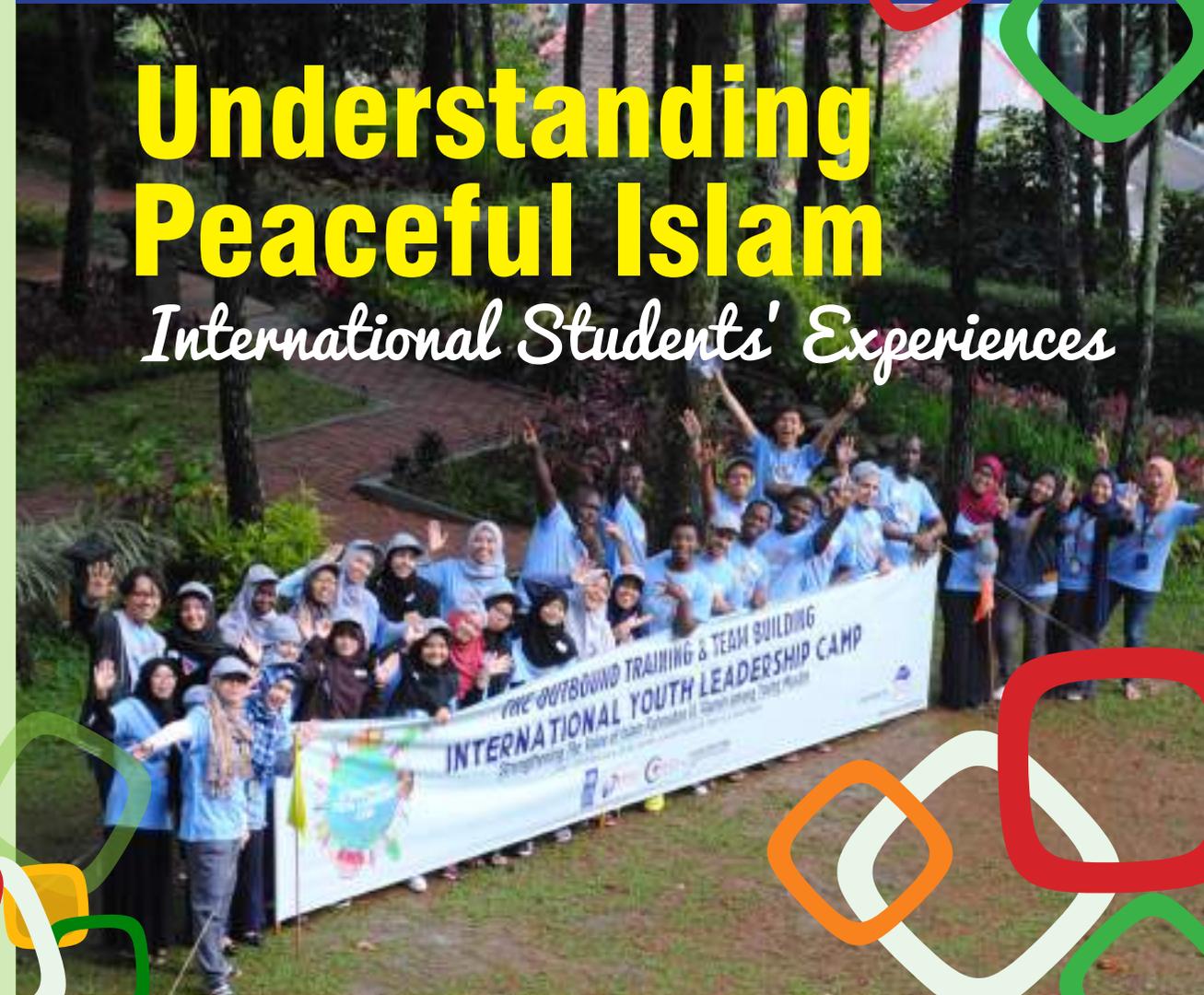




Understanding Peaceful Islam

International Students' Experiences



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Promoting Islam's Universal Values to Youth

An Introduction



There is a famous quote from the Quran that says Muhammad (peace be upon him) was sent down to become a mercy from God to the entire universe (*rahmatan lil'alamin*). This is the ultimate message of Islam as a religion. Islam has to be seen as a religion that promotes caring and mercy to others. Therefore, the Prophet Muhammad himself gave a lot of examples how he helped his neighbors regardless of their beliefs. When he entered Yathrib, a city that later known as Madinah, and created a Muslim community, he

respected those who believe in Christianity and Judaism, and they co-existed in Madinah.

When we look at the current situation of Muslim affairs, we found that a lot of Muslims found themselves as true believers and do not respect others' beliefs. The expanding influence of social media creates a lot of spaces for those who do not understand the true message of Islam to share hatred and condemnation to those who act against their beliefs. These campaigns of hatred and condemnation are sometimes even directed to other Muslims who have different understanding. What we see as a result is Muslims who practice "unfriendly" Islam, Muslims who show their anger to the public and not their mercy.

At this time of crisis, it is very crucial to remind young Muslim to re-establish their understanding of Islam as a religion of mercy to the entire universe. It is therefore, when Center for the Study of Islam and Society (PPIM) and United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) invite Social Trust Fund (STF) to be involved in a program that allows STF to educate young Muslims to understand and share the message of peaceful Islam, we at STF were very happy to join.

The program itself involved 28 international students from different countries who are undertaking university degree in Indonesian universities around greater Jakarta as participants. During the program, they had intense discussion with scholars as well as activists that promote peaceful Islam through universities and social organizations. The speakers include Irfan Amalee (PeaceGen), Dr. JM Muslimin (UIN Syarif Hidayatullah), Dr. Yeni Ratna Yuningsih (Ministry of Religious Affairs), Dr. Syafiq Hasyim (UIN Syarif Hidayatullah). The speakers shared their understanding and experiences about peaceful Islam and how as Muslims themselves they practiced their understanding of Islam in multi-religions communities. Moreover the speakers also encouraged the participants to be actively involved on promoting the peaceful and tolerant Islam.

During the program, participants who were coming from different background of study enjoyed the presentations and discussions. In fact some sessions should go beyond the allotted time and some discussions remained continue beyond the classroom. The participants showed their interest in pursuing further discussion on the contextual understanding of Islam.

We, at STF, believe that this program is very beneficial for young Muslims, because they experienced different approach in understanding their religion. This way they are able to strengthen their faith and religion at the same time, respect different beliefs and understanding of religions. (***)

International Youth Leadership Camp Program (IYLC) Islam Rahmatan lil 'Alamin and the Responsibility of the Youth



IYLC and Restoring Islamic Grace

The International Youth Leadership Camp (IYLC) 2018 is a program that is organized by the Social Trust Fund (STF) of the Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University State (UIN) Jakarta as a response to the strengthening phenomenon of Islamism recently.

While some Islamist groups are active in peaceful discussions and platforms, many have, indeed, used violence as a way of being heard and seen. The militant group Al-Qaeda (1998) and the Islamic State of Iraq and Suria (ISIS/al-Daulah al-Islamiyah fi al-'Iraq wa al-Syam/1999) are examples of two groups that are more than willing to use violence as a way to establish an Islamic state. The conflicts in Syria, Yemen, and other Middles Eastern countries is the stage in which their battles are fought.

While their goal of implementing Islamic teachings completely unto the private and public sphere is, in a way, noble, the extremely strict application of Islamist ideals renders it ironic. Islam's message of peace and principle of universality of blessing and mercy or Rahmatan lil 'alamin is then turned onto its head by their divisive and exclusionary approach. Their hostilities towards those who are

different are not exclusive to Non-Muslims, fellow Muslim communities have also been the victim of their intolerance; instances include accusations of heresy and violence based on literal interpretation of sacred text .

As such, at the surface Islam becomes a closed religion, one that cannot cope and adapt to the ever-changing social landscape as a result of civilization moving forward. The face of Islam that is often shown in the media is one that is far from the pillar of the religion as being a blessing and mercy to all, *Rahmatan lil 'alamin*, but one that angry and vengeful.



Faced with the these conditions, STF UIN Jakarta could not just stay silent and allow the normalization of violence to continue and become a mass phenomena. STF UIN Jakarta recognizes the importance of harmonious and tolerant way of living. It is in the same light that STF UIN Jakarta understands the role and importance of the media and agents capable of reversing the anarchist trend gripping Islamism today.

STF sees education as an effective tool to cultivate awareness and understanding on the importance of peace, where messages of peace are embedded into lectures and learning material. It is not just educational institution that has a role in countering violent Islamism tendencies; organizational institutions can be a force of peace in their community and environment. The STF UIN Jakarta is a social organization has the utmost concern for peace through its commitment to instill social justice ideals in each of its programs and initiatives.

Stemming from the need to provide balance to the worrying phenomena, STF UIN Jakarta, with supports from The Center for the study of Islam and Society (PPIM) UIN Jakarta and the United Nation Development Program (UNDP) organized the International Youth Leadership Camp. The theme of Strengthening the Value of *Islam Rahmatan lil 'Alamin (Mercy to the Entire Universe)* among

Young Muslim was very much chosen for its relevance to the current political and religious reality. Through the activities, STF UIN Jakarta and all the organization involved hopes to be part of the solution by implanting the seeds of tolerance, inclusivism and wholesome understanding of Islam and it's pillar of *Rahmatan lil 'Alamin*.

Fostering Hope for a Friendly Islam

There are many objectives to the IYLC program. The first is to expand studies on Indonesian Islam, the values of peace, the dangers of conflict and prevention of violence and extremism. The second is to create a forum of international students who represent the future leaders of their countries where they can learn about friendship, peace and tolerance. The third objective is to teach dialogue, mediation and negotiation in order to be more open towards other cultures, religion and race.

The IYLC program is also expected to produce several outputs. The first output is the awareness of the dangers of radicalism and extremism on the global level. The second, spreading of knowledge and skills to become an active agent in the prevention of the occurrence of radicalism and anarchism. The third is to create youth agents who are invested and concerned with world peace.

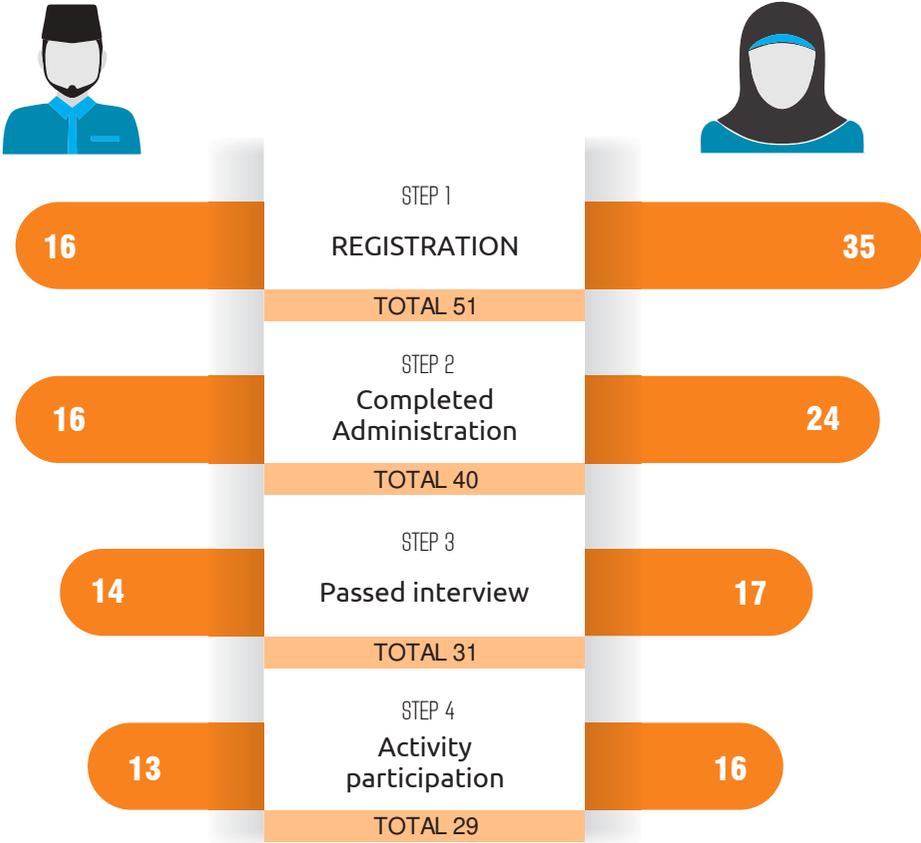
With the organization of IYLC, the objective and hope that Islam as *Rahmatan lil 'alamin* and one that offers a friendly face have been instilled. Islam that is able to adapt and negotiate with the modern era, as well as become a positive force on the human development stage. That is why IYLC activities, took place the entire weekend, from Friday to Monday, February 2nd to 5th, 2018, in the Jambuluwuk Resort, Ciawi, Bogor West Java.

