



SPEECH TEXT

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**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh**

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THE ORGANIZER)***

Good afternoon, esteemed guests, and fellow National Youth Delegates.

YOUTH AS THE DRIVING FORCE OF CHANGE

1. It is an honour to stand before you

today, not just to talk about challenges, but to take action.

2. This summit is more than a gathering—it is a **commitment to shaping the future together.**
3. Youth must be at the forefront of solutions, leading with innovation, resilience, and determination.

NAMYO: FROM RECOGNITION TO IMPACT

4. The Non-Aligned Movement Youth Organisation (NAMYO) continues to grow as a platform for youth collaboration, strengthening its presence through regional engagements.

5. The Regional NAM Youth Summit in Kuala Lumpur, with over 200 participants from across Asia, marks a pivotal milestone in NAMYO's mission to attain international recognition.

6. But recognition alone is not enough. A major goal of this summit is **the formulation of a unified statement by 17 National Chapter Representatives**, advocating for NAMYO's global standing.
7. This statement must not only seek recognition but also serve as a framework for real action.
8. We must **commit to measurable**

actions that prove youth are not just participants in global discussions—we are leaders in solving global challenges, including climate change.

CLIMATE CHANGE: TURNING AWARENESS INTO ACTION

9. Climate change is not a future concern—**it is a present crisis.** Raising awareness is important, but action is what truly matters.

10. Work in **close partnership with governments** to ensure that the perspectives of young people are incorporated into policy development.

11. However, **policies alone will not solve this crisis.** It is young leaders, with bold ideas and strong initiatives, who will drive real impact.

12. Beyond policies, we need

implementation. Grassroots sustainability projects—from reforestation to clean water initiatives—must move from discussion to action, supported by both the public and private sectors.

EMPOWERING YOUTH-LED SOLUTIONS

13. Innovation is key to tackling climate change. Young entrepreneurs and visionaries

need funding and mentorship to develop sustainable solutions, from renewable energy to waste reduction.

14. To achieve enduring change, governments and industries must progress beyond solely acknowledging youth initiatives; they must proactively invest in and furnish young individuals with the essential resources.

EDUCATION AS A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

- 15. Real change starts with knowledge.** Climate education must be integrated into school curriculum, ensuring that young people understand the urgency of environmental challenges.
- 16. Beyond schools, leadership training must empower youth to become sustainability advocates in**

their communities. When we invest in education, we prepare the next generation not just to inherit challenges, but to solve them.

BUILDING STRONGER REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- 17. No country can tackle global issues alone.** Collaboration is key. The partnership between NAMYO and the Committee for ASEAN Youth Cooperation (CAYC)

demonstrates that when youth leaders unite, our impact is amplified.

18. Through cross-border initiatives, knowledge-sharing, and policy advocacy, we can create a stronger, more sustainable future.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

19. The presence of 17 National Chapters today is not just about

dialogue—it is about leadership.

20. Youth are not the leaders of tomorrow—you are the leaders of today. **You must take responsibility, push forward, and ensure our voices shape the world you want to live in.**

21. To the youth in this hall—**your passion, your ideas, and your actions will define the future.** Let us move forward with purpose and

conviction, because change is not just possible—it is already happening.

22. *Terima kasih*, thank you, and let's make this summit count!

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