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You have a voice and we want to hear it! Tell us about all the ways your club has been making a difference in your community. Please send your articles (300 words max.) and pictures to stephanie@ysmen.org.

The deadline for submission
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“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

—Coretta Scott King



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YW Editor's Message



Welcome to Youth World 74!

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It is my esteemed pleasure to once again write for the first edition Youth World of the YMI year 2018-2019, and the 74th edition in its history. It is a privilege that I do not take for granted, and it is all due to in part to your loyal readership. For that, I thank you.

So far, we've had an amazing start! We've had two major events, recently concluded, the 73rd International Conference, and the 17th International Youth Convocation held in Yeosu, Korea. It was a great opportunity to meet with our fellow YMI brothers and sisters across the world. It was also a good opportunity to discuss the work that has been done in each Area, and the goals they look forward to achieving to further the Movement. For those who, unfortunately, missed the 2018 IYC, you can certainly look forward to the 2020 IYC which will be held in Denmark.

During the IC and IYC, two major announcements took place. Our new International Secretary General (ISG) Mr. Jose Varghese was officially announced. His tenure began on 1 October 2018. In addition, our new International Youth Representative (IYR) for the period 2018-2020 was voted in. I am pleased to announce that our new IYR is Ms. Sherin Wilson from Ar-

ea India. We look forward to the amazing work she will do for the future of the youth in YMI, along with the International Youth Committee.

As we usher in our new International representatives, I would like to officially thank the Immediate Past International Secretary General Mr. Takao Nishimura for his years of dedicated service to the Y's Movement. His interest has always been the youth, and I know we can look forward to his support in the future.

In YW 74 we will highlight the impactful week of the 2018 IYC, shed light on the ongoing relief efforts currently taking place in Kerala, India, and speak more about the renewed push on how to be better stewards of the environment.

On a final note, our YMI year has just started, but we are in the final lap of 2018. Instead of looking ahead at 'starting over' or 'starting afresh' let us end the year by continuing the work we have been doing in our clubs and in our communities. There are many people in the world who are desperately in need, so let us not only think about them but let us continue to do the work. Happy reading!

***"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."
Proverbs 3: 27 (NIV)***

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GREETINGS FROM IYR SHERIN!

IYR Sherin Wilson

Dear friends across the world!

Greetings from India, the land of diversity! I am glad that I could address you through our special newsletter, *Youth World*.

First, let me introduce myself. I'm Sherin Wilson from Kerala, India. I'm a journalist by profession and I work for a news channel here. I have been a member of Y's Men International since 2010, and I am a chartered member of the Y service club of Immeuble Youth Kerala.



I would like to thank all the delegates who made the 17th International Youth Convocation (2018 IYC), held at Chonnam National University in Yeosu, South Korea, a success. I want to thank the youth who elected me to represent all YMI youth as the International Youth Representative for the next two years. I am happy to serve as your voice at the International Committee Member meetings.

As was discussed during the 2018 IYC, I, along with a competent team will begin preparing a constitution, just for the youth!

In addition to that, during my tenure, it will be my priority to promote more community service activities across all YMI areas. Thankfully, the work has already begun! I congratulate the Kerala youths for being active in the rescue and relief works during the floods in Kerala. Area Canada/Caribbean will also be having their first community service day this coming November.

Another focus point will be the implementation of the GOLD 2.0 program in youth clubs across the YMI areas. I am grateful to Y's Man David Hall for preparing such a wonderful curriculum. I am hoping that all the AYRs will be on board to have the programme fully implemented in their respective areas.

I believe we can all do our very best to create and execute more social commitment programmes and fundraising activities. Stephen Spender says, "History is theirs, whose language is the sun." So, let us make the most of your youth days, make friends, serve those in need, go beyond your limitations, and create history! Let us all work together for 2022.

I will be always there to support you. Feel free to write to me at sherinwilson333@gmail.com

Sending you all lots of love,

Sherin Wilson
International Youth Representative (2018-2020)

RECOVER KERALA

AYR Diya Vijayan & Krishnanunni | Area India

During the devastating floods which happened in Kerala, as part of our India Area Youth project 'Recover Kerala' Yslings and youth of Area India plunged into action by extending a helping hand to mitigate the sufferings of the people of Kerala. For the project, RECOVER KERALA, members of the Y's Men's Club of Youth Ministry generously contributed towards the RESCUE, RELIEF AND REBUILDING operations.



(RELIEF)

Relief kits worth Rs 2 Lakh (approx. \$US 2,750) were distributed to almost 115 families in and around Ernakulam district. The materials included: medicine, blankets, toiletries, groceries, and cleaning tools. The materials were collected by the youth of the region individually and also with the aid of Seva Bharati, Bangalore. The materials were distributed to fifteen families in Konnakal colony and around 40 families in Kochangadi area in

Muvattupuzha. Aid was then provided to around sixty families in multiple areas of North Paravoor where their livelihood was severely affected. Three bundles of winter jackets will be later send to Munnar where it would be of better use.



