beach the place that our environmental group were worked on the big stones and as other groups couldn't see main scale of it which was so big in the exhibition, all the groups went to beach to see the environmental group effort. And a traditional Iranian breakfast had been served over there, the photography group snapshot some photos about environment over there and participants also played and had lots of fun at the beach and more relationships had been built over there. In the evening of that day one PowerPoint on peace had been shown to them and they had been asked to explain about their experience which they had gained during the workshop. Music group announced that because of the safety of other groups they won't perform their song in public since it was harshly political, but they said that they will be there until last minute and they did. That night was ended by last singing of music group in the workshop and painting and photography groups handed in their arts. All the groups prepared themselves for the exhibition of the day after and worked really hard until 3 am which was adorable.





First day of exhibition

20.Dec.2011

Before Opening ceremony of Exhibition, at 2 pm workshop's judge panel came and observed the quality and quantity of the groups work and also had talked to them base on both the level of cooperation within the group and how well they finished artwork explained the message and concept of peace. The Music group had a private show for the judges as because of some political issue the music group couldn't perform for all the visitors. Then at the opening ceremony which had been hold at 6pm Dato. Prof. Anwar Fazel Director of RLC (Right Livelihood College) viewed participants' artworks and also participants explained him the meaning of each artwork. He enjoyed the artwork a lot, and then he gave speech to audience whom were invited in the opening day. After his speech finished the winner group had been announce which was painting group as they had the best cooperation in the team, diversity and meaning related to peace, and then certificates had been given to 20 of participant who had completed the workshop. At the end of the program the group members asked for talk to everyone and they had thanked the program manager Natasha Shokri for her efforts on running this program and explained to audience that how this workshop affected them positively and makes their view deeper to the meaning of peace.





Second and Third Day of exhibition

At the second and third day of exhibition the venue had been open from 5 pm to 9 pm for all those who are art and peace lover. Around 100 visitors this exhibition got during the three days of its exhibition, visitors were from different continent such as African, European, Asian, American and also Australia. Besides that the visitors were from different ages. The Majority of the visitors were from Malaysia and mostly USM student. All the participants had been explained the meaning of each art work to the audience.





Some Photos



Right: some of the participants at the first day.



Right: Anna Karina Jardin give speech Via Skype and at the workshop program manager shows the slides provided by Anna.



Right: painting groups working on their first artwork together. children draw about peace in their dram about future of their life.



Right: Painting group is working on their second work which is human relationship with mother of the earth



Right: After Yoga Session when everyone found inner peace.



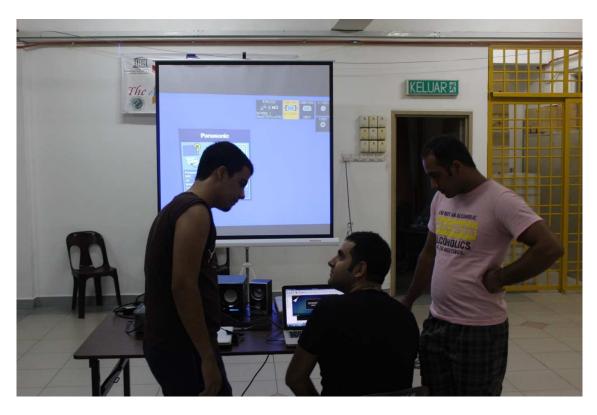
Right: Yoga session.



Right: After Yoga session.



Right: one member of photography group explains about their photos taken during the workshop.



Right: music group is preparing for performance.



Right: music group singer is singing.



Right: Painting group are working on another artwork of themselves on differ colours of people who are hand in hand



Right: when painting group become more creative.







Right: photography group takes photo in environment.



Right: Having breakfast at batufringi Beach while viewing the environmental group artwork.



Rghit: visitors to the exhibition



















Some of the photography group artwork:



Right: the photo had been taken by photography group at the St. Nickolas House.



Right: we are all together is the title, taken at

handicapped centre.

