

Good morning

Ohaiyo gozaimasu Ladies and gentlemen

Genki desu ka?

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Before I deliver my keynote speech, I would like to express my great honor to the members of natural disaster youth summit and all members of international education and resource network. Also my honors to all leaders of faculty of medicine Malikussaleh university.

Ladies and gentlement

I would like to share my experiences from my first time joined the NDYS project. On May 2005, my school teams (2 students and 1 teacher) was invited to attend the natural disaster youth summit that was held in Kobe Japan. As we all know, on December 2004, Aceh was greatly impact by tsunami disaster and the united nation declared that was a great humanitarian disaster in history. It was predicted almost 170 thousand casualties and many building destroyed. The environment that used to be the shelter of humankind and animal perished. Me myself was the victim of that tsunami disaster, honestly its sadly enough to recall that disaster but I should share my experience to all of you so that we know how to take an action to prevent similar disaster from occurring and to reduce the damages caused by the disaster.

On last summit 2005, our team presented about our video of tsunami disaster and about the reconstruction process that has been going on for a year after the disaster. We also designated our safety map project to deal with the possibility of the next tsunami. During that conference we met with some students from other country. It was our experience going abroad though, and of course that was the most valuable and meaningful experience for me. Because that summit was held a year after tsunami disaster, we received many condolences from the representative of Japan government, from NDYS members and from all other teachers and student from other country, and up until now I still remember all of them very well like the Japan, Rusia, Slovakia, Nepal, Taiwan, USA, and Argentine.

I learned a lot during the summit, on the first summit I learn about some natural disasters experienced by several other countries. We also learn about the disaster mitigation and the role of youth in responding to disasters. After the first event in Kobe Japan, I got a second chance joining the NDYS that was held in Nagoya, Japan. During the time I presented about the reconstruction and rehabilitation process 3 years after the tsunami. Because at that time of the tsunami disaster, some government and some non-governmental organization nationally and internationally participated in mitigation so that the reconstruction and rehabilitation process ran smoothly. I reported all improvements in every sector (health, education, social and economic) after 3 years of tsunami disaster which went as expected. After the last event on 2007, I still keep in touch with some teachers and students of NDYS teams such as Miss Yoshie Naya, Miss Kazuko, Miss Kayo Okumura.

After a few years passing by, I majored in medicine and now I become a dermatologist and also a lecturer at a state university in Aceh. Aceh is the westernmost province of Indonesia which has several potential disaster, including flood, earthquake, and hurricanes. Because of

the disaster some of building ruined, many students can't go to school, some families became devastated because the damage caused by the disaster. Because of the disaster some children lost their dream and their family and certainly can not ignore the psychological effects of the disaster which indeed has a permanent affects of their future. Considering our geographic location is an area prone to trauma, so the vision of our faculty is oriented towards the disaster management. Therefore, we propose cooperation with IEARN to expand our foreign cooperation in the field of disaster. Through this collaboration, we hope that our students and lecturers can exchange information related to disaster management in their area. As we all know, that the current approach of response to disaster is disaster mitigation, prevention and preparedness, which longterm benefit while minimizing the damage due to the impact of disaster. The fact that natural disaster undeniable and unacceptable, so that the government should think about the risk reduction by involving all of all elements of society including students from university. Youth as the next generation of the nation has a central role in prevention and mitigation of disaster, because they have spirit for transformational changes. Because right now we facing a great climate changes, the disaster risk reduction by engaging the youth should considered as valuable asset in community mobilization. The United nation has recognized the important role for young people in disaster risk reduction with their development of children and youth forum and inclusion of youth participation in 2015 third UN world conference on disaster risk reduction. As the purpose of children and youth forum consists of policy and governance, understanding the risk, enhancing preparedness, communication and awareness and resilient response and recovery. Finally I would like to say to all of faculty of medicine student malikussaleh university " Let's stop promising an empty hope and promises to the disaster victims, its time for us to take a real action and reach out for them so than you can reduce the pain they feel. You should act based on the doctor's oath which states that you will dedicate your life for the benefit of humanity.

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