The Youth, Hope for a Future for a Friendly Islam

It is the firm belief of STF UIN Jakarta that it is the responsibility of Muslim youth to nurture and cultivate a friendly Islam in accordance to Islam's vision of *Rahmatan lil 'alamin*. It is in their hands that the tolerant and friendly face of Islam is re-actualized into society on the local and global stage, so that civil development happens within the framework of harmony.

With these objectives in mind, STF UIN Jakarta, as part of the IYLC program, chose international students from various universities, Islamic colleges or otherwise. It is the responsibility of the youth as a collective to nurture a friendly Islam, and thus registration to the IYLC was opened to international students who are pursuing their studies in Indonesia.

The details of student registration as follows:



University Information



Considering the importance of the subject matter of the program, a rigorous selection process was required. Through the process, STF UIN Jakarta selected 29 participants from Indonesia, Gambia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kanada, Guinea, Brunei Darussalam, Yaman, and Thailand. Participant details are as follows:



1. Abdusami Makarim

Program Study
Syariah Economic Law
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



2. Nur Isnaini

Program Study
Accounting
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



3. Oktavia Permatasari

Program Study Social Science
and Politics Science
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



4. Jainaba Trawally

Program Study
Information Technology
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta





5. Iqra Yunus Palejwala

Program Study
Dirasat Islamiyah
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Canada



6. Sulayman Colley

Program Study
Information Technology
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Gambia



7. Mohamed Doumbouya

Program Study
Information
Esa Unggul University



Republic of
Guinea



8. Acep Lukman

Program Study
Biology Education
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Indonesia



9. Kariza Bella

Program Study Social Science
and Politics Science
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Indonesia



10. Cut Munawirul Hayya

Program Study
Syariah Banking
STEBANK Islamic Mr. Syarifudin



Indonesia



11. Isatou Jobarteh

Program Study
Psychology
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Gambia



12. Abdul Saboor Hamedi

Program Study
Information Technology
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Afghanistan



13. Nurhamizahyani

Program Study
Management
University of Indonesia



Brunei
Darussalam



14. Omar Samba

Program Study
International Relation
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Gambia



15. Waheed ul Hasan

Program Study
Plant Protection
Bogor Agricultural University



16. Latifa Rahmi

Program Study
Islamic Study
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



17. Nuraemy Firdaus

Program Study
Information Technology
University of Al-Azhar Indonesia



18. Fatou Dibba

Program Study
Information System
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



19. Abdul Mansoor

Program Study
Syariah Banking
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta





20. Ebrima Jatta

Program Study
International Relation
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



21. Abdou Barrow

Program Study
Sociology
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



22. Nur Effah

Program Study
Economics
University of Indonesia



23. Gusti Fathia

Program Study
English Language Education
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



24. Arini Afkari

Program Study
Physics
University of Indonesia





25. Heyam Taha

Program Study
Medical
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Yemen



26. Mam Mas Sey

Program Study
Information System
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Gambia



27. Pamodou Faal

Program Study
Information Technology
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Gambia



28. Ayuba Jobarteh

Program Study
Information System
UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta



Gambia



29. Niameeroh Hamamuso

Program Study Accounting
University of Muhammadiyah
Prof. Dr. Hamka



Thailand



Highlighted Themes and Subject Matter Experts

The theme of *Strengthening the Value of Islam Rahmatan lil 'Alamin (Mercy to the Entire Universe) among Young Muslim* of IYLC was broken down into several sub themes, such as radicalism as a threat to peace, difference of opinion in Islam and identifying radical thought, the strengthening of the principle of *Islam Rahmatan lil 'Alamin*, and the role of the youth in promoting peace.

To ensure the quality of discussion of each theme, professionals and experts, with relevant working and academic experience were brought in to deliver the material. The speakers included Irfan Amalee, a renowned peace activist and founder of Green Peace Indonesia, DR. JM Muslimin, the Deputy Director Graduate Studies program in UIN Jakarta as well as esteemed researcher in Islamic law, Dr. Yeni Ratna Yuningsih, a lecturer of Arabic literature in UIN Jakarta who specializes in Sufism, and Dr. Syafiq Hasyim, a young Muslim intellectual born into Indonesia's largest grassroots Islamic organization, Nadhatul Ulama. In the role of facilitator and mediator were several young lecturers such as Maria Ulfa M.A., M. Hum, Husnul Khitam M.Si., Sri Hidayati M.Ed., dan Eva Mushoffa MHSPs.

When it came to the presentations, each speaker delivered on the topic according to their credentials and experience. For instance, Irfan Amalee's discussed radicalism as a threat to peace, Yeni spoke about the strengthening of the principle of *Rahmatan lil 'Alami*, while Syafiq presented on the role of the youth in promoting peace. The exploration of the topics began and continued throughout the three days of the camp. Below is the list of speakers and their discussion title:



Irfan Amalee

Understanding Radicalism and
Its Threats to the World Peace



Dr. JM Muslimin, MA

Difference Schools of Thoughts in Islam
and Responses to Radical Thoughts



Dr. Yeni Ratna Yuningsih

Strengthening the Value of Islam
Rahmatan lil 'Alamin



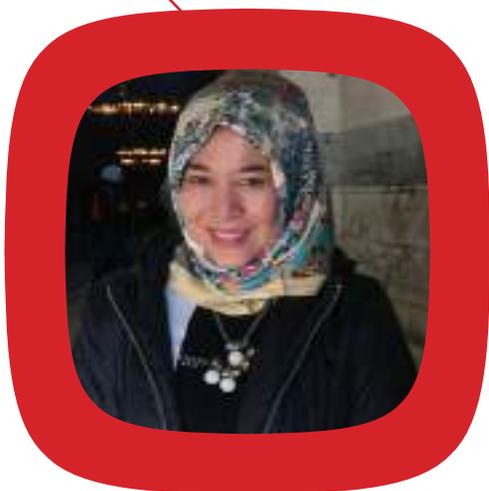
Dr. Syafiq Hasyim

The Role of Islamic Young Leaders
in Promoting Peace

Aside from discussions, participants also took part in onsite visits and outdoor games. For the onsite visit, the participants went to two Buddhist worship sites, the Buddha Dharma Buddhist temple and the 8 Pho Sat, both in Bogor. It was located in Tonjong, Tajur Halang, Bogor, West Java, where the participants got first hand account on a Buddhist worship existing in a Muslim majority area and environment. They also had the opportunity to have a discussion on the Buddhist-Muslim relations with the local religious figures and temple administrators.

Expert Speaker

Dr. Yeni Ratna Yuningsih is an academic and a ministry civil servant. She completed her Master's and Doctoral studies at McGill University, Canada, in the Institute of Islamic Studies. Currently, she teaches Arabic literature at the faculty of civilization and humanities at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN) Jakarta. Aside from teaching, she is also the manager of the 5000 Doctors program by the Ministry of Religious Affairs.



Irfan Amalee, MA., is a peace activist and founder and director of the Peace Generation Indonesia, an organization established in 2007. Irfan works to give training to students about peace. One of the educational material modules that he has created is a peace related board game that has been tested and trialed outside Indonesia.

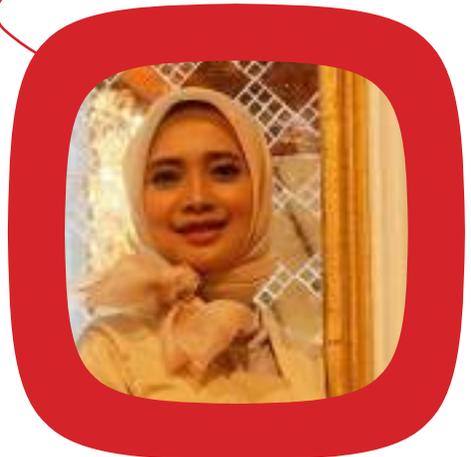
Born in Jepara on April 18th, 1971, **Dr. Syafiq Hasyim** is both an activist and lecturer at the Faculty of Political Science in UIN Syarif Hidayatullah specializing in International Relations. Having studied in Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN) Jakarta, Leiden and Berlin, he is known for his work on Islam in Indonesia. Dr. Syafiq recently published his latest book titled *Islam of the Indonesian archipelago in the context of multiculturalism and radicalism*.



Dr. JM Muslimin is an academic who focuses on the history and civilization of Islam. At the moment, he is both a lecturer and the chairman of the Graduate Studies program of Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN) Jakarta. He has studied in UIN Jakarta, Leiden University and Hamburg University.

Facilitator

Eva Mushoffa holds the position of lecturer and program secretary of International Relations, at the Faculty of Political Science of UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta. She is an alumna at UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta and holds two Masters' degree from IIUM and Durham University. Eva has published many articles in field of Global political Islam in the Middle East.



Maria Ulfa, born in Depok on December 19th, 1982. She is a lecturer of English Literature in the Faculty of Adab and Humanities, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN) Jakarta, as well as the director of the Indonesian Muslim Crisis Center (IMCC). She is an UIN Jakarta alumni and completed her Masters' degree at the University of Indonesia and Leiden University. She specializes in literary studies and interdisciplinary studies.



Sri Hidayati is active staff lecturer at the Faculty of Economics and Business, UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, and an activist in the community health savings (*Bungkesmas*) of the Social Trust Fund (STF), UIN Jakarta. She completed her master degree at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. Di paragraf terakhir. An active academic writer, she is also gives talks on health and awareness on the importance of saving in various regions in the country.



Husnul Khitam, a graduate from the Bogor Institute of Agriculture (IPB), is a lecturer of Sociology at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN) Jakarta. He was the former secretary to the Sociology program and project manager at the Social Trust Fund.





Knowing the Other

Unraveling Radicalism

Friday morning on the 2nd February 2018, before 8 AM, the participants were up and ready, gathered in the STF UIN Jakarta office. As scheduled, the day began with participant registration starting from 6AM to 8AM.

Once registration was done, the participants headed off to their site visit, the Buddha Dharma Tempel and 8 PhoSat- a Buddhist temple located in Bogor Tajur Halang, Tonjong, Bogor, West Java. Using a bus from Ciputat, the trip took around an hour.

Upon arrival, the temple management welcomed the participants. The group was then invited to take a tour around the temple and the worship areas of the temple. Along with explaining the rooms of the temple, the temple management also explained the various Buddhist rituals that take place in the temple. The participants were especially impressed by the leaning Buddhist statue and the temple architecture, which garnered a lot of attention and questions from the group.



After the tour, the temple's management, along with the known local religious figures, opened the floor for a Q&A session with the participants. Most the discussion was spent on the history of the temple and the local Buddhist community of the area. In addition, the participants also learned about the contribution of the Buddhist community to area, including how the non-Buddhist community sees them. The Q&A session allowed for participants to understand the function of the temple for the Buddhist surrounding community, as not only a place of worship but also religious celebrations and rituals.



After the visit to the temple, the participants proceeded to the venue location in Jambuluwuk Resort, Jambu Luwuk, Ciawi, Bogor, West Java- a trip that took, approximately, two hours.



Upon the arrival at the venue, the participants were assigned the room and unpacked their belongings. Afterwards, the participants took part in the opening ceremony and activity breakdown as delivered by the program coordinator, Muhammad Zuhdi M.Ed., Ph.D. Zuhdi advised

the students to take each activity seriously so that they experience the learning to the fullest, in line with the objectives of the program.

In the evening, the participants attended a workshop and shared ideas and thoughts on religious radicalism. The topic was facilitated by Maria Ulfa., M.Hum., while the speaker was Irfan Amalee. Amalee, is a well known social activist who also concerned with the ideals of tolerance and harmony within civilizational development. Amalee, the founder of Peace Generation discussed the topic of Radicalism as a Threat to Peace. With his deep understanding of the theoretical and practical approaches to radicalism, and his spot-on articulation of the subject, the participants were enthused and engaged, commenting and asking questions throughout. The heart of Amalee's talk was a call to Muslim youth from different countries to be sensitive of religious radical tendencies and thought because, in his view, radicalization is fertile ground on which dis-harmonization and division lives. The day was closed by an evaluation session of the speaker and facilitator.





