



# NDYS in Action, Newsletter

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## LET'S SHARE IDEAS FROM THE WORLD!

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### Topics

#### Natural Disasters and Disaster Reduction

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Theme: Climate Change and disaster reduction



NDYS Youth Editors

# NDYS 2008 in Trinidad and Tobago (Part 1)



The day came, that which was being waited is finally here. People from Japan, Argentina, Turkey, Sweden, USA, Suriname, UNICEF, UNESCO, and Trinidad and Tobago gathered in Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago on April 28. in order to face the declaration of the Natural Disaster Youth Summit 2008.

It is the great opportunity for all of us to share all the things we have been developing since we started NDYS2008 project.

Everybody is excited because of all the information and the faces that are involved in this new edition of NDYS.

People from this NDYS wanted everybody to listen to their personal opinions about the topic and what is to be part of this big family like. To begin with this section there will be introduced the interviews made to the Special Guests of the Ceremony and Government Special Guests.



**His Worship The Mayor of Port of Spain, Alderman Murchison Brown during the open ceremony.**

...the youth will definitely have some programs, it could be something to the international bodies, because of every country as I said before is affected, by climate change, and therefore we cannot see and do nothing....

**Vice President- Port of Spain/Atlanta Sister Cities, Ms. Stephanie Johnson**

I have been involved in this organization for five years till now. I expect from this summit to teach everyone how to learn from each other, share with each other and to support from each other.

For people in general who is maybe going trough a terrible episode like a natural disaster my advice would be for first instance to not loose control. Then try to put in practice what you have learned, or done about the topic. Try to find your emergency pack and to get your safety map in order to put yourself or maybe others in a safe situation.

The youth is our future, so they must think about of take care of themselves, take care of their societies, because there are many events occurring around the world. They should think about that as they are the future everything is on their hands, to take conscious will be the best thing to do now”.

**NDYS Youth Ambassador**



Trinidad and Tobago



Japan



Argentina



Turkey

As it is detailed above, all the people who have already met in NDYS is pleased of being part of this entire project. All their thoughts were right; they could spread their message to all over the world.

We, the NDYS members are pleased to show the world the declaration of this Natural Disaster Youth Summit 2008:

***The Natural Disasters Youth Summit of Port of Spain 2008 declares:***

*“That as a Global Village we must resolve to create awareness to disaster risk management and the adaptation to global climate change, by forging strong ties between youths and professionals and integrating all countries in an international partnership for this*

*“One Village, One Effort, THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW”.common purpose”.*



With the Compliments of His Worship  
the Mayor of Port of Spain



Following to the above we have the interviews made to some participants of this NDYS.

*Serop Dink, from Tuncsiper Private School, Turkey;*

“Our aim is to tell the world about how important is the effect of the global warming and to share information in order to make easy to understand them.”

*Ufuk Ok, from Tuncsiper Private School, Turkey*

“Our aim is try to communicate everybody about this *important topic because it is very important for us.*”

*Çisil Öksüzoğlu, from Tuncsiper Private School, Turkey;*

“The objective of our team is to work hard in order to affect the world in a positive way; a big effort makes it get better”

*Emre Uluş, from Tuncsiper Private School, Turkey;*

“Our group has been working hard in this topic, this is a great opportunity to share and see the awesome things of other schools, I think sharing has been our objective since we started”

Exhibition: "Disaster Safety Map & Kid's Safety Bag"



Presentaiton Program (Day1) April 28 14:00~

1. NDYS Headquarter / Kobe, Hyogo, Japan: *about NDYS*

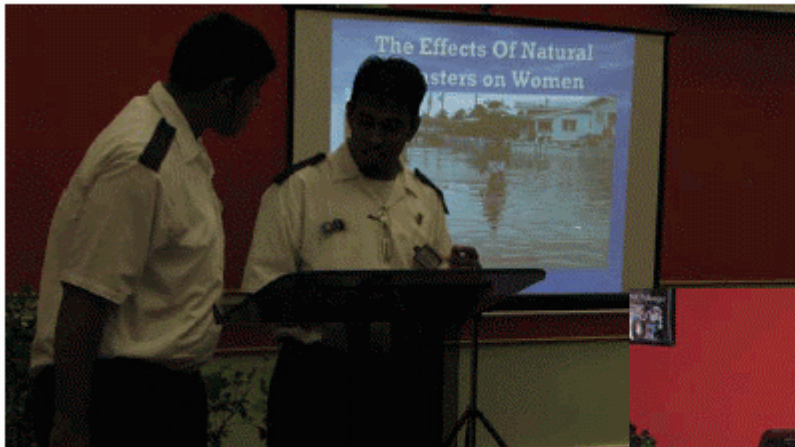


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2. Private Tuncsiper School / Bursa Turkey



3. El Dorado Secondary Comprehensive (TnT) *The effects of National Disasters on women*



4. Mayaro Environmental Wave club (TnT):  
*Coastal Erosn and Climate change*

5. Vishrou Boys College (TnT): *Evacuation Planning*

6. Hillview College (TnT): *Tub Gardens*

7. Speyside High School (TnT): *Life or extinction? Facing the reality of Coral Reefs in Tobago.*

8. Private Tuncsiper School: *Global warming and Disaster Reduction*



**Comment:** In this summit, I found one thing. Mr. Brown, the mayor of Port of Spain, said “People should be more serious about the disaster.” I felt very much different culture on disaster reduction in Trinidad and Tobago, because they had never been faced with big disaster since Hurricane Katrina. In Japan, People are more aware of disaster, but the memory of the disaster can be forgotten, because

of the time. “To be Serious” is very simple thing for us to do to cope with disaster, but it is something we must not forget. Even in my home town Kobe, many people started not to have their safety bags, year by year. Big natural phenomenon is something which might not be happen in our daily lives, but Disaster Reduction is something which we should do everyday.

Gento Kato- from Japan



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