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✓ **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2014**

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10 November 2014	World Science Day for Peace	Melaka, Malaysia
16 November 2014	International Day for Tolerance	Melaka, Malaysia
25 November 2014	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	Melaka, Malaysia



✓ ANGOLA: YOUTH CREDIT BOOST AGRICULTURE SECTOR – MINISTER

Lubango, 3 October 2014 - ANGOLOAN minister of Youth and Sports, Gonçalves Muandumba, Friday in southern Huila province said that the granting of banking credit to young people encourages

them to boost the farming sector.

The minister said this at lecture on the theme youth boosting factor of society, aimed at publicizing the deeds of the Angolan Head

of State, José Eduardo dos Santos.

The event is promoted by National Spontaneous Movement (MNE).

Gonçalves Muandumba said

that the State should continue to encourage the young people to bet on agriculture, considered the country's key sector.

[Angola Press]

✓ GAMBIA: BOOK TITLED 'DON'T WASTE YOUR YOUTH' LAUNCHED

Banjul, 1 October 2014 - A BOOK titled "Don't Waste Your Youth" was recently launched at the Paradise Suites Hotel in Kololi.

The book, authored by Mary Caroline Gomez, touches on significant issues of youth empowerment and development, featuring interesting and educative poems for the benefit of the youth.

Don't waste your youth is her sixth book. It is a collection of poems on critical issues that pertain to the youth. The ceremony was

witnessed by government officials, parents, friends, and well-wishers.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs Elizabeth Johnson described the significance of the book, saying the central message of the book is for youth to get themselves empowered through application of right manners and attitude in life.

"This is an achievement," she said, commending the author for chosen a remarkable career in her contribution to humanity.

She also said the accomplishment of the

young author is a challenge to youth of the day, as the book discusses relevant issues regarding youth.

In the review of the book, Mrs Elizabeth Abraham said the book, however, discusses issues relating to youth not only in The Gambia, but globally.

In launching the book, the executive director at the National Youth Council, Lamin Darboe, said the Gambia government through the Ministry of Youth and Sports and other sister institutions are taking every measures to ensure that youth don't waste their

youth time but are encouraged and motivated to exercise their potentials for national development.

He added that "Don't waste your youth" is one of the most significant books at his ministry as it is calling on the youth to act positively and do the right things in life. It could also be useful to adults, he added.

[thepoint.gm]

✓ GHANA: GHANA'S UNEMPLOYED YOUTH ARE SECURITY THREATS- MP

Accra, 12 October 2014 - THE Member of Parliament for Pru East in the Brong Ahafo Region, Dr. Kwabena Donkor, has urged the government to address the problem of youth unemployment in the country as it poses a security threat to the country.

According to Dr. Donkor, the idle hands of unemployed youth are "effective tools for mischief" and the government has a responsibility to adequately and urgently deal with the problem.

"As long as young,

educated youthful people are unemployed, we will have a security challenge on our hands.

A report from the International Labour Organization (ILO) revealed that about 74 million young people in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa are unemployed.

President Mahama, in June, stated that government was on track to reduce the rate of youth unemployment in the country; however, Dr. Donkor believes a lot more needs to be done to address the situation in the interest of all the citizens in the

country.

According to him, youth unemployment cannot be ignored and "it is in our collective self-interest to help people get work so that they have little time to think relatively of mischief."

The idle hand is an effective tool for mischief," he told Citi News. And no matter how high the walls we construct around our minds, those walls cannot protect us."

Meanwhile President John Mahama has launched the Youth Enterprise Support Initiative.

[Citifmonline]



✓ NAMIBIA: YOUTH MUST CREATE JOBS OPPORTUNITIES

Windhoek 8 October 2014 - IT is about time youth create job opportunities to fight unemployment and let the lack of jobs stop being an excuse to poverty, says Youth Ambassador of the Namibia National Youth Council (NYC), Olavi Hangula.

Speaking at the National Youth Enterprise Expo in Grootfontein last Friday, Hangula says if the youth sits back and complain about how there are no jobs, there will never be a solution to youth

unemployment.