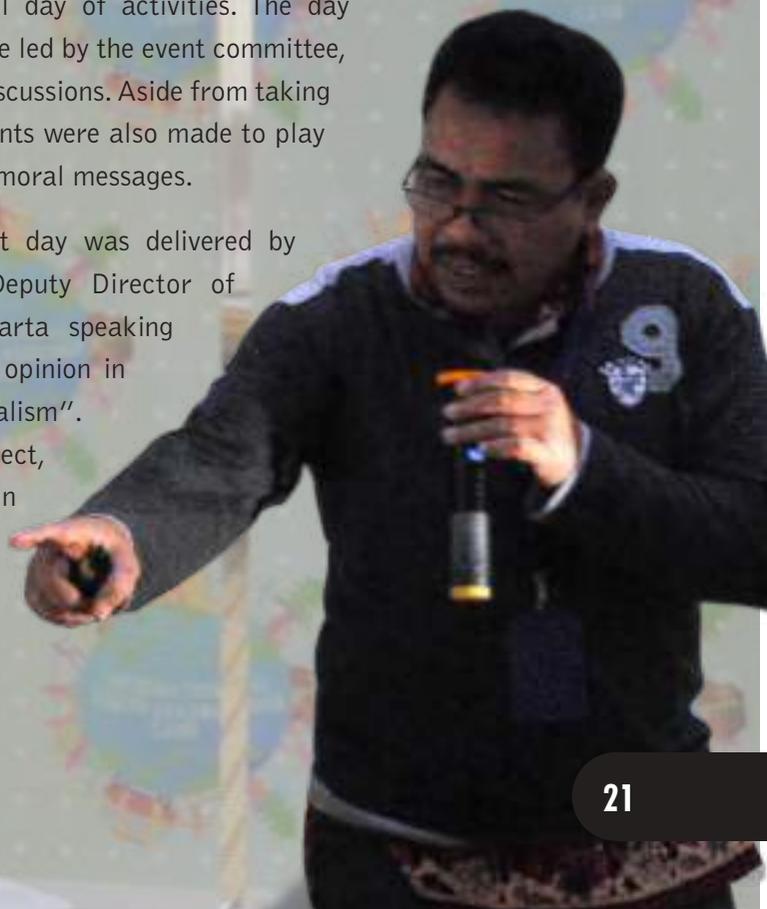
Differences of Opinion

Actualizing the Universal Values of Islam, and Cooperative Games

On the second day, Saturday (03/02/2018), the participants returned for a full day of activities. The day began with light morning exercise led by the event committee, followed by presentations and discussions. Aside from taking part in such activities, participants were also made to play various games that have strong moral messages.

The presentation later that day was delivered by Dr. JM Muslimin MA., the Deputy Director of graduate studies in UIN Jakarta speaking on the topic of "differences of opinion in Islam and understanding radicalism".

In his explanation of the subject, he revealed the diversity in thought and practice of Muslim societies whether they differ in *Mazhad fiqh* (jurisprudence) or *kalam*





(theology). Despite the difference, the multiplicity in belief is tied together by the belief in tauhidullah (the oneness of God) as well as the faith and truth of treatise of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The participants were also asked to identify the ways in which religious radical thought spreads.



The evening session was filled by Dr. Yeni Ratna Yuningsih, a lecturer on Arabic literature at the Faculty of *Adab* and Humanities in UIN Jakarta, and was facilitated by Husnul Khitam M.Si.. Yeni delivered the talk on “strengthening the principle of *Rahmatan lil ‘alamin*” in Islam and explored the importance of a more holistic and basic understanding and implementation of the principle of Islam as a religion of *Rahmatan lil ‘alamin*.



Both speaker, JM Muslimin and Yeni Ratna Yuningsih, articulated the foundation of each theme. The presentation was prefaced with an



explanation on the philosophical basis of the themes so that they more easily understood. The heavy nature of the presentation was lifted by the interesting ways in which the content was delivered. This was seen by the high level of engagement from the participants. In addition, many of the participants shared their personal stories on the diversity in living with Islam in their respective countries.

The participants experienced and learned also about peace through various games guided by the facilitators. The Peace board game played was one created by Peace Generation. The participants were given a set of cards and were asked to cooperate and collaborate with other players. Unlike the competitive nature and goal of other board games, this board game requires players to cooperate and work with other players to win. Not only was the game fun, but it also taught the value of team work, openness and collaboration for a better future.





Questioning the Role of the Youth

The third day, Sunday of February 4th, 2018, the participants continued with the presentations as scheduled. The third was a very much anticipated day as it was the day of outdoor games. Dr. Syafiq Hashyim, the director of the International Center for Islam and Pluralism, spoke that day, accompanied by Sri Hidayati M.Ed. as facilitator, delivered the discussion on the role of the youth in promoting peace.

In his view, the youth has an important role and responsibility in pushing for societal and communal change, including promoting a peaceful existence. Historically, the youth has been instrumental during the fight for independence and the shaping and influencing the life of the state thereafter. As such, this



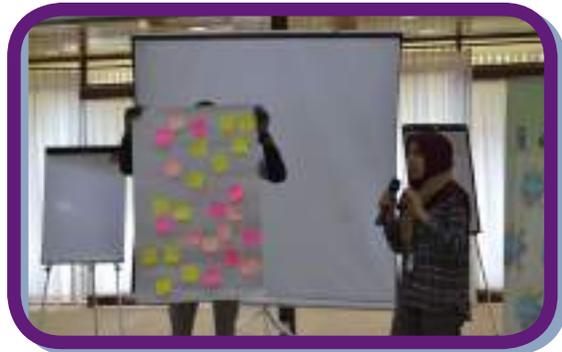
role and responsibility should pass onto future generations in the native country of each participant by supporting and fostering peace. With the flood of hoax and hate speech that is rampant in social media, the importance of having a counter voice is essential to combat religious misunderstanding and radicalism.

Other than learning of the youth's role in societal in the classroom, the participants were also able to learn through outdoor activities. While the ground was wet and muddy, everyone took the activities very seriously. Facilitated by the Jakarta Outbound team, the participants played several interesting and meaningful games that were relevant to the themes of the International Youth Camp. All the outdoor activities were designed to bring out each participant's confidence and courage to voice their aspirations. The activities were



also designed to teach them the importance of working together to achieve a goal.

The evening had a line up of shows for participants, starting with fireworks. Unfortunately, due to bad weather the show was canceled. In its place, the participants took part in a talent and arts show. What was the kitchen was transformed into a stage for poetry reading, music and singing. The evening was concluded with reflection on the camp by the participants and facilitators.





The Youth as Agents of Islam *Rahmatan lil 'Alamin*

Monday, (5/2/2018) was the final day of the camp, and it was filled with messages from the organizers and a closing ceremony directed by Program Coordinator, Muhammad Zuhdi M.Ed Ph.D. At the heart of his message to the participants was encouragement and support of Muslim youth to be agents of peace and actualization of *Rahmatan lil 'alamin* in their respective communities now or in future. The organizers believe that those chosen to attend the camp are leaders in their own right and that they have a job to push and foster societal harmony.

After the closing ceremony, the event announced which participant and group category were the best, fun and active. Once the announcement was completed, they received certificate of participation. The handing out the certificate was done in quite an interesting way; each person was asked to give the certificate of the participant, initially, without naming the person's name, but by describing the person's characteristics. To close the event, a group photo was taken with all the participants and organizers.





Participant Reflection



The essays by the participants are reflections on what they took from the camp.

The major themes include: The youth as future Muslim leaders as agents of peace, globalization, technological advancement and social media and countering extremism through tolerance.

Enhancing The Value of Islam Alamin among Young Muslim"

Jambuluwuk Resort
Ciawi, Bogor
2nd-5th February 2018





Nuraemy Firdaus

Indonesia

University of Al-Azhar Indonesia

In this era of globalization, there is a lot of crisis need to be accomplished. One of it, is a global leader crisis, especially a global leader that is based on Al-Qur'an and As-Sunnah. So, in my opinion, there are many kinds of leadership training that the youth can join. One of it is International Youth Leadership Camp (IYLC). With the theme of "Strenghtening The Value of Islam Rahmatan Lil 'Alamin among Young Muslim". I've gotten many lessons and new knowledge. First, was about Student Against Violence Extremism (SAVE) in that we need to understand radicalism and its threats to the world peace. As youth, we need to care for others with no prejudice, and jihad is one of campaign that can be done in other to show the

world what radicalism, violence extremism, intolerant, tolerant, empathic is. Many citizens especially youth can easily join violent groups because of many factors that they wrongly interpret.

Besides, we already know that Indonesia as one of biggest Muslim population in the world, surely, they have many different schools of thoughts in Islam and their response to radicalism. So, that's why we need to be connected because Indonesia have a very diverse community and have the potential to grow because of their openness. However, more important things that we need to know, is how this difference can influence others to war. That's why, we need not only tolerance, but also self-censorship and throw out the selfishness. We need to know how to differentiate whether something is for private, individual or social spaces. We can't force someone to be like us; in the same way you can't force others to enter your house. Here, campaigning and advocating are important and Amar Ma'ruf Nahi Mungkar informed us of that need and how to identify an islamic extremist in society.

As a youth, Rahmatan Lil'Alamin as a mercy for all human beings is one of the teaching highlighted in Islam. Direct our love not only towards Muslims, but also to all of Allah's creation. Stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination are the basic roots of discrimination which create the attitudes against the concept of Rahmatan Lil'Alamin. In this millennial era, we know that Indonesia as a democracy, freedom of expression is the right of every individual that has been guaranteed by the constitution. Therefore, the Republic of Indonesia, as a legal and democratic country, is authorized to regulate and practice its implementation.

Nowadays, the development of today's technology that is increasing rapidly makes social media as the first place to express any opinions without limitation. This finally causes many kinds of information that consists of radicalism, hoax everywhere and hate speech among citizens. So, as a youth and agent of change, we really need an integrated effort with each other in terms of monitoring and filtering freedom of expression in Indonesia. By joining this event, it made us know deeply about how to promote peace among Muslims and other believers. We can use social media as an important instrument of communication to promote peace and spread kindness, etc. Also, to promote peace aligned with the moral responsibility and prophetic ethics that is universally applicable in society all the time.

Islam in Indonesia with various backgrounds is our challenge and this challenge is the right one to promote peace because as we know that Islam's purpose is to ensure security of wealth, life, mind, and religion. With this diversity, we need to be united based on Al-Qur'an and As-Sunnah. Jihad, Ijtihad and Mujahadah, and their modern formation, which can be used to practice of Islam.



Oktavia Permatasari

Indonesia

University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta

I learned a lot of from International Youth Leadership Camp 2018 program held by the Social Trust Fund UIN Jakarta with theme "Strengthening the Value of Islam Rahmatan Lil Alamin". From the first session with Dr. Irfan Amalee we learned about "Understanding Radicalism and Its Threats to the World Peace". He explained about how radicalism was so dangerous as a threat to world peace. Radical people only allow people with same identity. I think if people in Indonesia cannot allow differences it will breakdown our nation because we know that Indonesia has so many differences in terms of religion, race, culture, etc. Then as Muslims we are not allow having prejudices. Prejudice is when we judge others according to our perspective and only see things from our perspective. From that I realize that we should not do that, because judgment is very

dangerous and it will raise a conflict. People can be radical because of two reasons, their understanding and their experiences. The other thing that I learned about is why people join ISIS and radical organization. There are three reasons why they joined, because of psychological, push and pull factors. The dangerous thing about radicalism is from social media. Some people in Indonesia joined ISIS become terrorists. So, we must be careful when using social media, filtering out the wrong and right content. As a young Muslim, we must spread peace together to counter radicalism and extremism. How do we spread peace together? We must increase tolerance and empathy to others. Why empathic? Because not only to let other people but also curious what we can do for others.

Then, the second speaker is Dr. JM Muslimin, he delivered his presentation about differences and disagreements in interpretations of Islam. As Muslims, we have different opinions because the interpretation of Islam cannot be one. As Muslims, we cannot force someone to be like us but should tolerate each other. Tolerance should be implemented in our self and in society. We must have self-censorship. Then he taught us how to identify an Islamic extremist. Categorization based on outer appearance, so we must be careful to differentiate the extremist people.

The third speaker was Dr. Yeni R. Yuningsih. She explained about "Strengthening the value of Islam Rahmatan lil Alamin". I learned that Islam as a mercy to the world. Related to surah Al Anbiya verse number 107 "We have not sent you (Muhammad), except as a mercy to the world". We already know about Islam Rahmatan Lil Alamin but we need to strengthen our understanding. This philosophy is understood as universal value against any kind of discrimination.

Al Alamin is rooted from Alam, refers to all creations of Allah SWT. As Muslims, we must respect each other, not only with other Muslim but other religions. We must know about the root that is against Rahmatan Lil Alamin, that is SPD (Stereotype, Prejudice and Discrimination).

The fourth speaker was Dr. Syafiq Hasyim. He delivered about Young Leaders in Promoting Peace. I get a lot of value after joined this program, about spreading peace around the world, tolerance, empathic,

love, etc. Related to that, we can see the phenomenon that happened in Indonesia is very complicated. But I think the dangerous phenomenon is “proxy war”, tribal war and so many conflict that can break down our nation. We know that our philosophy of *Pancasila* and *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika* (Unity in Diversity), but when we look at today, some of us have left our philosophy. Because of that, conflict happens in Indonesia. Some people who spread hate of one another, commit crime, killings, is very dangerous.

