

Implementation of Extensive Peace Clubs for Sustainable Development

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Namaste and warm greetings to all the youth leaders gathered from all around the world and HWPL support staffs here. I am extremely happy and grateful to be invited at the 9th Anniversary of the September 18th HWPL World Peace Summit here in Korea. The process to come to this event wasn't easy, there were a lot of difficulties to overcome but I am glad that I am finally here. I would like to take the time and express my sincere gratitude to HWPL and IPYG for selecting me as a speaker and it's an honor to express my views and plans for Youth Engagement and Peacebuilding Working Group (YEPW) in Nepal on the topic "Implementation of Extensive Peace Clubs for Sustainable Development".

I would like to share how come I worked with HWPL for 7 years with a sincere passion for peace. Being a social work student and a softhearted man, I always have passion and motivation to do something impactful for the society. When I got a chance to listen to Chairman Lee in person in 2018, his every word gave me strong motivation and encouragement to continue doing peace works. So, I always make our chairman as a role model to every young people in Nepal as they can always be motivated. After I was convinced that HWPL has the answer for peace, I promised to become a peace messenger and help HWPL to achieve the world peace since 2016. I have been carrying out various IPYG peace activities in my local place Pokhara with my We Can Group team. Speaking of We Can Group as a president, it is a service oriented non-profit and non governmental organization based on youths. We conducted DPCW support signature campaigns and managed to collect over 3500 signatures in Pokhara by photo campaign, peace talk show and peace cycling. I can confidently say that it attracted a lot of youths interested in peace initiatives of HWPL. And I will not stop doing peace activities and spread peace until the peace is achieved in a true manner with HWPL.

So, I and my team (We Can Group) have planned the details of YEPW activities for next year. The goal of YEPW is to make a culture of peace through youth network. Networking of youth through various schools and youth clubs help youth to explore the true peace and realize what they can do as a peace messenger and develop peaceful attitudes creating a culture of peace in the family, schools, society, country and in the global village.

Especially, Nepal is a very beautiful nation in the world and my city, Pokhara is regarded as the tourism capital of Nepal. However, we face a lot of problems regarding young people. Among many problems, I would like to focus on two major problems. Drug abuse is the one of serious social problems in Nepal. Young people easily get involved in drug use because of mainly unemployment, peer pressure and lack of awareness. And it causes violence, homeless, loss of employment and failure in school, etc. The other one is the lack of civic consciousness. Civic consciousness influences the progress of the state and society. Due to the absence of civic consciousness, people become selfish, and all activities are pursued solely for their own achievements. And it leads to a major problem that can harm others. On a smaller scale, this includes issues like problems with waste management and traffic jams due to the lack of effective traffic management measures. On a larger scale, it causes confusion in the social system.

That's why we make a YEPW to solve these issues through youth network. In order to make the youth network in Pokhara, we already signed HWPL Peace Education MOUs with 10 schools in Pokhara this August for students and 4 youth clubs which are ready to work for YEPW like Lions Club and Rotaract Club for young people signed IPYG applications as well.

We will hold a series of regular meetings and workshops in the schools for the better understanding of HWPL and YEPW Plans. After conducting peace clubs in each school, we will do various peace activities such as peace talk show and peace competitions and provide YEPC education to students. And we believe that students who realize the importance of peace and their role for society start doing social work as well. With youth clubs and students, we will contribute to society by conducting society cleaning campaign and practical traffic awareness. Rather than working for society in city, we will try to collaborate with local government so that they can implement YEPW in rural area as well. Through this series of activities, we believe that we can get a step closer in creating a culture of peace. And we will hold a workshop regarding civic consciousness for improvement of mentality of young people.

Personally I have already taken YEPW and I found the education is very important for every individual around the world. Looking at current situation of my country, major problem is people's mentality which means people know the exact root for the problem and issues but while decision time comes through election they vote to the same person whom their parents used to vote or relatives. I believe that to promote the development of our Nepal, it is necessary to increase civic awareness based on rational decision-making. So, I am pretty sure if we set this YEPW agenda and curriculum to today's youths and students. I know that day will come where my country will have prosperous and happy people. Another major issues are political instability,

brain drain, unemployment for which YEPW will play major role to resolve such issues. Thus, for it we have to expand our wings and huge expansion can only play a role to solve this issue.

Being the messenger of peace, I am very much passionate and enthusiastic for YEPW and its curriculum, and I will do my best to implement it in as many institutions as possible. There is huge political instability in my country due to which many people are in dark situation so from this podium I would love to request chairman Lee to come to my country Nepal being the light for us. As long as we continue working for peace as one, one-day whole world will come together as one and true peace will be achieved and will remain with each other forever like chairman Lee said. Lastly, I want to share one thought; do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. Let's be peace messenger, let's do it. WE ARE ONE. Kamsahamida. Dhanyabad Thank you.