"It brings me joy to see how the youth have realised the impact that self-employment has brought. It's about time we create our own jobs.

Innovation is a youthful commodity," says Hangula.

He adds that if the youth can start to realise and practise the creation of jobs now, the generations to come will not know of the term 'unemployment'.

"Like I always say, why be a leader tomorrow when you are alive today? Procrastination is murderer of dreams."

Hangula says economic emancipation is possible, but only if youth highly believe and act to achieve their dreams.

"If the youth manipulate righteously the resources we have at hand, Namibia will excel in economic emancipation.

Hangula urges the youth not

to focus on making money but on something very important to learn.

"Let us study and consume the necessary strategies and tools to make the Namibian dream come true.

Let us remain success chasers ambition investors because the future is ours. Never forget innovation is a youthful commodity," he inspires.

[New Era]

✓ TANZANIA: EMBRACE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERING, YOUTH URGED

Dodoma, 2 October 2014 - YOUTH in the country have been urged to embrace the spirit of volunteering to gain skills that would make them marketable.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports, Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel, said this in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, during a wind up of Youth Employable Skills Development for Tanzanian Youths through Volunteering which gathered 27 graduates from various fields.

Prof Ole Gabriel said that the challenge the country is facing is not strictly employment, but mindsets being held by most of the youths on volunteering.

"Most of the youth have a misconception which is mushrooming that one cannot do anything without any form of payment," said Mr Ole Gabriel.

He added that if the society

rectifies this misconception, the country will be assured of moving forward in terms of development.

"If one is able to acquire that custom of volunteering, the person will be able to fit in any kind of society," he said.

The Tanzania Country Director of VSO International, Jean Wetter, said that youth possess great potentials but there are many challenges in their skills in terms of the employability sector.

"The kind of education system does not prepare the youth to acquire skills to employ themselves," said Mr Wetter.

He said that volunteering is a platform to gain experience, confidence and practical knowledge; therefore, young people need to master job development as well as skills development.

"Most graduates draft their curriculum vitae with a

number of training spread but what they don't understand is that the higher the number you have achieved doesn't simply mean that one is well qualified, but what you have achieved during the process is what you should be proud of," he said.

Mr Wetter pointed out that the job market needs skills, experience and practical knowledge in order to fit in.

Salingwa Edton, one of the volunteers from Ilala Municipality, extended his appreciation to the Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports and VSO International for enabling and coordinating the entire session for five consecutive months.

"The programme has gained us experience and skills that could enable us to penetrate in the job market easily, though five months were a short time but it was not a waste," said Edton.

[Tanzania Daily News]



✓ BARBADOS: YOUTH FOCUS

Bridgetown, 13 October 2014 - THERE is a view that countries must promote demand-driven education at the national level, even though there may be challenges.

So says Barbados' Ambassador to CARICOM, His Excellency Robert Morris, who recently espoused the view that the youth must be at the centre of planning.

He believes there is also a need for a greater understanding of this group.

"For the generation born after the 1980s, their orientations are significantly different from 'Baby Boomers'. They must be studied carefully as we plan to integrate them into the workforce.

"Now is the time when youth education should

integrate features of job placements, apprenticeships and internships more along the German, American and other models."

To this end, he said there is a need to finalise national qualification frameworks and regional qualifications frameworks, which must be compatible with international frameworks.

"The recently approved Strategic Plan for CARICOM, which has definite synergies with the strategic plan of the UWI, has as one of its strategic pillars for economic resilience, the implementation of the Freedom of Movement Regime established in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramus.

This was one of the most important recommendations of Time to Act. "The major expected

outcome of this programme is the diminution of the work permit regime for CARICOM labour as certified skilled labour, as service providers, as small or large business investors with their managerial, supervisory and technical staff."

Ambassador Morris stated that such a system must be built on a sophisticated Labour Market Information System.