Because of technology, digitization, all people can easily share everything in their social media, but sometimes they don't understand the effect of that, it can increase hate of one another. Related to that phenomenon, as agents of peace, we should understand right from wrong, increasing our knowledge, and avoid violence together. Islam does not teach us about violence. We can counter radicalism and extremism around us, in our inner and external circle around us. The other way is to start to make something new, in Indonesia to increase peace in our nation. We can share happiness, love, togetherness, despite our different religions.

The other phenomenon that happens in Indonesia is the majority and minority of Muslims. We know that the majority is Shunni and the minority is Shia, Ahmadiyah, etc. However, as we can see, we have different thoughts, we should respect the other, but the fact is, there are so many conflicts. For example, in Madura, there are conflicts between Sunni and Shia- sunnis killing shi'as. I don't understand it, why there are so many conflicts among us.

I think as young Muslims, we must implement the value of Islam *Rahmatan Lil Alamin*, to spreading peace to each other, counter radicalism and extremism. We can make another event like *IYLC 2018*, seminar, or gathering. Not only for Muslims, but also other religions, different races and cultures in Indonesia and around the world.

We can make dialogue related to spreading peace together and make petitions to keep peace among us. Produce books or content in social media about peace. Create cooperation with youth organizations in Indonesia and the other countries. Make a platform related to spreading peace together. Make a campaign, that will be joined by youth everywhere to spreading peace, whether on social media or on the ground.



Arin Afkari

Indonesia

University of Indonesia

I think religion serves as a means of explaining the inexplicable. Religion is the most important thing for the community because the religion reflects the identity of the individual. There are various religions or beliefs on this earth. Every religion has a special way of worshipping.

There are six religions in Indonesia. One of them is Islam. In Surah Al-Anbiya verse 107, God said that Islam is a religion that spreads compassion for all living creatures on the earth, the creatures that lack and understanding. Plants, animals and human beings have compassion or mercy from the revelation of the Prophet Muhammad who enhances the religion of Islam. The form of compassion is not always with a smile and good treatment. The interpretation of Surah Al-Anbiya' verse 107 is Islam as the mercy of God doesn't mean to be merciful to the perpetrators of the naysayers and those who let them be trapped. But as Muslims, we

should advise with tenderness and compassion. When there is no effect, then Muslims could be harsh and hard in advising.

In the interpretation regarding the verse, Ath Tabari explains that Allah sent the Prophet Muhammad down to earth as a manifestation of His mercy because he put Believers to heaven with the teachings of God that all have benefits for every living being.

Islamic teachings can be easily understood by a simple and easy to apply in daily life stems from the Qur'an, Hadiths, and Ijtihad clerics. Islam also regulates all behavior in living things with perfect, as manners walking, eat, talk and others. Of course, all was made to provide a mercy for all creatures.

God clearly said in the Qur'an for mutual respect for our fellow human beings, plants and animals. In the Surah Ar-Rum verse 41-42 explains about the ban on destroying everything that exists in the face of the earth, Allah said: "Have visible damage on land and sea because of human behavior that God gave them a taste of some of what they have done so that they return to the right path. Said: Take the journey in the face of the earth and show how was the end of them who first. Most of them are who join gods besides Allah". This verse is one of the proofs that God loves human, plants, and animals. The man was created as a vicegerent on earth that utilizes, manages and maintains the universe with enough and good. Not the wasters. Such as cutting down trees indiscriminately because hurting plants can cause a disaster that is harmful to humans and animals. This is the manifestation of the mercy of Allah to mankind, plants, and animals.

The mercy of God is evidenced by His Speech on Quran. All his speech brings us to the right way. Every one of His orders that have been written in the Quran has benefits for human being. One of his orders is tolerance. Tolerance is an easy thing that we can do every time. The key to being tolerant is empathy to another, not only human, but also animals and plants.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim-majority country. Indonesia can inspire other Muslims to promote tolerance and

moderation. For years, it has been lauded as an example of a moderate Muslim-majority democratic state that respects human rights and practices religious tolerance. However, the traditional Indonesian credo of tolerance, known as the *Pancasila*, is being openly challenged by Muslim hardliners.

Over the past decade, Indonesia's religious tolerance has been eroding. For example, local authorities and Islamists to harass religious minorities routinely use the 2006 Joint Regulation on Houses of Worship. Not only in Indonesia, some parts of the country, discrimination and violence against religious minorities continue, often instigated or inspired by hardline individuals and groups.

Approximately 87 per cent of Indonesia's 258 million people self-identify as Muslim, although there are various Islamic teachings in Indonesia, like NU, Muhammadiyah, etc. But all the teachings that have mentioned before, teach right teachings, return to Quran. The difference is only in the interpretation.

I think the problem is social media. People can write and express their feelings on social media. So, people can hate each other by reading someone's bad opinion about something. Example is the 212-protest rally. It raised several important issues that were caused by social media.

We, as the youth, must compare other teachings. Therefore, the youth should have broad knowledge and apply critical thinking. The important one, we should return to the Quran. I learned from this program, we must be grateful and thankful to God, because Indonesia has no big conflict like other countries.

"Peace needs understanding and broad knowledge. Peace doesn't need force and violence." I will keep this sentence in my heart.

After this agenda, I will share what I have learned here to my friends. We must do together for keeping Islam. I hope they will have the same thoughts. So, we can fight together for Islam.



Cat Munawirul Hayya

Indonesia

STEBANK Islamic Mr. Syarifudin Prawiranegara

It is a respect that I have learned from this camp. How we practice respecting each other, because just by respecting to other people we help them to live comfortably embracing their own values still, although. We may be different, but our differences don't need to make as separate. And living together side by side is not enough, living side by side in face doesn't guarantee we know each other well; understand each other's perspective. It is very important and we should avoid prejudice.

The youth in this time, especially in Indonesia are often easily provoked and things could intensify quickly. Whether we should be doing qunut during fajr prayer or not, as they are the most pious person and most understanding Islam religion, but on other side we

avoid contact or communication with people who have a different religion than us, which is quite common. These are daily issues that we fail to recognize. It's just something that has been done for years; even from we were still children.

Sometimes it's understandable that different religions or perspectives impact others differently, and sometimes it's contrary each other. But by acting exclusively, we don't realize that we have been committing prejudices to others around us, especially those different than us.

As a Muslim youth, it's our duty to rebuild the paradigm of our society, and, of course it starts from us. First, we must finish dealing with our own issues before trying to deal societal issues, so that we do not have to deal with the consequences later.

For me, honestly, this camp opened my eyes and made me realize that I must fix my self, as soon as possible. I know I have such a bad ability to work together, and other issues of mine. With this camp I was able to interact with people, not just Indonesians but also people from other countries, so it can be considered if I have worked with them as well, and my issues are not related to culture. It's only within me. I'm sorry for seeming so emotional, but yes that's my issue. And I think it's also what happens in our society, the personal issues influence our society for better or worse.

Prejudice, selfishness, superiority or even inferiority leads other people to act or do wrong things. It's not always from the interpretation, because there are factors that pushing someone to interpret what they did.

Islamism is an example of a wrong way to spread positives values of Islam. It's just like a war between the different organization within our religion to show or prove that they are the best one, the right one and so on.



Abdusami Makarim

Indonesia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

On the first day, we learned about prejudice from Mr. Irfan Amalee. Prejudice is from two words that are pre and judge. Pre is before and judge is to give a label to a person. Prejudice is giving a label to a person before we know about that person. Based on the research, most of the conflict started from prejudice. Prejudice is something dangerous. Prejudice made people hate one another. Prejudice made Muslims be discriminate against non-Muslim and prejudice made war in many places in the world.

We should see something through different perspectives. We should be tolerant. Tolerance makes relationships better. We

must have empathy. Empathy is something more than tolerance. Empathy means help and respect. The hierarchy of violence from empathy to violence extremist is as follows: from empathy - tolerance - intolerance - radicalism - violence extremist.

In Indonesia, we have many religions like Islam, Christianity, and Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Confucius. Besides that, we have also some local beliefs like Sunda wiwitan, Kejawen, and others. There are many problems in Indonesia related to religion and ethnicity. Muslims have had problems with Christians in several places. One of the cases happened in Poso. That was a very scary accident. Indonesians killed each other just because of differences in religion. Other cases include terrorism in Bali (Bali bombing), Church bombing, etc.

Indonesian Muslims also has problem with other Muslim sects. There is a misunderstanding in the teaching of others that brings some people to the radical communities. They spread hate speeches and hoaxes, etc.

Our role as the younger generation is to become peacemakers by having open discussion forums between religions; conduct interfaith dialog, seminar and camp. And for problems within Muslim society itself, we have to stop misunderstanding by stopping spreading hoaxes and seek to have moderation in our communities.



Nur Isnaini

Indonesia

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I learned so much about peace and Islam Rahmatan Lil alamin based on etymology of the word Islam, which means peace (in majority the meaning of Islam) Rahmatan Lil Alamin means not only mercy for human being, but for all the creation that create by Allah (Alam such as our environment, culture and so on). We don't have to destroy others to establish peace, but we can communicate with each other and conduct musyawarah (consensus) to establish the peace. Peace means no discrimination, no radicalism, no extremism.

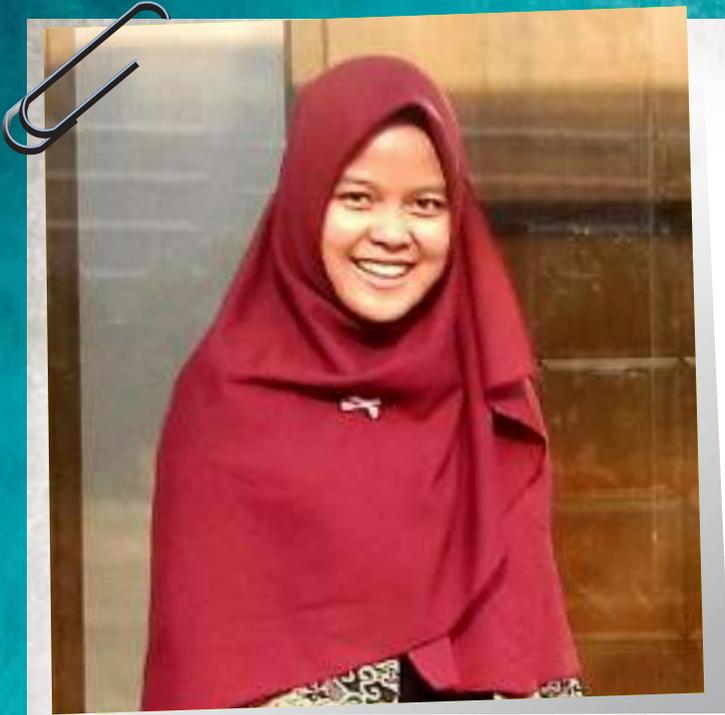
The meaning of Al-amin does not only relate to human beings but also every creation of Allah. There are three concepts of Rahmatan Lil Alamin, the first is mercy for all human being, and is one of the teachings highlighted in Islam, the second, philosophically it is understood as the universal value against any kind of discrimination which means that discriminative attitude is against the teachings of Islam.

The root of discrimination that is against the concept of Rahmatan Lil alamin consists of SPD (Stereotype, Prejudice, and Discrimination). Stereotype is an oversimplified image of idea of a person or thing. For example, there are two men with the tattoos, covering their bodies, sitting down beside a girl and the girl says, "oh my god I'm so scared because there are bad guys sitting down beside me". That is kind of stereotype where we judge someone based on their appearance without knowing them. But the stereotype exists in our mind without any action. The second is prejudice means unreasonable dislike of a group of people or thing or preference of for one group of people or thing over another. Prejudice is the same as stereotype but in prejudice there is an emotional reaction, such that when we look at someone we have a feeling of disgust that takes over. The last is discrimination meaning to treatment people in different categories differently on the grounds of race, age, or gender.

In Indonesia we've seen on YouTube or social media there are many videos of bullying among young people in school. Sometimes they do it just because of little problem that can be solve by talking to each other, but because of social media people do whatever they want with the information. And what should we do? We must approach the subject and create anti-bullying program "stop bullying" and talk to them that is not good to do. We can talk to them about how bullying is hurtful. They will

be the outsiders who will then punish others in the future to channel their pain.

Another phenomenon is the spreading of fake information that leads the young minds to become wrong. The young people just receive the information without finding out more about it without knowing the truth. They get the news only from their groups that sometimes can influence the member to do something, and then they forward the fake news to others. So what should we do? We must know more the real information and the point of view of others.