(RESCUE)

The Youth were also active participants in the RESCUE operations, where they have undertaken trapped-home rescue operation using a Raft boat and couple of life jackets under the guidance of Ys Man Basil Jose and was able to rescue four families trapped in a remote area closer to Ramamangalam. The raft also played a decisive part in transporting people between camps. Food materials, toiletries and sanitary pads were distributed by this process even to the remotely flooded areas and isolated camps where help from any other rescue team including the navy was non-viable.

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RECOVER KERALA

AYR Diya Vijayan & Krishnanunni | Area India



(REBUILD)

The REBUILD initiative were greatly driven by the youth power and spirit. The team visited flood affected areas of Rackad and completely transformed water devastated piles into habitable domiciles. Treated areas included Racked Y's Men's Centre and residential homes. The team included college students, some of whom were medical and engineering students, and those who were about to start jobs. Parents and other senior Y's Men leaders were also bringing in their wards to lend a helping hand. Even though the club which comprises of youths from different districts of the Mid-

west India region , hasn't yet completed their first anniversary in Ys Dom, they have profoundly taken part in all the 3R's for rebuilding Kerala.

The **RESCUE, RELIEF, AND REBUILD** operations were completed successfully within a span of nine days, and thankfully, more than 140 families were able to receive help. ■



“Our greatness has always come from people who expect nothing and take nothing for granted - folks who work hard for what they have, then reach back and help others after them.”

—Michelle Obama



I.Y.C.

"Strong Community—A Better World"

2018 IYC: *Relive the Moment!*

Seven days of fellowship, community, and fun. This year's IYC had approximately eighty youth from across the world in attendance. They all converged at Chonnam National University in Yeosu, Korea, from 6—12 August 2018.

Please follow this photographic journey through the IYC week, and relive the memories that left an indelible mark on all who were present. Enjoy!



I.Y.C.

The IYC and Me!

My name is Garrett Pierson and I am from the United States. The 2018 IYC was my third consecutive IYC, but it was my first visit to Korea.

The host and planning committees did an excellent job organising the convocation, and showing us delegates around the Yeosu area.

The sessions were both fun and informative, as always. I especially enjoyed the Fairy Tale Book and the UN Research Projects. In the UN Research Project, we discussed what each of us had discovered about violence affecting the youth in our respective nations. For the Fairy Tale Book Project, we discussed how fairy tales teach young children important lessons. We also had a really fun time acting out some of the fairy tales, or stories, that we had brought from our individual countries.

But my favorite part of the IYC has always been meeting other Y's Youth from all over the world and seeing friends that I haven't seen in years. In my opinion, exchanging ideas about YMI with these people is the most important part of the IYC.

Garrett Pierson
United States of America
Area USA





This was my second time attending the International Youth Convocation (IYC), and as expected it was really nice.

The main concept of the 2018 IYC was to gather together and find a way to create positive changes in our country. We started from something small but those steps were indeed meaningful. For example, at this IYC, we did community service activities like riding bikes and playing sports with kids. Even though there was a language barrier, in the end they still conveyed that they really enjoyed their time with us.

Just seeing a smile on their faces made it all worth it, and I would love to spend more time with them, if there's a chance in the future.

Another great moment for was catching up with old friends of whom I'd met at the 2016 IYC in Taipei, Taiwan.

Overall, I greatly treasure this experience and I would definitely love to attend the next one in Denmark, if I can.

Wanda Wang, Taiwan, Area Asia



The IYC and Me!



I.Y.C.

It was a wonderful experience to be able to participate in my first International Youth Convocation, and to represent my country, Chile. I want to thank the 2018 IYC Host Committee and the IYC Facilitators for hosting us in Korea, a beautiful country.

What I liked the most about this IYC was being able to meet young people from other countries who are also volunteers. During the convocation, I also learned how our organisation works in different parts of the world.

I hope to participate in the next IYC, as I believe one can have new experiences at each convocation.

I am very motivated to continue in Y's Men International, and now I am working with young people who also want to participate in the Movement.

Gabriel Inzunza * Chile * Area Latin America

IYC Community Moments

No Caption—Just Love!

Sneha Elizabeth Joseph | Area India



To my IYC 2018 family I just want to say thank you again for such an inspiring week.

It was such a great blessing to meet each and everyone in Korea. In Y's Men we are so lucky to have a worldwide family. The 17th International Youth Convocation (IYC 2018) has given us a great platform to meet energetic youth from different cultures and countries. There, in Yeosu, we shared our love and care with each other through group activities, culture night performances, community service projects, outings and

many other things that made my soul happy.

I can scarcely find the words to express my happiness right now, and the one and only reason behind this bliss is Seung-hoon—my love. As I type this message, I really miss him, and I cherish all the memories I've stored in my mind and soul.

Saturday, August 11, 2018, will remain one of the most precious days in my life. Early that morning we all woke up and made our daily 'hike' to the auditorium for our Community Service Project session. There we saw a lot of cute boys and girls dressed up and ready to play.

While we were playing with the children, a little boy with chubby cheeks, sleepy eyes, and a sweet smile caught my eye. I walked towards him and put out my hand. He held it tightly.

It was a great feeling, and at that moment, I remembered my little brother, who

No Caption—Just Love! (cont'd)

Sneha Elizabeth Joseph | Area India



Sneha and Seung-hoon

is in heaven right now, praying for me. I felt that this little boy resembled my brother.