The ambassador said countries must also promote training systems with STEM Education, literacies in languages, and entrepreneurship and innovation. "

Which is not to gainsay the importance of traditional qualifications and academic disciplines; very important are manpower surveys identifying existing skills gaps; and recognizing

current and projected skills shortages; decisions on training and certification requirements for occupations in demand," he said.

"Questions may be asked about the extent to which the convergence theory and production integration process across the Caribbean will demand a more relevantly trained labour force in such areas as transportation, industrial agriculture, bauxite, oil, renewable energy, and mining."

"Production convergence in these areas will need large numbers of workers trained in skill areas that are not abundantly available at this time," he said.

[Barbados Advocate]

✓ CANADA: GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HELPS YOUTH IN REGINA GET JOBS

Regina, 8 October 2014 - THE Government of Canada is helping equip young Canadians in Regina with the skills and work experience needed to get jobs, announced Ray Boughen, Member of Parliament for Palliser today, on behalf of the Honorable Candice Bergen, Minister of State (Social Development).

The Regina Work Preparation Centre is receiving more than \$142,000 from the Skills Link program to help 24 youth facing barriers to employment get the skills and knowledge they need to find jobs.

Participants will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to make a successful transition to the job market or return to school.

They will gain useful skills such as problem solving and team building.

They will also benefit from work experience with local not-for-profit, private or public sector employers in areas such as retail sales and recreation. In addition, participants will work with a job coach to further develop their individual skills.

As Canada is facing labour shortages, the Government

is investing in youth employment, skills and apprenticeship programs to help connect young Canadians with available jobs to strengthen local economies.

Quick Facts

The Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES) has helped over 555,000 youth since 2006.

The Government of Canada is helping Canadian youth get the skills employers are looking for with the Canada Job Grant and the Apprenticeship Incentive and Completion Grants.

The Government also offers tax credits, such as the tuition, education and text-book tax credits, tradesperson's tools deduction and the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit.

Economic Action Plan 2014 is introducing the Canada Apprentice Loan, which provides apprentices registered in Red Seal trades with interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 to complete their technical training. At least 26,000 apprentices are expected to apply annually.

[Canada NewsWire]



✓ CUBA: BALANCING ACT: THE CIRCUS AS A WAY OF LIFE FOR CUBAN YOUTH

Havana, 1 October 2014 - THE performing arts have historically been an outlet for creative expression and personal liberation through hard times.

In Cuba, many of the youths who have come from troubled homes or face poverty have been invited to a new space that encourages them as artists, and hopes to

increase the potential for a more financially prosperous future.

Performers who travel abroad with circus companies have a chance of earning up to \$1,000 a month, a significant financial advantage over many of the salaries offered in traditional jobs within the country.

Recently, an abandoned movie theater in a working-class section of Havana has begun operating as a training camp for nearly 70 Cuban children some as young as 9 who have hopes of joining the circus. Cuba's National Circus affords kids a chance to work with the company as well as with other major

touring companies all over the world, including Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Brothers.

[Olean Times Herald]

✓ JAMAICA: YOUTH ACTIVIST DETERMINED TO BECOME LAWYER

Kingston, 13 October 2014 - DRIVEN by a passion to help people, especially young person's on the edges of society, Omar Ryan wants to see a Jamaica where all citizens are treated equally and have access to justice.

For Ryan, obtaining a law degree would take his years of activism to the next level of transforming the society.

The 2007 Governor General Award recipient for outstanding volunteerism began the journey of realising his dream in 2011 when he enrolled at the Faculty of Law at The University of the West Indies, Mona.

Not being one of the lucky few to receive a government subsidy, Ryan had to find the US\$10,000 tuition. He was happy when he completed year one of the three-year programme.

But, sadness took over as his meagre funds would run dry.

A lack of financing forced him to take a leave of absence from the law programme.

Two years have now passed

and the Morant Bay High School past student is still out in the cold.

Describing himself as a natural fighter, Ryan says he is still determined to see his dream come true and is looking to the generous spirit of Jamaicans to come to his aid.

"My mother has done her best, but from the age of 18, I have been on my own. I work part-time at a law firm to pay my bills, support my family and my community work, but it is just not enough," said Ryan.