Gusti Fathia Cahyani

Indonesia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

First, as a young Muslim, I personally feel that urgency of finding out and contributing in peace and conflict issues is advance. That's why, I tried to register myself in the International Youth Camp by STF UIN Jakarta and god allows me to attend it. The four days' journey with another participants was extraordinary. Especially, they come from different country around the world, so that I had a chance to meet people with different perspectives. Furthermore, all the activities were fun. It's amazing to blend myself within the diversity o culture, mind, experience, etc. It was a challenge for me to learn about peace from those different

points of view. Beside that, this program also leads me to have better understanding about Islam issues on my own country.

As a young Muslim, I cannot be easily drowned to the minus of the modernization. Especially in Indonesia, a little problem could be a big potential of misunderstanding and war. The society frequently have stereotype of a distinct community, which is not true. Moreover, young Muslims nowadays easily are captivated by the hoax.

In my opinion, all of these happen because the massive utilizing of social media. In other case, different religion is usually raised by the political or importance issues. Some people in a certain capacity are using the differences to raise many other conflicts. It might end up with dissolution or disintegration.

According to me and based on my experience, the young Muslims have to be selective of accepting information. Be wise of spreading news and have to realize that the information might be risky. Schools and universities, stakeholders, etc should held socialization about the issues. In political problems, the members of government have to provide a good example of daily life and action. Especially, they are the leaders whose voice is influential either. Any kind of stereotype, prejudice, and discrimination has to be done. The leaders don't ever dare to use critical conditions or the conflict for their own importance. As a conclusion, all the components of a country, society, students, precedents, teachers, lecturers, even traders have to be aware of a potential conflict and try to act and have an effort, at least simple effort to make the world peace in harmony of diversity.



Acep Lukman Nul Hakim

Indonesia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

International Youth Leadership camp (IYLC) 2018 is one of the program to promote peace and the values of Islam of Rahmatan lil 'Alamin. During the program, I learned about the phenomenon in the world such as violence, extremism, discrimination and how to solve it as young Muslim. Islam as Rahmatan lil a'lamin means peace on this universe. Not only for human beings but also all of the creators of Allah such as animals, plants, and also non-Muslim. I am as youth Muslim to be agent of peace to make peacefully in Indonesia.

Indonesia is the largest country and the majority of Muslim

in the world about 90%. But, the phenomena today in millennial generation such as hoax issue and hate speech spread easily. Indonesia also is being one of the pluralistic countries considering from the several of tribes, religion etc. also the phenomena of perspective of Islam in the organization such as Muhammadiyah, Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), and so many thing about that. But, Islam in Indonesia is moderate.

I am as a Muslim youth, needs to be agent of change to solve that problem. Especially for my self, family, and the environment. For example, to solve hoax and hate speech especially in social media, we have to critic and make sure the news and reference. Beside that, to solve the violence in interfaith religion in some of province like Ambon we have to make dialogue, create peace each other with the most leader in their communities, not only that, the campaign like this camp or seminar, there are very important to spread to youth.

Diversity is manifestation (*Sunnatullah*) from Allah. Diversity is beautiful and how to make it organized. Conflict on the other same as it depends on our self. Especially for our self, we have to know our self first, create feeling like tolerance, empathy, open minded, responsibility, honest, no stereotype, no prejudice, and no discrimination in our daily life. After that, it applies in our soul, so we can share to the other to make good communication and make a program to make peace step by step in our daily life. Thanks for all the new experiences here. I do hope we can collaborate in the future.



Latifa Rahmi

Indonesia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

Radicalism and extremism are very dangerous things and can prevent world peace. As we all know, these two different terms have different meanings. The first one is about the thinking of over fanatics about something and the second one is the action (usually the violence) happened because of that thinking. Should we recognize them well? Absolutely, because every problem has its every solution. If we know which one is the problem, we can determine the effective solution. Usually the cause of these bad or wrong understanding about something (especially Islam in this context) and bad experiences they had in their lives. So, by only hearing the term, they really want to destroy it and take revenge to all who are related to it without thinking about the victims.

In fact, Islam is a religion of mercy. The word Islam in Arabic term means safe and our prophet delegated to us spread the love to the entire universe. Allah SWT said in the Qur'an

وما أرسلناك إلا رحمة للعالمين

Not only the believers but also the non-believers or even the animals and the plants we should love them. Having misconception of the term jihad may cause the radicalism. Jihad means struggle. So if we have struggled to spread the value of Allah's mercy to the universe is also Jihad. So jihad is not only by weapon. Even the goal of holy war in our prophet era is to open their mind and make freedom of all the human beings. And you have to know that war is not the way of jihad and it's just the way to defense ourselves of outside attacking. So in this era, spreading the right understanding of Islam (Islam is a peaceful religion and all the action we do should be peacefully) is more important than attacking other and making lots of victims. The narrow thinking about Islam should be changed. The hoax and the bad provocation of Islam should be removed. We should have a moderate thinking and empathy to all the human being. As a Muslim youth, we should have the modern way to bring in world peace. We should use all media outlets to spread peace. And make us as the best example of Muslim, the role model of peaceful Muslim so that our environment can feel the mercy of our creator by our attitude.

*And especially in Indonesia, there are several parties that we think they are rather radicalism. We can't remove it instantly, and we can't consider them as the worst ones and determine them as the wrong ones. But we can make peace and spread the love as we can, as good as possible we can share what we think is the best way of implementing Islamic thought peacefully to others started from our dearest fellow, our environment and ask them to share it to universe. Because diversity is a *sunnatullah* and we have to accept it sincerely.*



Mohamed Doumbouya

Indonesia

Esa Unggul University

In this camp I learned that being a leader is not an easy job but it is necessary. And everything can be possible as long as we work in groups (together). I also learned that Rahmatan Lil'Alamin means mercy to both mankind and jinns, we should respect each other's religion and we should also learn to forgive and forget, to let the pain go away. We shouldn't judge (stereotype) without knowing why the person is like the way he or she is. We should accept people's opinion about Islam. And lastly we should we up early daily pray and exercise, socialize with people even if they are from different religion, we should try and learn more about

other religions and also visit there church, temples etc. by this we can form strong relationships among us Muslims and also non-Muslims.

As my understanding about Indonesia's Islam and guinea's is similar in many ways because guinea has about 85% of Muslims population just like Indonesia. In Indonesia the majority are Muslims but yet still they respect other people that Christians or belong to other religions, I have an idea of this because the place living has both Muslims and Christians and my immediate neighbors are Christians and they always disturb us when they are performing their prayers but since it's about we never complained same as our other Muslim neighbors, guinea also have the same problem but they also respect other people's religion that's why there will never be conflict in that country because the people are humble and peaceful. As for performing prayers we have different rules, I haven't explore much places in Indonesia but the places that I visited has different rules when it comes to prayers. If you are in the village in my country it is compulsory to read the Quran unlike Indonesia almost each and every person knows how to read Quran.

My role as a young generation of agent of peace is that I will make sure that I advise my fellow young brothers and sisters in Islam to avoid hoax and hatred speech towards each other and to also spread the peace and the beauty of Islam around the world.



Nurhamizahyani

Brunei Darussalam

University of Indonesia

Indonesia contains the largest population of Muslim; there are more than 80% of Muslim in Indonesia. However, there are a lot of national religions in Indonesia. All religion are co-exist together.

Compare to Brunei, there are only 67% Muslim in Brunei and Brunei's national religion is Islam. However, similar to Indonesia, Muslim and non-Muslim are co-existing together. The non-Muslim are free to practice the religion.

Now day, there are phenomena of global tension that arises that influence between Muslim and non Muslim such as the

increase of discrimination by the Donald trump in America. As we know, we cannot change the world in a blink of eyes, therefore the first things that we need to do as a youth is that first, we need to self-reflect ourselves.

Do we ourselves as a good Muslim or not. Then, we can share our knowledge with the closest one such as family, friends, colleagues etc. in this technology era, information spread so fast that we unable to count the spread. Therefore, we can take advantages of these technologies to spread a good words about Islam.

From the experience, I gain is that the knowledge about Islam in other country, what happen with them. The most impact that has impact to me is that from the videos. The Christianity and Islam able to co-exist together spite their bad experience they received from each other. This shows that there is nothing impossible for us to achieve peace in the world. However, we also have to be careful because we did not want to be radical or extremist so that we are not part bad image to the world and able to protect our faith.



Nur Effah

Brunei Darussalam

University of Indonesia

There are indeed differences between the Islam religion in Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam. As Brunei is a sultanate country, their people follow all the laws and missions instructed by our Sultan. The Bruneians do not have much of diversity in terms of religion when compared to Indonesia. Not only do the current situation in Brunei is that we follow only one school of thought, which is Imam Shafii's views. The Christians and Buddhist are only a small percentage of the nation. In Brunei, we do not have big temples and churches as we can find in Indonesia. We also do not hold events such as this program, to share thoughts on the other religions other than Islam. Therefore, I view Indonesia as a

country with very understanding people, as they are able to accept and help promote all religion and not neglecting any of them.

According to my opinion, the fact that Brunei is only focusing on the Islam religion has an impact towards their people. Non-Muslims in Brunei, may feel like they are not treated fairly. Unlike Brunei, non-Muslims are accepted and are supported in Indonesia therefore this may be one of the reasons why Brunei has a very small population of only about 400 thousand only. To reduce the global tension, I think I should start small and see if there is possibility that Brunei could follow the Indonesia's system and maybe through this way of thinking and planned actions, we could benefit as how Indonesia is benefiting from it such as in terms of tourism e.g. The sleeping Buddha as a tourist spot.

I think my role as a young agent of peace to handle the phenomenon of global tensions in the world is by treating everyone the same. As shown in the video regarding the conflicts between the Imam and pastor in Nigeria, by showing empathy, care and understanding towards one another.

The people will naturally open up to what they are against to. We should never judge anyone for their religion, or appearance because by not judging them, we are respecting them, which will allow us to live in peace and harmony with one another.

The lesson learnt from the program is that we are all considered one, not just humans but also to other living things such as animals and plants. There may be certain differences but with better understanding and effective communication, we will be able to reach a certain level of peace.



Niameeroh Hamamuso

Thailand

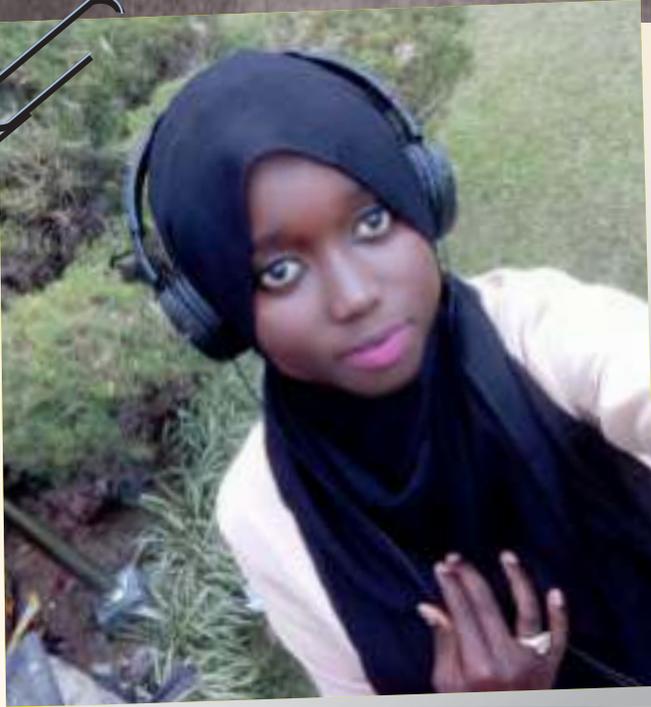
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Peace is every religion goals we all seeking for peace and mercy. Every religion teaches about goodness to their follower "If we do good things, we get the reward but if we do bad thing we will get sin". None of religion teaches their follower to become a killer or terrorism. The thing is there are some group of people who interpret their teaching in their own religion differently and there are many other factors that make a group of people become aggressive and extremist for example the differences between their faith make them feel like their faith is the most right one and

the others are wrong. There for they have to get rid of the wrong faith even though everybody have right to believe in anything because we cannot force people to do the same as we do and to believe or have same faith as us. In order to avoid many kind of violence and conflict we have to accepted other people, have mercy, and do what we can do, do what we suppose to do and do not disturb other talk.

Indonesia as a Islam majority country gives freedom for its people to do their prayer. Every body have right to do what they believe in even though sometime there will be some conflict but it is only small thing. If we compare to another country that Muslim is minority, some might live with peace but many were living in the middle of unjust. Some have no freedom to do what they like and some have to hide their faith to avoid from haters. Sometimes I become a minority in non-Islamic country. It is a difficult life for Muslim because they cannot find justice in their life. Many of them become a victim of the crime and terrorist. Some become a suspect of terrorist crime even though they are pure citizen. Some Muslim students in a college were accused as a suspect of a terrorist crime. It is so sad to hear that pure Muslim was accused as a terrorist.