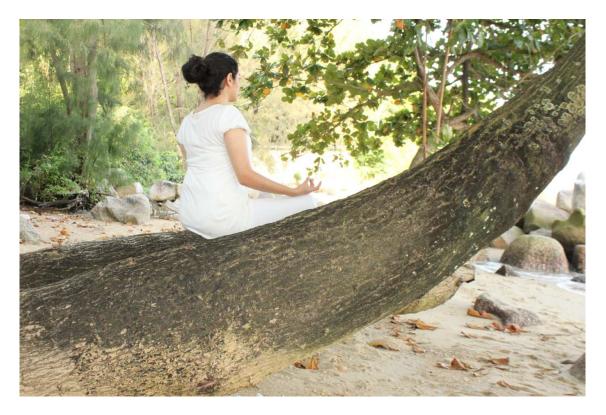


Right: the photo is taken at

handicapped centre, "Peace kept behind the Fence" is the title by photography group.



Right: "Waiting for peace" the title, photo is taken at handicapped centre.



Right: relation of human with mother of the earth, taken at Batu Fringi Beach.



Right: ``blind is the one who see the conflict

in the world and do nothing for it`` she is praying, taken at ST, Nikolas House



Right: the photo is taket at batufringi beach by contribution of all the groups in the workshop.

Enviromental art group artworks pictures:











Participants list

Painting group

- 1. Sheida Mirzaiee
- 2. Fahimeh Malekzadeh
- 3. Arshia Najafi
- 4. Sahar Janbakhsh
- 5. Samira Sheibani

Photography group

- 1. Farhood Hoseinipoor
- 2. Amir Motevalizade
- 3. Mojde Zarbakhsh

Music Group

- 1. Mehran Moradi
- 2. Amir Mirhoseini
- 3. Mehdi Olama
- 4. Farhang Tavakoli
- 5. Arash Kahyazi

Environmental art group

- 1. Farzaneh Najafi
- 2. Mina Seifi
- 3. Mohammad Vakhideh
- 4. Ali Sarchami

Speakers and Fascinators

1. Dato.Prof Anwar Fazel

Director of Right Livelihood College

2. Dato Professor Mohammad qhouse Nasutuddin

Professor at Art School of USM

3. Sharan Srinivas

Right Livelihood college program manager, Human rights active

In the workshop's Judges Panel

4. Jay Sharma

Human rights active, Law consultant from London.UK In the workshop `s Judges Panel

5. Peng Hooi

National central committee member, bureau of government affair committee member, bureau of international affair committee member, Youth Peace Ambassador International

In the workshop 's Judges Panel

6. Nordin Abdullah

Tomorrow's Leader's Summit Organizing Chairman, Managing Director at <u>Glenreagh Sdn Bhd</u>, Youth Peace Ambassador

7. May Bouquet-Brown,

Goodwill Ambassador, founder of Vissen foundation

8. Anna Karina Jordin

Founder of Artistikong Kabataan Philippines, Inc, Youth Peace Ambassodar International

9. Tashah

International Yoga tutor, founder of Tianloo natural healing and wellness centre

10. Dr. Anees Janee Ali

Advisor of postgraduate student association, Manager of PETAS USM

11. Yousuf Rawther

International school student

12. Mat Daiyo Mirin

Goergetown school student

13. Natasha Shokri

USM Management school student, Art, the united language Program manager, UN Rio +20 Summit Country outreach, Tomorrows leadership summit International coordinator, Youth cultural exchange secretaries department manager

Sponsors and supporters

May Bouquet Brown

Donated to the Art, the united language action plan

Pararate Money Exchange

Uni Corn Telephone Card

Sponsored the Art, the united language action plan

Artistikong Kabataan Philippines, Inc,

Hosting the winner group at Philippine and settled a cultural exchange program for art, the united language team

Right Livelihood College

Supported the Art, United Language action plan

Petas, USM

Coordinate in Facilitates such as Venue and some equipment

Tian loo Natural healing and Wellness concept

Giving free Yoga and healing session

Workshop outcomes

Three main issues are workshop outcomes:

- After visiting different centres for disables and mental handicapped people, our group decided to visit them on monthly basis and also collect donate for them since they believed that these people should not been abounded from the society and as we cannot take them to society in short term we will bring society to them by forming a group of interested people for going to these centres and communicating with them, sharing our though and love with them.
- 2. Our group become together as close friends despite they are all from different religious, culture and political view. They could understand each other in a better way. They have become familiar with different meanings of peace.
- 3. In Iran Traditional Music Fans and Rap fans are in conflict since both neglect each others as musician. In this workshop those who are traditional musicians and those who are rappers came together and composed a song and they both believed each other's ideas and lots of change happened in their view toward each other.