Ryan says he has been knocking on several doors for help, but lady luck has not been on his side.

He says he has sought the help of the Students' Loan Bureau, but he could not find a qualified guarantor.

"I wrote to several companies, people in society and even to the Office of Prime Minister, but got no response.

It is really rough, and the programme is getting more expensive, and I don't know when this cycle will end." Continuing, he says: "I am not looking to be a burden

to anyone, I just want the opportunity to become a lawyer and contribute back to society. I am willing to give free labour for any amount of years to pay back the investment any company or individual makes towards my future."

"I have nowhere else to turn, and I need help. Not just for me, but for all the young people in marginalized communities that are looking up to me. I have become the hope they see that they, too, can make it despite their backgrounds," said the St Thomas native.

Helping young men

Ryan, who grew up without his father, says it is a part of his life's mission to help break the cycle of hurt boys go through from feelings of abandonment.

He says he uses education and teaching life skills to help youths to become productive citizens.

Ryan says, over the years, he has been involved in several social intervention programmes at the university and in nearby communities.

One initiative that stands

out the most for the son of a domestic helper and fruit vendor was a year-long programme at Papine High School called Save the Male.

"It is a good feeling when I see the young people from August Town, Mona Commons and Papine take up opportunities to better their lives and become agents of change in their communities," says Ryan. "So becoming a lawyer is bigger than myself; it's about helping the future generations."

"I always stick by my young people, so much so that they jokingly call me their lawyer. I recall one time a young man was arrested by the police, and I wrote a strong letter to the police station. My letter helped to get him out and, to this day, he has not had any problems with police."

[Jamaica Gleaner]



✓ VENEZUELA: WORLD BANK WANTS TO HEAR FROM VENEZUELAN YOUTH

Caracas, 7 October 2014 -

THE World Bank is showing increasing interest in hearing what millennials in Venezuela think about their country.

During a conference about youth and government, they discussed Venezuela's record-high inflation which has many young people struggling.

The World Bank says Venezuela is one example of the economic extremes in Latin America. CCTV America's Martin Markovits reports.

There's an exodus going on as many middle and upper-class students flee Venezuela

It's so bad that Luis Cisco, a recent college grad, was waiting on line at the Irish Consulate to see if his visa was approved. It could be his ticket out of Caracas.

"There is no work now. I can't find a job.

While crime is another thing. You have to always be worried that someone is going to try to steal your phone.

You're in a country where you have to always be looking over your shoulder to make sure everything is ok," Cisco said.

The World Bank met with the group on Tuesday to talk about these and other concerns facing the youth in Latin America.

Venezuela, which has the highest inflation rate in the Americas, is one place where there might not be an

easy fix.

Prices have become so distorted that a McDonald's Big Mac combo costs \$47 on the country's lowest official currency rate.

Earlier this year, student protest leader Tammy Suarez joined the largest opposition demonstrations that rocked the county.

She said the low pay for professional workers was unacceptable.

The minimum wage in the country is 2900 bolivares a month, or around \$480 at the fixed government rate.

But in real life, U.S dollars trade for ten times as much on Venezuela's black market, which means minimum wage, is only about \$50 a month.

Supporters of President Nicolas Maduro believe these students have not appreciated the social progress the poor have gained under socialist rule. Education spending increased significantly while Venezuela is one of the few countries with a completely free public university system.

But this highlights the polarization and class divisions among the youth.

Many of those who are moving abroad come from the upper and middle classes and are the ones who could afford luxuries that youth in low-income barrio neighborhoods could only dream of.

[CCTV-America]

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✓ BAHRAIN: HM THE KING'S INTEREST IN YOUTH HIGHLIGHTED

Manama, 8 October 2014 – HIS Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has always allocated special importance to the youth sector in the kingdom and prioritised it, HM the King's Personal Representative for Charity Work and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sport Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President Shaikh Nasser

bin Hamad Al Khalifa said. HM the King's constant keenness to prioritise youth in his speeches and include his vision towards them, Shaikh Nasser said in the 11th issue of the "Mayadeen" magazine, published by his Media Office.