In order to address this issue I think we have to give right to educate young people but first of all we have to make an agreement with the head of the religion to attend peace in every speech for example in Khutbah.



Fatou Dibba

Gambia

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The lessons I learned from this program is that all human beings are the same, never see yourself above anyone, be humble and kind to all, no matter how they or who they might be. We shouldn't judge people based on their physical appearance, get to know them first before judging them. As Muslims we should respect each other's belief and opinions. Don't try to force people to believe in your beliefs and views; such can lead to violence and radicalism.

My impression about Indonesian Islam is that Muslims

in Indonesia live peacefully even though they follow different Mazhabs. The Muslims in Indonesia respect other beliefs even though they are the majority in the country. Muslims and Non-Muslims live together peacefully they tolerate each other's views and beliefs, which is very amazing and very rare to find in most Islamic countries. In my country The Gambia, we have two main religions, Islam and Christianity. There has never been a conflict between the two religions we live together as one family, by tolerating each other's belief and views. 95% of the population is Muslims, almost all of them follow the teachings of Imam Maliki.

As a young Muslim what would suggest to be done to reduce the tension of radicalism, prejudice and violence is people all over the world should be sensitized to stop radicalism, prejudice, and extremism, by not judging people based on how they see them physically, and we should also accept people for who they are or what they choose to believe in, learn to tolerate people no matter how different they are from you. We, the young generation, need sensitization to learn to live peacefully with those different from us, to tolerate each other as future leaders. Every country either Muslim or non-Muslim country should educate their people or give sensitization on radicalism, prejudice and violence. Leaders should avoid creating differences between their citizens and they should treat each group of citizens equally. Countries should respect each other's beliefs and differences in order to avoid conflict between each other.



Ebrima Jatta

Gambia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

I am very lucky to have this great opportunity to join such an event. I have learned a lot during these few days. I learn that people tend to have different understandings and perspectives about religion and faith. I have learned the ways and means to understand people of different faiths, beliefs, and backgrounds and now best I can approach these differences, not to lead to conflict, radicalism, and fundamentalism. I came across with the knowledge and understanding of the differences of the Islamic school of thoughts. Now after joining this program, I have a better

understanding of how people can be pushed and convince to join radicalism movement, which makes our world less peaceful.

Islam in Indonesia is very important part of the days to day living of the people. In that being the case, people believe in different school of thoughts but still practice. The faith together which makes very tolerable society to live in in the other Indonesia being populated by being the majority comes with some problem for the minority, especially when it comes to leadership and politic in the society, which it come to leadership and resolve for the co-existence of people of different beliefs and faiths.

Islam in the Gambia and Indonesia is a bit different especially in terms of identity. Islam in the Gambia is seen as way to worship your God but is not seen as way for all people to live. We do not limit people to certain amount of religion like in Indonesia, you can worship everything as far as it does not affect the peace and harmony other that is why we have nickname called the smiling coast of west the Islamic faith like for example the decision on when Islamic extends happen or take place like Ramadan, idul adha and idul fitri.

As a Muslim and a young person after joining this program I came to believe that I could be an agent of change and a messengers of peace not within my religion but also to other faith as well. I am determine that with the knowledge that I have gain from this program, I have a lot of innovative capabilities to preach and advocate the word of peace, harmony, and the co-existence is different people with various life understanding and faiths. If we as youth engage in peace building, we can live in a better environment.



Iqra Yunus Palejwala

Canada

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The moment I stepped foot into this international camp to up until the end of it, there were many lessons that I learned. I learned how powerful we, the youth, are, and how us being the youth have a big responsibility on our shoulders to bring about a positive change around the world. The youth are the leaders of tomorrow, so each choice, each action, each thought, each problem we the youth face now will impact the condition of the world in the future. Through this international camp, I learned about the various issues we Muslims are facing in the current times, issues such as radicalization, violence and identical threat as Muslims. Through acknowledging these issues I have gained a better understanding of the causes and effects of each problem and it has helped me to develop an action plan for bringing

about change, because we must admit that Muslims from all over the world are facing identity threat and their Islam is backfiring on them in negative ways, such as violence. Hence, I learned that it starts with the youth and their education on these issues in order for them to create solutions and methods to protect themselves now in the present and in the future for the future generations to come.

Islam in Indonesia is moderate. I am glad to learn that Islam in Indonesia is followed in the middle way, just as we Muslims are ordered to do so. I see how through this moderate Islam, it allows for other religions to prosper and flourish in Indonesia, which helps the country to be more diverse and tolerant. Indonesia has developed Islam as a way of life in their modern time as a religion of peace and not violence and hatred, and they have invested vast resources in the education of the children to learn about Islam through their special Islamic educational systems. This really is the core foundation of the development of Islam in Indonesia, and I feel that Indonesians are well set for the future because each individual possesses the right essence of Islam and each person holds their core values of Islam as a sense of pride. This is the dynamic of Islam in Indonesia. In my eyes, Islam has flourished in a dynamic way because most of leaders and workers who promote the values of Islam support each level of government and the system of education in Indonesia. I have a positive impression of Islam in Indonesia because Islam is built on a strong foundation and expanded in its growth by Indonesians highly promoting the religion to all citizens of Indonesia.

Islam in Indonesia is relatively different than Islam in Canada. Islam in Indonesia is a relatively united, melted Islam, whereby the majority of the Muslims follow a single Madhab, the Shaf'ii Madhab. In comparison to Canada, Islam is a relatively united, mosaic Islam, whereby all four Madhabs are existent because the Muslims in Canada come from different parts of the world, as immigrants. Hence, each Madhab is recognized and there is no form of discrimination against

one another or their differences of opinions. However, Islam in Indonesia is stronger than Islam in Canada because the Muslims in Indonesia are well educated in the divine religion, whereas in Canada, many lack this kind of knowledge.

As a young agent of change there are many things that I can do to address the problems of global tension in the rise of prejudice in America towards Muslims and the Europe. First and foremost is that Muslims need to work closely with all forms of government, in order to convince the government to cooperate with the Islamic institutions. Next we need to equip the youth of Islam with knowledge about issues pertaining to current problems around the world that people are facing. We Muslims need to become role models for everyone around the world. We need to become the top researchers, doctors, engineers, scholars, teachers and caretakers. We need to get the world to look at us as people of potential and understanding. We need to be the first ones to come up with working solutions for all the problems that are being faced by the people around the world, whether related to Muslims or not. We need to be the first one to take action and show the non-Muslims how we are strong and empathetic. But it all starts with individuals working on their selves. We need to educate ourselves first and then build an army of thinkers and implementers. I believe that this is the way we can solve the problems and create a better future!



Heyam Taha

Republic of Yemen

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

Islam in Indonesia is a secular democratic country with strong Islamic influences. There are many mosques and Musallahs everywhere. So people are praying all the time on the prescribed timings. In my country, Yemen, if I go out I cannot pray on time because it's difficult to find a place to pray.

I learned from this program how to develop youth leadership skills and work one on one with others. I learned how to portray the image of Islam and apply preventative measures to ensure the security of wealth, life, mind, religion, reproduction, building of the societies in peace, serenity and friendship. We have to help each and everyone. I learned many things that has enabled me to improve myself. We have to share what was learned with others and promote our religion as a religion of peace, in order to answer back people like Donald Trump who has refused to allow Muslims to enter the country.



Isaton Jobarteh

Gambia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

I have learn so many important things in this program, this program teaches us how to accept to be tolerable and also to have empathy. We should accept other people's believes and ideologies even if we belong to different religion, Race, Nationality or even sex. We should be tolerant and understand each other weaknesses and the most important of all is to love each and every person like our self, help them and also build relationships with them by visiting etc. through this action we can spread the peace our religion stands for which is Rahmatan Lil'Alamin to show kindness, love and respect to everyone around us and to our environment as well.

The impression I have towards Indonesian's Islam is that

is strong, the Islam in Indonesia is true example of *Rahmatan Lil'Alamin* because the country is an Islamic state and is very peaceful. The best part is that this country makes every Muslim more pious because you can perform your daily prayers anywhere you go, there are mosques everywhere and praying materials like *rukya* etc. compare to where I came from we have mosques everywhere but like Indonesia but it is difficult to pray because of lack of some praying materials but apart from that we have many similar things concerning Islam because my country is an Islamic state and also peaceful like Indonesia.

My role as a young agent of peace in addressing the conflicts among Muslims and non-Muslims globally especially in the USA will first of all go to my fellow Muslim brothers and sisters in Islam all these so called wars, killing each other for the sake of jihad is not what Islam teaches us. Jihad can be done in different ways rather than killing the innocent people, children and even women. We should learn to forgive and forget be tolerant and spread the peace in Islam even if they say harsh words to us or discriminate us because of our religion or our hijabs Muslim women put on we should not pay them back with hatred but love we should make sure that we teach them what Islam is all about, organize programs which is going to clear the misconceptions many people think of Islam especially in the west, it's really heart breaking that when they hear the word "Allahu Akbar" they feel threatening thinking that it's a bomb Subhanallah the word we keep on saying each and every prayer "shalat" we perform every day and night.

As young leaders of tomorrow we are going to fight our own jihads in our own way which is to spread the love in our Deed (religion) be understanding and to accept everyone around us no matter who they are, in this way peace and harmony will be secure and the world will be a better place for us and the future generation after us.



Mam Mas Sey

Gambia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

Islam Rahmatan lil'Alamin. It is true that Islam is a religion that Rahmatan lil Alamin. But many people destroy this statement to the understandings one mistaken. So that issues a lot of mistakes in the practice of religion even in a very fundamental thing, that in the matter of belief. I have learnt the value of strengthening the value of Islam Rahmatan lil Alamin which states that as Muslims we should judge people according to our perspectives because it can bring conflicts. As Muslims we should be tolerant and accept the ideas of other Muslims, as it is a sign of mercy because everyone is infield to their opinions. Judgment of kafir can lead you to be considered worst than the kafir. As Muslims we should know that Islam is homogenous but Muslims are heterogeneous and the interpretation

of Islam cannot be one, it can be correct or incorrect. Radical implementation fundamentalist action is not a sign of mercy.

Rahmatan lil Alamin means a mercy for all human beings and is one of the teachings highlighted in Islam. It is understood as universal value against any kind of discrimination.

Impression to Indonesia Islam and how it is compare to my country (Gambia).

According to survey during the last two decades Islam has become more visible on the streets in Indonesia and has begun to play more important role in the daily appear of Muslims. For example, the number of Indonesia women that wear the headscarf (jilbab) has increased significantly. In the case of my country (Gambia) the majority is Islam and we also have people that wear jilbab but not as of Indonesians. In the Gambia we share many activities with Christians but is the verses in Indonesia.

My role as a young agent of change, my role as an agent of change having a little knowledge of Islam and Rahmatan lil Alamin, it motivates me to spread the information to those who are ignorant on how to deal with signification as such Rahmatan lil Alamin. Say it all which is many to all human being, so as Muslims we should be tolerant and make sure that we motives are to work on things that spread peace and understand between Muslims and other believe with my avenge knowledge am willing to sensitize all my follow Muslims on how to be a good Muslim and to let them know the differences.

As Muslims we should not discriminate others despite of their religions because it might lead to conflict and Islam stands for peace. As an agent of change all this sensitization can be done through the Internet, magazine, poster and seminars.



Abdul Saboor Hamed

Afghanistan

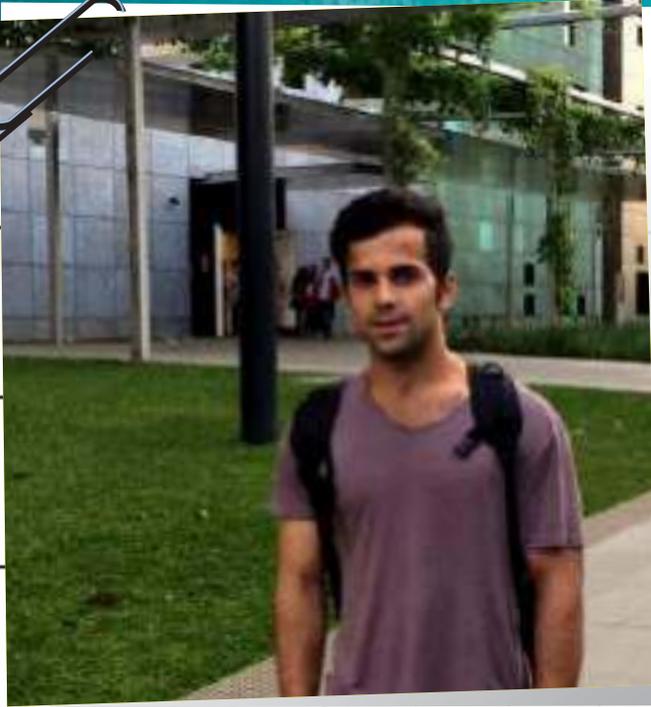
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This program was amazing and very informative. First of all I would like to thank the organizers for organizing this wonderful program. The main focus of this program was about Islam, how we can strengthen Islam Rahmatan lil'Alamin among our fellow Muslims and to the world at large and also how to abolish the radicalism and prejudice that exists within our communities. When we say Rahmatan Lil'Alamin, it means to show love and kindness to each and everyone around us either Muslims or non-Muslims and even the things around us. This camp has upgraded my level of thinking towards other people's beliefs and ideologies. I learned that we should love and cherish each

other even though we might be different in color, tribe, nationality or even religion. We should be tolerable and accept other people no matter who they are. We should not just accept them but to also help them, build relationships with them and hopefully this can enable peace and stability among us.