Right, By trusting the blind we can help him to use from his abilities photo is taken at 15

January first Free Hug session

Future orientation

- 1. On 11th January 2012 a Studio is booking for Music group to record their amazing song. (This one is already done)
- 2. On 15th January 2012 the first visit to mental Handicapped as well as ST. Nikolas house is already settled and donate are collecting now. (this session is titles as *Free Hug* since we believe that by communicating with these people we are bringing peace and smile to their life) this session is already done and 200USD + some amount of clothes had been donated to the handicapped centre from Art, the united language team.
- 3. On 18th February 2010, the 2nd free hug session will be hold by Art, the united language and the team decided to set a painting class for handicapped children twice a month. Therefore next month painting instrument also will be provided for educating the handicapped since we believe by educating them we can help them to fulfil their potentials.
- 4. On March 10th, Art, The united language is plan to have an inner peace session for those who need it at outdoor areas such as gardens, beach etc on the monthly basis.
- 5. On 24th May 2012, the painting group will be taken to Philippine and a cultural exchange program is planned for them by Anna Karina Jardin founder of Artistikong Kabataan Philippines, Inc,



Right, our team tried to make the vilcure handicapped to walk and by playing with them makes them happy, photo is taken at 15 January first Free Hug session

Recommendation

"Inspired by the recent Youth Peace Ambassadors International workshop she had attended in Penang and a speech by RLC Director Anwar Fazal there, USM undergraduate student Natasha Shokri, 22, of Iran decided to take the initiative to organise a creative event that would enhance knowledge and understanding of peace within her community."

Written in RLC website

"The RLC congratulates Natasha for highlighting the ability of the use of the arts as mediums for peace and for her hard work in bringing this project to reality."

Written in RLC website

"This event should be hold every year, we need it in USM"

Dato, Dr, Anwar

"GENIUS OF ANOTHER KIND.."

Dato Dr, Anwar

"A very good effort. Do keep up your work as a UNESCO peace ambassador."

Sharan Raj

"Very well done job Natasha, keep going for peace"

Nordin Abdullah

"I always see Rappers as a jerk but after attending the work shop my view totally changed and I have a rapper friend now"

Sahar Janbakhsh

"We wish we be able to do something for handicapped and make them out of fence, I am inspired to do something after seeing the exhibition"

Sanaz

"I want my child grow up with peace after attending the workshop"

Fahime Malekzade

"I have been inspired to start painting again since I have been forgotten about this ability of mine"

Samira sheibani

"When I was thinking of peace I always thought of war but I've learnt about how many dimension peace could have now"

Farhood

"I've never thought about doing yoga but here I experienced it and I really enjoyed it wants to try again"

Amir

"It was a good job and Hardworking, I loved the workshop"

Peng Hooi

"Despite you are so young you have done amazing and deep job congrats"

Jay Sharma

"No one do things such as this event these days, it was a brilliant job"

Sharan Srinivas

"All aspects of peace had been covered so deeply and beautifully in this workshop"

Dato Dr. Anwar

"I have found new friends here, your atmosphere is really lovely I don't want to leave, you always have new Ideas"

Mohamad

"You are wonderful"