He added that the Royal interest in youth has drawn

the attention of world decision-makers, who have admired HM King Hamad's outstanding way of dealing with young Bahraini and keenness to enable them to play key roles in all walks of life.

He pointed out that a number of youth-oriented programmes and activities, stemming from the Royal Vision, have been launched

over the past period to enable members of this social category to join the labour market and open up new horizons of creativity for them.

[Bahrain News Agency]

✓ CAMBODIA: EVENT AIMS TO TEACH YOUTH HOW TO HANDLE MENTAL ILLNESS

Phnom Penh, 10 October 2014 - KEN Sotheary, 20, knows plenty about the perils of mental illness.

Not only does the second-year psychology student at the Royal University of Phnom Penh study mental health issues as part of her course, but she has also had her own brush with depression.

"I had problems because of study pressures, but it wasn't so bad that it made me want to commit suicide like some others," she said on Friday.

Along with hundreds of other undergraduates, Ms. Sotheary was attending the second Youth Mental Health Day event complete

with mini-counseling sessions, art therapy sessions and video screenings on RUPP's campus, which aimed to break down the stigma surrounding mental illness in Cambodia.

Sek Sisokhom, head of the university's psychology department, said many people were too concerned about the perception of others to seek help for depression, anxiety and other mental.

"When they have mental health problems they are afraid to seek counseling services because they are worried that people will call them crazy," she said.

Ms. Sisokhom said poverty,

unemployment and the burden of responsibility for supporting their families combined with increasing ease of access to drugs and alcohol put young Cambodians at high risk of developing mental health problems.

And the scale of the problem across society is large.

A study carried out by RUPP in 2012 showed that the country's suicide rate is 42.5 per 100,000 people, far higher than the worldwide average of 16.

Elizabeth Hogger Klaus, a psychologist with German development agency GIZ who organized Friday's event, said a lack of mental

health services combined with the legacy of the Khmer Rouge regime were contributing to the problem. "The recent history, which everyone is aware of, that has an impact on families domestic violence is a problem and also parenting is a problem because most parents don't have good role models because it was war time, and they might have trauma and loss issues themselves," she said.

Student Ms. Sotheary, who sought counseling for her depression, said that shining the spotlight on the issue more regularly could help other young people.

[The Cambodia Daily]

✓ INDIA: EXPERTS TO GUIDE YOUTH ON MAKING RIGHT CHOICES

Nagpur, 9 October 2014 - IN the recent past, there has been numerous cases wherein youngsters have found themselves engaged in criminal and violent activities.

Whether it is rape, murder, kidnapping or theft, the number of juvenile offenders is pret-

ty high. Psychiatrists feel this is because the mental and emotional health of the young people in our country is not tended to well.

To change this scenario, the city chapter of Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) has decided to take some initiatives for youth empowerment.

Its members would be visiting schools and colleges, engaging in conversations with students and training teachers in identifying and dealing with the problems kids may be going through.

The programme will be launched on Friday on the occasion of World Mental Health Day.

"As a young developing country, we consider our youth as one of our biggest assets.

The cases of teenage pregnancies are also increasing," said Dr Praveer Waradkar, president of IPS, Nagpur.

[Times of India]



✓ NEPAL: YOUTH PRESENT INNOVATIVE PROJECTS AT HT CONCLAVE

Kathmandu, 10 October 2014 - AN INITIATIVE that offers machinery to small-scale entrepreneurs to produce low-cost sanitary napkins, a project that collects waste from housing societies and converts it into compost, while transferring the non-degradable waste to their respective companies for recycling and a web portal that has compiled exhaustive information on Indian healthcare providers.

Innovative projects, all led by the youth, such as these were presented to a panel of technical experts, representatives from the UN

and the government, as well as academic institutions on Friday, as part of the inaugural day of the two day Young Social Innovators Conclave 2014. A joint initiative by NSF and UN-Habitat, the conclave was held at University of Mumbai's Sir JJ College of Architecture also one of the organisers.