For the entire session—almost two hours—I played with him, walked with him, and hugged him. His teacher told me that he is one of the youngest in that institution. They call him Seung-hoon. I truly bonded with him and I believe he understood how much I cared for him.

For me, that was the best moment at the 2018 IYC.

I know God has gifted me that day because He knew how much I really

missed my little brother's smiles.

When it was time to say goodbye, I cried. I saw his sad face and it was as if his eyes were saying, “please don't leave me.” and “Thank you for showing me the love of a mother.”

In closing I just want to say something specifically to Seung-hoon and his teacher. I hope he will see this one day:

“Dear Seung Hoon, my kid. I will always remember you, because you will always have a special place in my heart and soul. I will keep the promise I had made to you, and that is I will return to South Korea to meet you with my family and kids. I hope you will recognize me.

Thank you, Ms. Hong-eui Park, for keeping in touch with me through social media and sending daily updates and the latest photos. Your message that Seung asked about me truly touched me.

Seung-hoon, beautiful angel. I really miss you. I will always love you!”

Thank you IYC 2018 for that precious day! ■



TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Delegates discussing their ideas during an IYC session.



Delegates participating in the Fairy Tale Project.



The UN Project discussions held in groups.





AROUND THE WORLD IN THREE NIGHTS!

Delegates participated in the highly anticipated Culture Night sessions. All seven YMI Areas were represented.



Area USA.



Area Asia—Taiwan



Area Asia—Japan



Area India



COMMUNITY IS WHERE IT'S AT!

The 2018 IYC delegates had many sessions with members of the Yeosu community. For many, these shared moments were the highlight of the week.



Delegates after lunch with students from the Yeosu community.

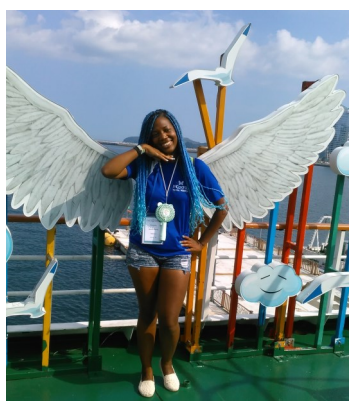


Delegates at the Marine Police Educational Centre



RELIVE THE MOMENT. RELIVE THE FUN!

This was the 2018 IYC.





THE YMI GREEN TEAM

GREEN ACTIVITIES

RITA HETTIARACHCHI

Greetings!

Let me approach you as the current Area Service Director for Green Activities in ASP.

As a member of Y's Men International Environmental Committee (Green Team), I shall share with all of you the news update from the Global Warming alert network which presents a few key facts to help us understand and manage our current global warming emergency.

The recent critical update is:

“What you are seeing in the California, Greek, Finish, and Canadian wildfires and the heat extremes in Japan, Taiwan, West and the Middle East are not the new normal for the climate!

*What you are seeing is the beginning of chains of global warming consequences which are beginning and will continue to increase exponentially in their severity, frequency, and scale across the globe. This means what you are seeing right now is **NOT** the new normal and global warming is going to get much, much worse. Unfortunately, you will only hear this information from less than a handful of global warming educational organizations daring to speak what people do not want to hear.*

What you will also not hear is that the first wave of climate researchers and ultra-wealthy individuals who know about (or have been advised on what's coming,) have already chosen to migrate or prepare to migrate near or above the 45th parallel to minimize these consequences”.

Please spread the word of the consequences of rapid climate change we are already facing. One never knows how soon it will affect our everyday lives, our neighbourhoods and surroundings.



Save water! Save the beaches and the ocean without throwing plastic, polythene, and other non-biodegradable litter in there! Save paper. Save the forests. Stop cutting trees.

Save energy and only use what you need!

Let it also begin with us, all Y's Men!

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STEP

If you want to be an international ambassador for Y's Men International, join the STEP and YEEP programmes today!

Short-Term Exchange Programme (STEP)

Suitable for Y's Men and Youth who wants to travel the world and make a difference all in one trip!

Participants are able to:

- Spend 3-11 weeks with a Y's Men's family in another country or region.
- Develop critical self-management skills.
- Learn about the customs, cultures, and languages of their host country or region.
- Learn about the activities of Y'sdom world-wide.

For more information on STEP, eligibility and application details click [here!](#)

YEEP

Youth Educational Exchange Programme (YEEP)

Suitable for Y's Youth between the ages of 16-18 years. Students (i.e. the participants) must be able to commit to a 12-month educational exchange programme to reap the benefits.

These benefits include:

- Creating global, and often, long-term friendships.
- Developing the traits and skills of a mature and responsible youth.
- Learning about the customs, cultures, and languages of their host country or region. (In most exchanges, students develop a proficiency in the language of their host countries.)
- Learning about the activities of Y'sdom world-wide.

For more information on YEEP, eligibility and application details click [here!](#)

Still want to join? Contact Rita Hettiarachchi (Service Director for the STEP&YEEP Programmes) at ritahetti@gmail.com to apply!

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