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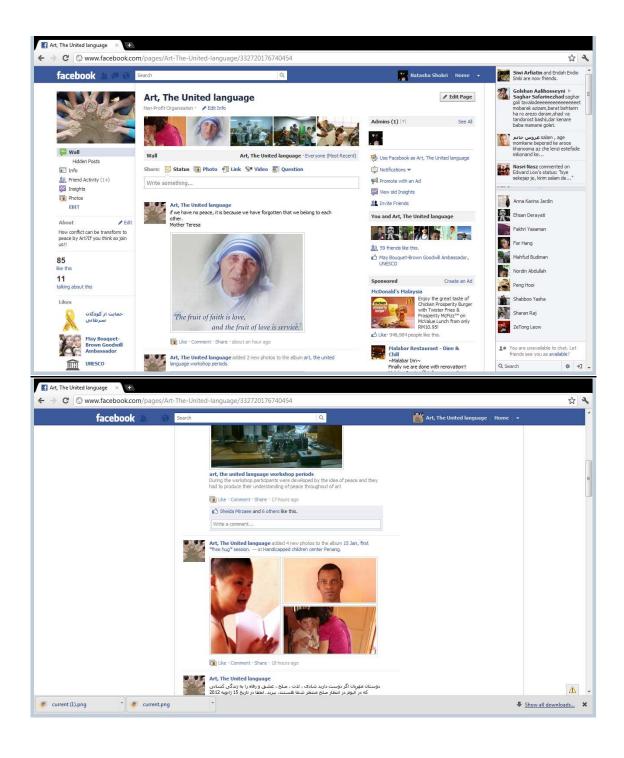


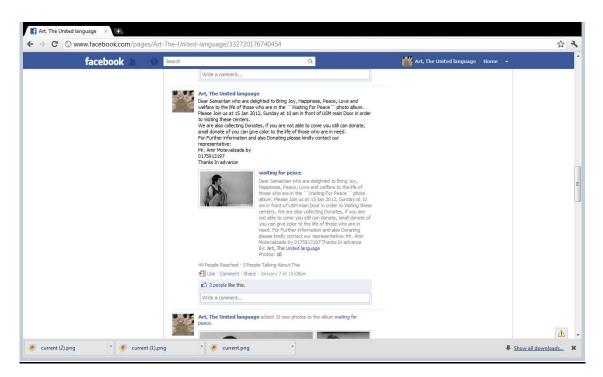
Right, on 11th Jan Studio, Music group

<u>Appendix</u>

Our Face book page:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Art-The-United-language/332720176740454?sk=wall