Indonesia has the highest Muslim population in the world, Mashaa 'Allah even more than Saudi Arabia where the holy city and the holy Ka'bah is. The most amazing thing is that Indonesia is so peaceful, hence it's a true example to the world how Muslims can be peaceful. The people of Indonesia are very religious, Alhamdulillah and it is very easy to practice our religion here as a Muslim. If I compare Indonesia with my country Afghanistan, we have many similarities; it is a full Islamic country for we have no non-Muslims.

All of the Muslims have a responsibility. As young agents of peace, we should make or hold small Islamic programs, whereby we will be able to talk about Islam and be prepared to show the world how the Islamic religion is, as the best religion on earth and the most peaceful religion that has ever existed. Because all Islam teaches is peace but the west and the social media now a days adds up many misconception to our religion and hypnotizes everyone to believe that Islam is not the religion of peace. So we should stand together and do our own jihad, which is to spread the beauty of Islam and the Rahmatan Lil'Alamin to each and everyone around the globe. Both Muslims and non-Muslims can be one and live together peacefully.



Abdul Mansoor Hamedi

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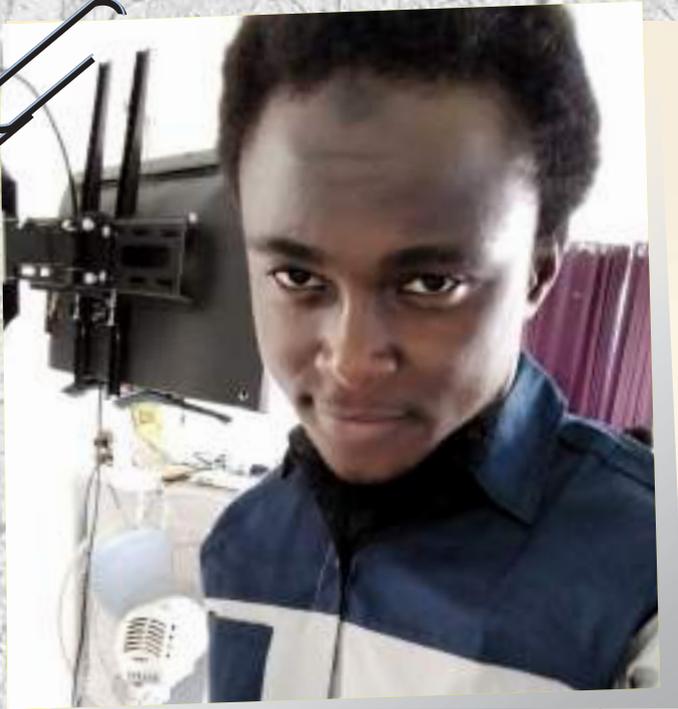
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This program was about promoting knowledge of Islam in Indonesia and the value of peace. Furthermore, this program discussed how to prevent violence, radicalization and extremism. We learned how people are living together in Indonesia and how they serve as a big example of peace in the world. We learned how to reflect each other and tolerate and how to except one another, despite our different thoughts and different religions. We cannot prevent violence by force or by fighting with each other but rather we can prevent violence with good manner and by knowledge. With empathy and love we can definitely bring peace into our countries. Lastly, we should learn to accept each other in one environment.

I find the real meaning of Islam in Indonesia, because it is not an inherited Islam. Comparing my country, Afghanistan to Indonesia, the people find Islam here by themselves. People here find ways to live with each other and accept one another and implement peace in the country. On the other hand, Afghanistan has not reached to these goals even up to until now. The scholar in my country should send the real meaning of Islam because we can find peace in Islam and prevent any kind of violence in the societies, for example the issue of killing the innocent.

According to my opinion, rather than focusing about our identities as being Muslims or as being non-Muslims, we should first look at how we are humans. This means that we are the same and hence we should respect the humanity first and foremost. Then after this, we can build tactics to prevent violence. Every person see him or herself from his or hers religion and they cannot accept each other hence resulting in creating violence. For instance, a Muslim harms a non-Muslim who is completely innocent. So according to human rights, we should prevent this kind of harm between different religions. We see how when a non-Muslim sees a Muslim and he is hungry, but doesn't have money, the help from the fellow non-Muslim shows empathy and humanity in this world. In today's society, discrimination is rising in every country and the most important thing to help to solve this problem would be to teach everyone about humanity and they teach them, the real meaning of peace. When people know the meaning of humanity they will try their utmost best to prevent discrimination and violence.

I wish peace for those countries in war. When I face to face as a Muslim with a non-Muslims I will teach the latter with the real meaning of humans including what I learned from this program. It is the right for every human being to live in a peaceful environment without discrimination and violence.



Ayuba Jobarteh

The Gambia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

From this four days and three nights event I have learned so very much as expected Although I hope that the time given is more than just three days because all the topics are very important and only by understanding them one could develop ourselves and be able to influence others in order to spread to the all corners of the world. My favorite topic was difference school of the though in Islam and response to radical thought given a feel that violence going around the world today are associated to the Muslims, which of course is false because being a Muslims peace is what we share for. I believe despite that difference schools

of thought if every muslim makes it that that responsibility to learn and understand what the true teachings of Islam really is. We could show the whole world what we really are and radicalism has no place in our life.

Indonesia is having to be the highest Muslim population country, they could have every have very high impact to showing the world. How is it like to be a Muslim and living as one. I have seen lot of different kinds of Muslims since my coming to Indonesia some of which lam happy about and others it break my heart and soul because they include in lots of traditional in Islam and worships. Islam is a complete religion so nothing should be added or removed from it.

From what I have learned during this four days event, I will make sure I work so hard on developing my self to because a better person and of course better Muslim. Really out to other people all around the world though social media and other possible more of communication to spend the time teaching of Ismail as it is in the clue "Rahmatan Lil Alamin" Peace to the all Muslim.



Sulayman Colley

The Gambia

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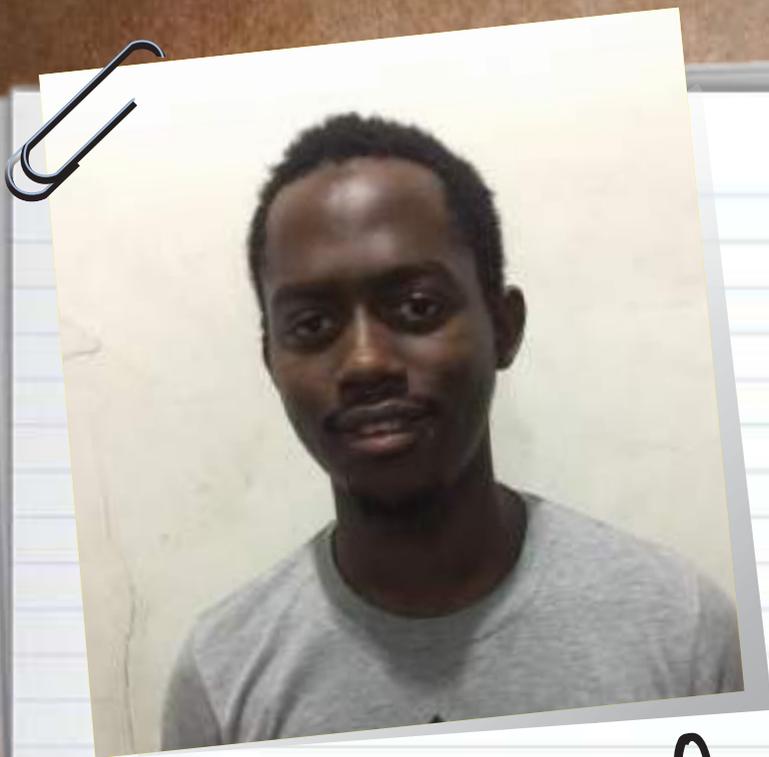
My lesson learnt from this Youth Camp are many but to name a few, first the camp has allow the opportunity to meet other participants from different countries of different backgrounds. This to me was the first step towards achieving the goals of theme of the camp, strengthening the value of Islam Rahmatan Lil 'Alamin among young Muslim to be the agents of peace.

I believe lessons learnt from this camp can be easily reach out to wider world considering the fact that participants are of different countries. This camp has equipped me as a youth with better understanding of different topics on the value of Islam and ways of strengthening course of Islam to the after

world. In the same vein, it has accord me the opportunity in understanding Islam in Indonesia from my co-participant and facilitators.

I was made to understand that majority of Indonesia follows the teachings of Iman Shafii' while back in my country The Gambia is known to be follower of the teachings of Imam Malik. This to me make no differences as far as Islam as a religion is concern, only the teachings may somehow inculcate into the practicing of Islam in Indonesia. Dynamically, Islam is fast growing in Indonesia because leader takes a lot of steps and those responsible in ensuring citizen are aware of the religion and become the movers and shaker.

In conclusion, I think we all gave a collective responsibility define Islam as a peaceful religion, against the offs of negative comments from others, this to me is a challenge. We should step up in spreading the message peace through the means of seminar, camps, social media and any social gathering.



Omar Samba

The Gambia

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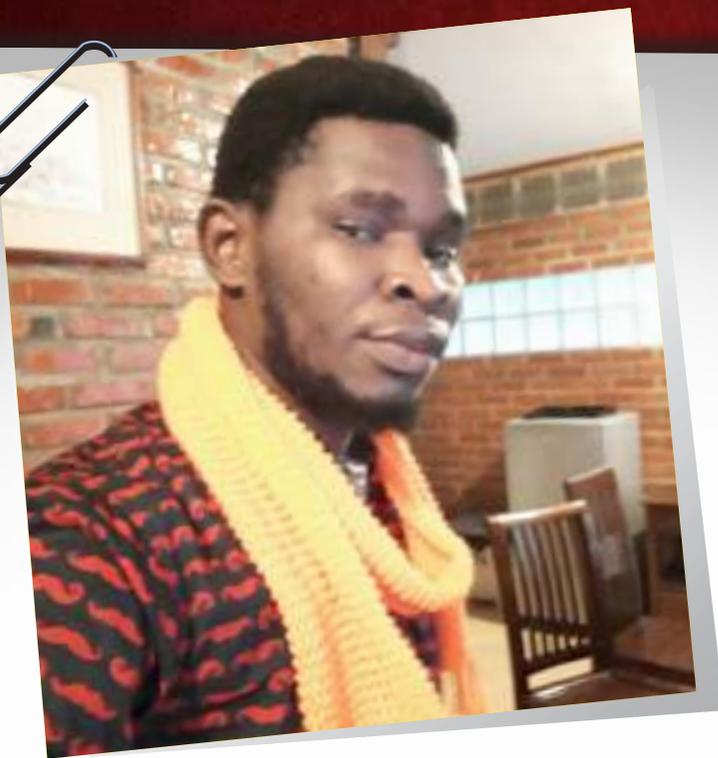
During this event I learnt a lot of things about Islam especially Islam Rahmatan lil Alamin. Many people have different way in interpreting Islamic teaching that leads to the different schools of thought in Islam. We are as a Muslim should respect all of this different school of thought, because we can't just said or see our school of thought is more authentic than other schools of thought. I learnt that the Qur'an is the word of Allah but there is not just one interpretation of the Qur'an. People interpreted it according to their culture and also their generation. These are some of the factors, the influence, the interpretation of Islam or the Qur'an. This is the reason for having many kind of interpretation of the Qur'an. I also learnt that

fundamentalism or radicalism is not part of the teaching of Islam because Islam is *Rahmatan lil Alamin*.

Rahmatan lil Alamin means that Islam is a peace for all creations, Muslims, non-Muslims, animals, etc. I also learnt about some of the factors that influence people to join Islamic radical movements. Finally, as a youth I realized my role to be a change to build peace in the world using the Islam *Rahmatan lil Alamin*.

