

# **ASIAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

## **Secretary General Report**

### **Introduction**

1. Asian Youth Council (AYC) is a non-governmental, youth serving, regional organization formed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1972 to promote solidarity and family spirit among young people in Asia as well as to strengthen national youth organizations in the region.
2. The Phnom Pehn 1 June 2013 declaration emphasizes on the importance and significance of Peace education and promotion among the youth. We committed to cherishing the values of peace and call for the closest cooperation among Asian youth to raise the public awareness of the cost, suffering, destruction, tears, bloodshed and the loss of lives that comes with war, instability, and conflict.
3. In AYC's President's speech, it is timely that AYC should have its own Youth Ambassador of Peace selected from its youth generation. They have to be trained with knowledge and skills regarding Peace Education to form a team to spread the message of peace in the whole Asia.

### **Membership and Affiliation**

4. AYC is a member of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), and is in consultative status with the United Nations Economics and Social Commission (ECOSOC).
5. AYC members, - is a National Youth Organization from Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Cambodia, Singapore, Yemen, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Mongolia, India, Republic of Maldives, Brunei, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.
6. We received interest notes from neighboring countries such as Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and Azerbaijan to be part of AYC members.

### **Programs**

7. Our next Annual General meeting will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 18-12 September 2014. In conjunction of our AGM AYC meeting, Asian Youth Forum will be organized. The AYC forum will be organized with cooperation with Mongolian Youth Federation. The aim of the Asian Youth

forum is to foster relationship between Asian youth, promote inter country dialogue and provide for delegates to develop an action plan on the topic “*Youth and Unity: Youth’s roles in Reducing “Inequality.*”

8. Asian Youth Exchange Program is to inspire youths of different background and nationalities to work closer with each other within the framework of the program.
  - To promote mutual understanding and collaboration among youths in crucial matter affecting them e.g. socio economy, socio politics, climate change, unemployment, health, religious understanding, cultural diversification etc.
  - To raise awareness amongst youths against issues effecting them
  - To strengthen and enhance the relationships amongst youths of the members of Asian Youth Council

*Proposal Asian Youth Exchange Program is attached.*

9. We have received members from affiliates. Mr Shaju allah Khan, Ex-Vice President of AYC - 28 April 2014 and President of Mongolian Youth Federation, Mr Munkbhist Ayush and his delegates from 19 April – 1 May 2014.