Leni Chaudhuri, programme head of Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation, said the youth are the key stakeholders in a rapidly growing India. “

The conclave plays the role of the catalyst for change

which focuses on developing the next generation leaders to solve our most challenging problems in areas such as education, environment, poverty, healthcare, and social justice.”

Dr Nachiket Mor, president ICICI Foundation, Kavita Ramdas, who represents India, Nepal and Sri Lanka for Ford Foundation, Anshul Tewari, founder and editor-in-chief of Youth Ki Awaaz and Dr Shilpa Phadke, sociologist, Tata Institute of Social Sciences were among the panelists.

The conclave also saw five initiatives from across the country receive The India Youth Fund a grant programme jointly launched by UN-Habitat and NSF last year.

Judged on their innovation and potential solution to the country's growing urbanization problems, each project received Rs. 8 lakh as grant.

[Hindustan Times]

✓ PHILIPPINES: YOUTH URGED TO WRITE IN OWN LANGUAGE

Manila, 6 October 2014 – YOUNG writers nationwide are encouraged to express their creativity through short stories and poetry written in the Ilocano, Cebuano, Bicolano and Maranaw languages.

In an Oct. 8 memorandum, Education Secretary Armin Luistro encouraged students, aged 12 to 17, to submit entries for the Timpalak (Competition) Uswag Darepdep of the Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino (KWF).

“Uswag” in Cebuano means to advance while “darepdep” in Ilocano is imagery.

The contest, open to all students from both public and private schools, aims to showcase the rich imagination and creativity of Filipino children from the different regions and to discover new literary talents.

According to Luistro, the competition also aims to encourage the creation of regional literature by young writers who may submit short stories and poems in their own languages.

In encouraging the students to write in any of the four languages, the KWF also hopes to enrich Filipino as a language through literature.

At stake are medals as well as P10,000 cash for first prize, P5,000 for second prize and P3,000 for third prize.

[Philippine Star]



✓ AZERBAIJAN: AZERBAIJAN TO HOST GLOBAL FORUM ON YOUTH POLICIES

Baku, 10 October 2014 - AZERBAIJAN's Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Intigam Babayev has said the participation of representatives from 115 countries in the Global Forum on Youth Policies has been confirmed.

The participants of the event, which is slated for October 28-30, 2014 in Baku, are divided into four categories. The first category includes 200 youth ministers and other high level government officials. 200 participants of non-governmental agencies nominated by their respective governments are included in the second category, 200 participants of youth, youth organizations representatives and youth

policy experts in the third and 100 participants of experts in the fourth category will lead the Global Forum's work.

High level officials such as Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UN Fund of Population (UNFPA), Maher Nasser, Acting Head of UN Department of Public Information (UNDPI), Marta Vieira da Silva, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador who won FIFA Women's World Player of the five years in a row will join to the Global Forum to be convened by the UN Development Program, the Office of UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth, UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the Azerbaijani government.

Sharing his opinion about the forum, Babayev stressed the importance of global interest in this forum. He said it is an utmost priority for Azerbaijan to host the Global Forum at the highest level.

"On the participation issue, I would like to mention that there is a quota identified per UN member countries and this procedure is equal for all of members.

Unfortunately, there is false information created in the media that Ebola affected countries are restricted to join the event.

We, organizers, are ready to host any registered participants regardless of their religion, nationality and ethnicity and etc.

The problem here is that some countries have nominated more candidates for the offered quotas. We informed them about the existing rules and impossibility of such actions," Babayev said.

Some 41 countries with ministers, 12 countries with a dedicated youth ministers, 20 countries with deputy ministers and 42 countries with heads of division will be represented at the Global Youth Forum. In general, the participation of 700 people is expected at the forum.

[AzerNews]

✓ BULGARIA: BULGARIA'S YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES

Sofia, 13 October 2014 - THE level of youth unemployment in Bulgaria decreases, said Elka Dimitrova, head of the Labour Market Policies

department at the Labour and Social Policies Ministry, quoted by BTA. According to Dimitrova, year-on-year unemployment among people up to 29

years of age has dropped by 5%, to 23%. In her words, this was below the average for the EU. In Dimitrova's opinion, the decrease was thanks to the

slow recovery of Bulgaria's economy and the implementation of various state programmes.