Islam in Indonesia is unique, what I mean is they have unique Islamic education system. The Islamic school thought in Indonesia is different from my country. In Indonesia they have or people follow different school of thought while in Gambia we have only one. The level of Islamic radicalism in Indonesia is rising because there are some radical *Ulama* or teachers who teaches radical Islam especially in *madrasah*. According to one of the presenters, he said that a survey shows that many youth Muslim in Indonesia support the idea of the radical Muslim.

The role of a young Muslim as an agent of peace to address the rise of the global tension such as conversation is to preach the message of Islam *Rahmatan lil Alamin* because violence and conflict are not the solution to the phenomenon. Make dialogue with them about this and also explain them about Islam *Rahmatan lil Alamin*. In addition, show them the meaning of peace and also explain that Islam doesn't teach extremism.



Abdou Barrow

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

The Gambia

The rise of radicalism and extremism is a threat to the global peace. There are many efforts putting in place in order to bring peace to the world. Though with the face and the slow movement the world is at high hope that the global peace could and shall be achieve.

Meanwhile during the interaction between the participants, facilitators and resources personnel's, I earned so many things such as Islam been Rahmatan Lil Alamin. Saying Islam being peace for everyone either human or non-human, Muslims and non-Muslims

was like a story to me but I have a clear understanding to that saying in this program and also how to eradicate radicalism and extremism.

Secondly, being living in Indonesia for almost 2 years now, I have made so many observations pertaining to Islam and how it is practice. Though I would say there are no much difference between Indonesian Islam and Gambia. The only differences could be seen in the difference Madzabs as Indonesians are following Safi'i while Gambians are following Maliki. Though there are some minor differences in out rituals and the likes but basically they are the same. When I first show a guy performing wudhu in campus, I was kind of confused when he got to the head instead of washing the whole head he only wash the forehead, but finally I came to realized that it could be our differences in school of thoughts.

Finally, I would like to say that one of the main reason of violence in the world is people would not try to know about others but instead judge them and hold them in that picture which could lead to conflict, if both parties are not thoughtful enough. However this things could be get rid of if people state to understand each other in their different situation and to tolerate, sympathies and empathy. Only when we tolerate each other and love one another without discriminating them we can achieve the everlasting peace in the world.



Pamadou Faal

The Gambia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

First I will like to talk about Islam in Indonesia, as she is the country with the largest number of Muslim in the world, for that being the case, find a place of worship (Mosque) is really easy, as you can find a mosque almost every 100 meters,

Indonesia also improved my faith, as there are conferences held within and outside Campus teaching about Islam to youths, as we are the future leaders. During Ramadan there are usually lots of charities being given to the people in need to break their fasting and I think because of the influence of Islam that's why Indonesian people are very friendly.

Next I will like to tell you little about Islam in my country, I am from the Gambia with less the 2 million as our population, and Muslims are the majority in my country as Muslim dominates more than 90% of the population. We follow the "Imam Maliki Mashab". Islam in my country is something that bonds us together as it teaches us how to love, care, as it is a way of life, Gambia is known as the smiling coast of Africa, it because we have that hospitality.

Secondly would talk a bit about Ramadan in The Gambia, In the holy month of Ramadan families normally break fasting together and mostly neighbors are invited to join, also after preparing the food for breaking fasting some are given to the people around the surrounding that are fasting to break there fast. Ramadan is a month that keeps not only families together but also the communities as a whole.

Being part of this camp has lifted my potential and motivated me to promote and work for peace as nothing cannot be achieved without peace. Peace is all we need in the world, and forming this kind of camp is one way to promote peace. Why I say so it's because whatever you teach the youths, it will be the outcome of the society. Thus I believe by teaching the young it will enable the fast spread of peace. And we are here today to pass the message on to our homes, campuses, societies, communities, states, countries and the world as large.

Although the current century appears to be a time of war and carious, which is driving youths to be the subject of war but they are still the only hope we have for peace. As a young youth I will do my best to promote peace by engaging in youth activities where I can and promote peace directly or indirectly. Furthermore, I have a thought of starting a peace project with friends that I have met at the international youth leadership camp as so to deliver the message to my fellow youths.



Jainaba Trawally

The Gambia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

On 2nd - 5th February 2018, there held an international youth leadership camp that was aim at promoting peace and understanding among people from different social, economic and cultural background. As there were various speakers talking in different aspects of the topic "Rahmatan lil Alamin" among young Muslims. Each of the spokesmen and women has their own method of lecturing in appropriate with their lecture materials. They have explained things physically, logically, practically using signboard, images and even videos to convey information. I understood a lot from the presented materials and I was able to see the world from a different perspective, and accept what people say or do without criticism. These were all because of the lectures on peace and related issues. In as much as the camp is concern, it has done a great impact in my life and the lives of many people by advocating for peace and unity. I was impressed with a lot of things, how people have different mind-set pertaining an issue and how each person can use different strategies to solve problems within and

outside their comfort zone.

Nevertheless, I am able to make comparison between many things that our countries differ in. Ranging from religious practice, cultures and traditions in line with the rulings of Islam. In as much as the religion is concern, there is restriction in what we should do and the way to live our lives but we have choice to make in choosing between right and wrong. For example, there is a law in Aceh that all women should cover up irrespective of your social or religious status while in Gambia there is no such law. When it comes to prayer it's the same, but in Gambia we celebrate *Idul Adha (tobaski)* more than *Idul Fitr (koriteh)* while in Indonesia it's the reverse. Indonesia have more than 300 ethnic groups with rich and diverse cultures, there is a lot of difference when it comes to culture and tradition. For a man to marry a woman in Indonesia, it's very expensive. So the less wealthy and unfortunate ones have a problem when it comes to marriage but in Gambia it's so easy to get a wife in as long as you are a practicing Muslim and can take care of the woman. Basically, those are some of the differences between the Gambia and Indonesia.

As a young Muslim and agent of peace, I will advocate people on important issues pertaining my religion and its rulings, this apply to each and every one of us. Through conversation with people, we can eliminate these ill concepts from their minds. We need to create platforms where we will disseminate such information to people, let them know the benefits and values of peace (eliminating fundamentalism and radicalism) and the religion at large. Community outreach is also one of the ways we can transmit information around the world. For instance, people in remote villages do not have access to social amenities, they need oral discussion in order to understand and get to know the world better. As we are the Z-generation, we depend more on social media like Facebook, twitter, snap chat and Instagram, we can take this opportunity to disseminate information to the youngsters. Signboards, pictures, wall paints, etc, can also serve as a means of communicating among people. If the above-mentioned are taken into consideration, together we can heal the world; we can make the world a better a place.



Kariza Bella Putri

Indonesia

UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta

There are a lot of lessons and knowledge that we gained as participants. I believe that youth participation is very important because we are the future leader of the world. In Indonesia we face so many cases regarding to the extremism, it is very bad for us as a youth to see so many conflicts that happened in current days. Hate speech, hoax news make it worse. We argue without knowing what the real situation is.

As a youth Muslim future leader, I'm very sad to see this situation. I joined Islamic organizations based on Islamic teaching such as "OIC Youth Indonesia" because I really want to contribute to how to behave as Muslim youth. As an agent of change, we must have commitment to promote Islam as Rahmatan Lil Alamin

(The blessing for human being/Mercy for the Universe)

The youth plays an important role in the continuity of Islamic civilization in the future, beside that youth are also the foundation of society to keep and supervise policy makers in carrying out the mandates. So, it's important to empower the youth to get involved in making policy to make a better society.

To make a change is hard, but nothing is impossible. As a very small aspect of the society (our self) we must implement the real values of Islam from our self. We must start it now and devote commitment to it. We must be the Muslim role model for others.

In Indonesia, we live in diversity. Though Indonesia is the most populated with Muslims but there are other religions that we recognized. Currently, we face so many conflicts regarding to many case, it makes Indonesia as an intolerant country. Now, we must change it, we have to make Indonesia as peaceful a country. We have to prevent any act that is going to lead to violence and stop it.

Overall, it's amazing to know the real values of Islam Rahmatan Lil Alamin by participating in this event. It's very important for us a Muslim youth to know and understand. I believe the youth has so many ideas to solve the current problems that exist in the world, it just how the stakeholder must facilitate the youth by making this kind of event.

Message from Jambuluwuk







This camp was one in a lifetime experience I really enjoyed the programs, the speeches and the games we played. The chances we had for group discussions were a great opportunity for developing our ideas and thoughts and then being able to present it in front of everyone helped us to build our presentational skills.

Furthermore the working in groups gave us a chance to put into work our leadership skills. The speeches were very eye opening and influential.

I personally gained a lot of new information that I believe will benefit me as the topics we discussed are quite relevant to the issues in our Muslim societies. The games that were played were so much fun and it truly tied in with the important messages that were the core of each topic presented.

I am so happy for the opportunity I got to join this camp. I am fortunate for being able to meet other university students who like me share common interest in being peace makers of tomorrow.

Iqra Yunus Palejwala
Participant - Canada

International Youth Leadership Camp is one of the program to promote peace and the values of Islam Rahmatan lil 'Alamin.

During this program, I learned about the phenomenon in the world such as violence, extremism, discrimination and how to solve it as a young Muslim.

Islam as Rahmatan lil 'Alamin means peace on this universe, not only for human beings, but also all of the creation of Allah SWT, such as animals, plants, and also non Muslim.

*I really excited when I followed the 1st event of International Youth Leadership Camp (IYLC) 2018.
Be empathetic We are Peace ranger*



Acep Lukmanul Hakim
Participant - Indonesia

Many Thanks from those guys that held this kind of Islamic program, that was really informative and amazing program. One think really cool about this program is that we studied all about Islam, now day's this kind of program is very rare to someone spend their money's I really appreciate you all.

Well, this program was all about Islamic things, how can we abolish radicalism, discrimination, prejudice, and so on, but these three words was the main point of this program in my opinion. And "Rahmatull lil Allamin", as the scholars mentioned there "Rahmatull lil Allamin", is not only for Muslims but even it's for non-Muslims people. Because Allah is the most mercy full, well at the moment there are some people that wants to defame Islam, by the name of we are Islam, in fact they are the most non-Muslim people.

What is our responsibility as a youth Muslim? Well we should invite those guys that fulfilling radicalism by name of Islam, they might have their own idea why they fulfilling this kind of things, we can convince them Every single Muslim has responsibility against of Allah and Muhammad SAW each of us have to fulfill their obligatory. These all my own opinion hopefully, next time I could join in this kind of program.

A portrait of Abdul Saboor Hamedi, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing glasses and a blue patterned shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Abdul Saboor Hamedi
Participant - Afghanistan

I believe that this program is a much-needed initiative in the current worrisome situation of tolerance all over the world today.

I learnt a lot from the current event.

The most important point is “ we have to see everything from different perspectives” so we will be more respectfull and tolerant as a person.

Kariza Bella
Participant - Indonesia



I feel very lucky to stand among the future Muslim leaders from many different countries in discussing the topics and sharing experiences on such relevant issues such as the dangers of violent extremism.

I hope that the participants understand the issues and become agents of change and prevent the spread of extremism and be a promoter and spread the values of peace.

This camp is not just an event to enlighten the youth, but as a tangible experience that will change them and their countries.

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Maintaining Peaceful Islam: A Concluding Remarks

Islam, from a semantic perspective, comes from the word salam (Arabic: means peaceful). It is therefore, an obligation to every Muslim to spread salam (peaceful message) to others. This word alone has described what the essence of this religion is and how its believers should behave in their daily lives.

Promoting the values of rahmatan lil' alamin among young Muslim as the theme of this youth camp emphasizes did not mean introducing something new about Islam. It is in fact returning the miss-conception about Islam to its actual meaning. The miss-conception about Islam is not something that Muslims can only blame to non-Muslims who do not understand Islam. It happens in quite a large scale among Muslims themselves.

During the four-day camp, the participants learned and discussed the meaning of rahmatan lil'alamin and how such a basic understanding of Islam was often

misunderstood by Muslims. Examples from the Quran and its interpretation as well as from Muslim people were explored and discussed to enhance their understanding. In addition to that, the participants also discussed different schools of Islam that come from different interpretations of the same Islamic resources. It is therefore important to share respect and tolerant towards different religious groups. The camp further discussed a certain thoughts and activities that potentially lead young Muslims to commit to radical understanding of Islam and violent actions.

The participants of the youth camp agree that as young Muslims they are equally responsible to other Muslims in spreading the message of peaceful Islam among Muslims and non-muslims alike. They should take active participation in promoting the true values of peaceful Islam.

Having actively involved in such an important activity, we at STF believe that the program is very fruitful and meaningful to the participant. It is absolutely necessary that such an event involves participation of more young Muslims and takes more time for sharing and action planning. The participants showed their thirsty to hear more about peaceful message of Islam, more than they can learn from textbooks and religious sermons.