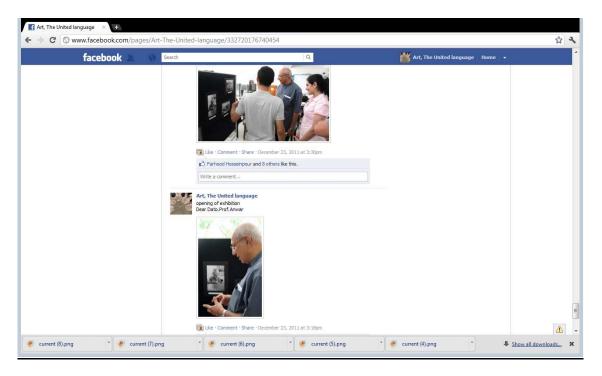


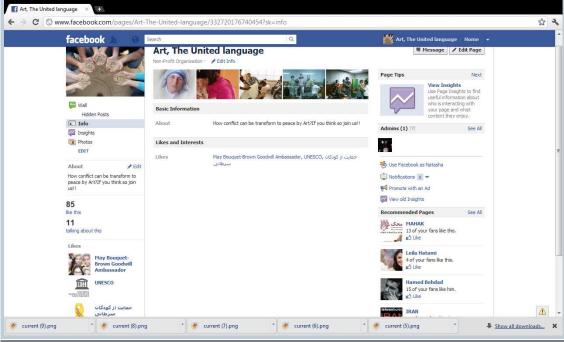






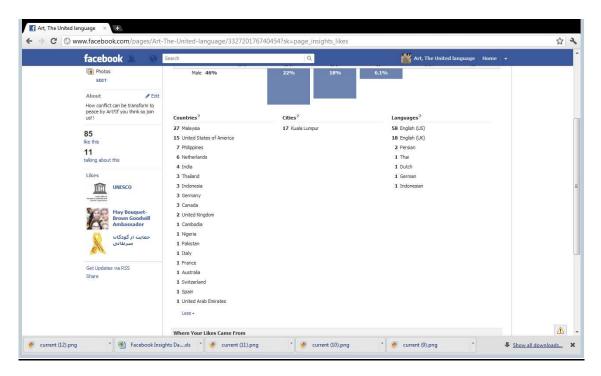










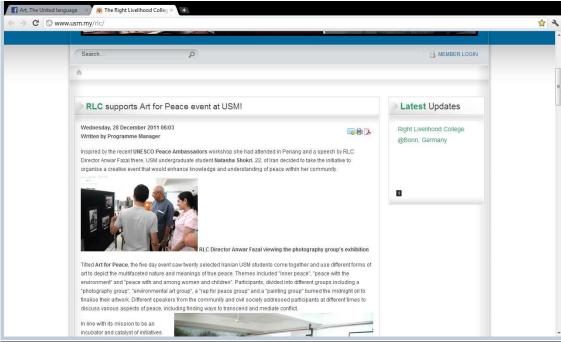




Right livelihood college website

http://www.usm.my/rlc/









A Certificate sample which had been given to participants











Certificate of Appreciation This certificate is awarded to MINA SEIFI in recognition of valuable contributions in Art, the United Language workshop and art exhibition of peace Signature Subs 20th This 2011

Workshop Draft Agenda







1st art, the united language Workshop, exhibition - Materials Penang, Malaysia

Draft Agenda

THURSDAY, 15 DEC 2011

Time	Program	By
17:05	Welcoming, Opening	Natasha Shokri
17:30	Donut game (ice breaking)	Participants
17:45	Artist and Peace	Dato Professor Mohammad qhouse Nasutuddin
18:15	Tea Break	
18:30	Global Policy making and peace	Jay Sharma, Law Consultant
19:00	Youth And Peace	Peng Hooi, The founder of UNESCO Youth cultural exchange
19:20	The changing nature of peace and its impact on art	Organizing Chairman, Tomorrow's Leader's Summit, Nordin Abdullah
19:40	Tea Break	
20:05	Dividing in the Groups	
20:20	Discuss in the group about peace & project	
21:00	Closing the day	Natasha Shokri

P.S, The budget will be given to each group.

FRIDAY, 16 DEC 2011 THEME (children)

Time	Program	Ву
17:05	Welcoming	Natasha Shokri
17: 15	volunteering with a heART	Anna Karina Jordin, The founder of ARTISTIKONG KABATAAN PHILIPPINES inc
17:30	Groups presentation on their work	Participants
18:00	Tea Break	
18:15	Start their working	
21:00	Closing the day (the art pieces must be given)	

SATURDAY, 17 DEC 2011 THEME (environment)

Time	Program	Ву
17:05	Welcoming	Natasha Shokri
17:10	Yoga. Inner peace	Tashah, Founder of Tian Lo (natural healing and wellness center)
18:20	Tea Break	
18:35	Starting their work	
21:00	Closing the day (the art pieces must be given)	

P.S, Please wear sport and comfortable clothes and if you do have mattress please bring it with yourself.

SUNDAY, 18 Dec 2011 THEME (Women)

Time	Program	Ву
17:05	Welcoming	Natasha Shokri
17:10	May Paints The Colour Of Love	May Bouquet-Brown, Goodwill Ambassador, Founder Of The VISSEN Foundation
17:30	How do you think? (Can conflict transform to peace by art?)	participants
18:00	Tea Break	
18:15	Start their work	
21:00	Closing day (the art pieces must be given)	

MONDAY, 19 Dec 2011

Time	Program	Ву
17:05	Welcoming	Natasha Shokri
17:10	Start working (being ready for exhibition)	
20:00	Talk about what you have achieved	Participants
20:45	Thanking the participants	Natasha Shokri
21:00	End the workshop (the art pieces must be given)	

TUESDAY, 20 Dec 2011

Time	Program	Ву
17:05	Welcoming guests and participants (VIP)	Natasha Shokri
17:20	The peace	Dr. Anees
17:50	The workshop clip	
18:00	Tea Break & viewing the photos and painting	
18:15	Presentation on (shab e yalda)	Natasha Shokri
18:25	The music group will perform	Music Group
18:50	The performer will perform	Drama group
19:00	The judge will share Ideas	Judge
19:10	The speech on peace	Dr. Anwar
19:30	The prise will be given to winner group	Dr. Anwar

WEDNSDAY 21 DEC 2011

THURSDAY 22 DEC 2011 ENDING THE EXIBITION