[Novinite.com]

✓ GREECE: GREEK YOUTH TURN TO SEA FOR EMPLOYMENT

Athens, 6 October 2014 - OWING to the economic crisis and a staggering, 27% unemployment rate, young Greeks are being steadily driven to unusual parts of the world for work.

The sea, which has always been an integral part of the Greek DNA, has the added benefit of promising salaries.

In the immediate postwar years, the Piraeus was packed with Greeks embarking for long and risky ventures in order to

provide for their families. For years, Greek families were forced to remain separated from their loved ones in order to provide daily sustenance for their families.

A wealth of films and novels reflects the pain and agony of that era. One of Greece's most famous writers, Nikos Kavvadias, fills his oeuvre with references to the sea-bound. "Son where are you going?" "Mother, I'm going to the sea.

Over the decades, Greeks' love for the sea brought their country enormous growth and domination. Many once-poor sailors became fabulously wealthy captains.

The Greek standard of living began to climb.

As a result, Greeks started to turn away from shipping. The wages were very high, but they preferred safe jobs and to live closer to their families.

Now, with the economic crisis, young Greeks have once again turned to the sea for a better, more promising future. Exceptional minds are now claiming their stake in the national maritime heritage.

The Merchant Marine Academy (MMA) is the preferred destination for young Greek shippers.

The most popular subjects are engineering and organization.



The average salary of a first-year employee ranges between 880 and 1700 euros per month.

The wage for someone actually on board a ship jumps anywhere from 5200 to 9000 euros.

Increased Demand for Greek Shippers Demand for Greek officers is high not only amongst Greek companies, but internationally as well.

There is currently a tremendous worldwide demand for ship builders

and engineers. According to a University of Aegean study, students come mainly from Attica, Macedonia and the Peloponnese.

In 2014, 1193 students enrolled at the MMA: 695 Masters students and 498 engineers.

3275 total applications were submitted to the Academy, thus confirming the great interest Greeks maintain in the sea.

[Greek Reporter]



ROMANIA: ORANGE ROMANIA LAUNCHES ONLINE CONFIGURATOR FOR YOUTH

Bucharest, 6 October 2014 - ORANGE Romania launched a new online configuration for its Orange Young postpaid subscriptions. Customers aged between 18 and 35 years can access the Orange Young online configuration through which they can create or modify their own subscription.

Following the conduction of market studies, Orange found out that its Orange Young customers wish for

more flexibility and control in selecting and modifying their resources especially when it comes to broadband mobile internet.

The service, which can be accessed at www.orangeyoung.ro, enables customers to personalize their tariff plan by adding minutes, SMS or internet traffic, regardless of the fact that they have a subscription or they sign a new one.

At the same time, they can add a phone to the configuration and can pick their contractual period.

Moreover, customers receive a bonus consisting in unlimited minutes and SMS from Orange, access at no extra cost to LTE speeds, unlimited communication through the Libon app and access to Orange Cloud and Orange Antivirus services.

In addition, customers can modify their created

subscription at any time. The configuration and activation of offers can be conducted online directly from their Orange account.

[Telecom paper]



SLOVAKIA: TESCO YOUTH ACADEMY LAUNCHES IN SLOVAKIA

Bratislava, 10 October 2014 - YESTERDAY saw the launch of the Tesco Youth Academy in Slovakia, part of our commitment to help young people gain the skills and experience they need to start successful careers.

The Youth Academy website, which is intended for young people aged between 14-18 as well as their teachers, is free to use and is designed to teach key transferrable skills that will be valuable in all career paths, such as teamwork, confidence, personal effectiveness, resilience, creative thinking and problem solving.

These skills are taught through interactive online exercises which give users the chance to test what they have learnt, encouraging

them to apply these skills in their own lives.

The website also includes free workshop materials which can be downloaded by teachers and others working with young people.

