

SPEECH AND CHAIR'S NOTE

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**"HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE
YOUTH: A BETTER FUTURE"**

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Honorable Leaders of MIKTA Member Parliaments;

Ladies and gentlemen

We now enter the third and final session of the 9th MIKTA Speaker's Consultation, entitled "*Harnessing the Power of the Youth: A Better Future.*"

Let me begin this session by sharing at least two important facts.

First, the fact that the current youth population is the largest in human history, representing 16% of the global population and totaling 1.8 billion people.

Second, the fact that young people usually have positive characteristics, namely: high energy, enthusiasm, fresh ideas, high creativity and innovation, out-of-the-box thinking, and even have higher appetite for risk.

These two facts are important forces that can be harnessed to realize a better future for the world.

Honorable Speakers of Parliament and Ladies and Gentlemen,

The world is currently facing various challenges such as conflict, climate change, global economic slowdown, and of course the possibility of not achieving the SDGs by 2030.

The SDGs themselves are comprehensive commitments to maintain the balance of three dimensions: environmental, social and economic.

The SDGs are expected to address poverty, inequality, climate change, economic slowdown, discrimination, and other challenges.

Understanding the importance of the SDGs, the great potential of the younger generation should be utilized to help achieve the SDGs.

In light of the above, I support the idea proposed by UN ECOSOC recently to engage youth on four key issues of the SDGs framework namely:

1. Youth are champions of climate action.
2. Youth are advocates for inclusive societies.
3. Youth fights hunger.
4. Youth for good health and wellbeing.

Honorable Speakers of Parliament and Ladies and Gentlemen,

To maximize the role of youth, efforts aimed at capacity building and education for the young generation are needed.

Youth must be equipped with the skills and abilities needed by society.

Youth need education that is effective, results-oriented and allows them to actively participate in learning and on-the-job training (apprenticeships).

In addition, the young generation should also be more actively involved in politics.

Thus, the youth will be able to express their aspirations and interests.

Youth can also determine their own destiny through their involvement in politics.

Youth can also serve the wider community by getting involved in politics.

When politics is filled with young people, it means that the political influence of the younger generation will be stronger.

We need to ensure that young people want to get involved in politics, including becoming members of parliament.

In this regard, legal instruments are needed that provide access to youth involvement in politics.

Honorable Leaders of Parliament and Ladies and Gentlemen,

Indonesia, including its parliament, continues to mobilize the youth for a better future.

Let me present some of Indonesia's concrete steps to advocate the role of young people in development:

In 2009, the Indonesian Parliament has adopted the Youth Law, which generally establishes the urgent importance of youth in development.

Furthermore, according to the General Election Law, the minimum age for parliamentary candidates is 21 years old and for voters is 17 years old. This allows active participation of the youth in politics.

The House of Representatives has established the Indonesian Parliamentary Youth Caucus (KPPI) in the House and the Youth Parliament Program.

Finally, it can be said that Indonesia currently has dozens of regional heads under the age of 40.

***Honorable Leaders of Parliament and
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

I hope that this MIKTA Parliamentary forum can conduct discussions to reaffirm our commitment to empowering youth for a better world.

On this occasion, I will invite the leaders of parliament to express their views.

As mentioned, the speaking order is based on alphabetical order, namely. Korea, Turkey, Australia, and Mexico.

I also would like to remind everyone that each speaker will be given 7 minutes to present their views.

Without any delay, I now invite **Mr. Kim Jin-Pyo**, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

Time is yours...

-- The views of Mr. Kim Jin-Pyo--

Thank you to the Your Excellency **Mr. Kim Jin-Pyo** for your views.

Now, I invite **Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş**,
Speaker of the Türkiye Grand National
Assembly to express his views.

The floor is yours.

-The views of Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş...

Thank you to the Honorable Mr. **Numan Kurtulmuş** for his views.

Next, I invite **Mr. Andrew McLachlan**,
Deputy President of the Australian Senate.

I give you the floor...

-The views of Mr. Andrew McLachlan--

Thank you to the Honorable Mr. **Andrew McLachlan** for your views.

Last, but not least, I invite **Ms. Fuensanta Guerrero Esquivel** Secretary of the Mexican Parliament.

Please take the floor

-The views of Ms. Fuensanta Guerrero Esquivel --

Thank you to the Honorable **Ms. Fuensanta Guerrero Esquivel** for your views.

**CLOSING TO CONTINUE THE SHORT
CONTRIBUTION SESSION:**

Together, we have listened to the enlightening views of each MIKTA Member Parliamentary Leader...

I believe if we act collectively... then we will be able to manage all complex challenges.

I will then give the floor to parliamentary leaders who wish to make additional contributions.

For those who wish to provide additional input and response briefly, I welcome...

**(THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ARE
WELCOME TO DO SO)**

Thank you for your contribution to the interactive session.

CONCLUDE THE WHOLE SESSION:

Honorable Leaders of Parliament...

Now, we have fulfilled all the agenda items of this session... for that, I would like to thank all the parliamentary leaders of MIKTA members for their participation and contribution.

The discussion not only reflects the spirit of close cooperation on how to maximize the potential of the youth.

But these discussions also lead to a deeper understanding of issues of mutual interest.

I hereby end the discussion in this third session. Thank you.

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