

Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs
2nd Asia and Pacific University YMCAs (Uni-Y) Regional Conference 2009

UNI-Y PLEDGE

We are ninety ~ two University YMCA (Uni-Y) youths and staff from 12 movements in the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs gathered at the YMCA of Singapore from 29 July to 3 August 2009 to deliberate and explore the opportunities presented on two aspects of Youth Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship. We reflected on the achievements and actions from the first conference to build upon them to foster stronger and concerted efforts to extend the work and scope of the University YMCAs among all our movements.

We were inspired and motivated youths as we deepen our understanding of our social realities and our responsibilities as young people in the YMCA and our local communities.

Upholding the value of Uni-Ys and YMCA student groups as vehicles for building a strong YMCA youth constituency and leadership, we affirm to:

PROVIDE assistance and support, both in resources and advice, to movements seeking to develop and establish Uni-Ys, in the area of work groups.

STRENGTHEN the scope of the work of Uni-Ys among all our established clubs, in developing and harnessing the potential of youth leaders as a strong voice in all our movements.

SEEK to advance the role of social enterprise as a financially sustainable model to respond to community challenges and issues among our Uni-Ys programs and initiatives.

SUSTAIN the APUY Regional Conference on an annual basis, with the aim of enhancing their action responses towards a strong regional framework for exchange, collaboration and development.

ESTABLISH a network of University YMCAs to be called the Asia and Pacific University YMCA (APUY) Alliance initiated by the representatives from 12 member movements that attended this Conference. APUY Alliance aims to provide a platform to nurture the University YMCAs and build upon the UYAP network, under the auspices of the Youth Participation and Leadership Development Committee of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs.

COMMIT to providing a detailed annual report of the work of our various University YMCA clubs, the first one when we meet again next year in the Philippines, as tangible indications of the impact of the conference over the past 2 years on Uni-Ys in our region.

Be the change you wish to see in our world.