Tesco Slovakia CEO, Martin Dlouhy, said "The project should help to develop so-called soft skills which are increasingly necessary in the labour market.

As an international company operating in over 12 markets, we want to share our experience of helping young people to develop."

[Web Wire]



✓ AUSTRALIA: YOUTH SUPPORT A CIRCUIT BREAKER

Canberra, 13 October 2014 - SUPPORT provided by social services can act as a "circuit breaker" for young people who have grown up in adversity, a report launched today by the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove claims.

Anglicare Australia's 2014 State of the Family report was launched in Sydney, and according to its authors, it demonstrates the value of social service support for disadvantaged young people, and the need to extend that support beyond the age of 18.

Being a/part surveyed young people aged between 17 and 21 accessing Anglicare services, many of them homeless or in insecure housing and with a

history of hardship, asking for their view of how social support, belonging and connection help them transition into early adulthood and independence.

Anglicare Australia Executive Director Kasy Chambers said the survey found support provided by youth social service workers could be the circuit breaker for young people who have grown up in adversity.

"The greater adversity young people faced in childhood, the less the support they feel from families and friends," Chambers said.

"That's when other people in their lives, such as social service workers, play a

significant role in helping them connect to their community. Overall, we know it is very important for young people to feel like they belong. But the sense of belonging depends on how they see the behaviour and responses of others."

"So if we want young people on the edges to feel they belong to society, rather than suggest that they are simply not trying, we need to create welcoming and accepting places."

The Youth Movement Initiative (YMI) from Bendigo is a group of young people who grew up in care. In the report they pointed to the need for greater expectations, and the opportunities to fulfil them.

"YMI argues that most other young people are supported beyond the age of 18 in education, finding work, and somewhere to live," Chambers said.

"If we are to raise our expectations for disadvantaged young people, we also need to provide the support and opportunities for them. This survey has a message for everyone. Social support, given and received, helps you connect to community. If you can't get that from your family or your school, you need to be able to get it from other people and services."

[Pro Bono Australia]

✓ FIJI: ROLE OF YOUTHS VITAL

Suva, 12 October 2014 - THE role played by youths during times of disaster cannot be stressed enough, especially given that youth make up 70 per cent of the Fiji Red Cross Society's volunteer base.

This was one of the topics discussed yesterday at the FRCS's inaugural National Youth Forum, held at the Fijian Teachers Association hall in Suva.

Speaking to this newspaper was FRCS youth

co-ordinator Sevuloni Ratu who said youths in Fiji were essentially Fiji's "young humanitarians in action".

"Most of them are youth leaders and youth workers who also deliver programs and activities in the communities in their districts through our programs of Disaster, Health and Safety.

Discussions are around how young people can be more actively engaged in disaster management because what we see in the Fiji Red Cross

is that young people make the largest proportion of the organization's volunteer base."

Mr Ratu said the volunteers were, in many ways, a very important aspect of the work of the FRCS because they live within the communities they served and knew a lot about the different ways of life.

"One of the key strengths of our youth volunteers is they come from the communities, so they know

a lot about them they live in these districts and basically they act as our eyes and ears on the ground and that's really important. These kinds of forums are important for them because it allows them to engage with what the Red Cross Society really is and why their role is so important."

"They will learn these skills and they can go back and help their communities," Mr Ratu said.

[Fiji Times]

✓ GUAM: YOUTHS EARN WRAPAROUND GRADUATION

Hagåtña, 3 October 2014 - WRAPAROUND graduation celebrations at I Famagu'on-ta have been occurring since 2006.

It's an important time to acknowledge the progress

of the young people who have worked hard with their Wrap teams to successfully accomplish their therapeutic goals and merit a celebration.

Wraparound graduation

means the young person no longer needs the services of the Wrap Team, as he or she has gained self-confidence and coping skills to better manage life challenges as they arise.

Just what is Wraparound? It is the coming together of a team of people, service providers and agencies, working in partnership with the young person who needs therapeutic services, and his or her family.



The Wraparound approach embodies the System of Care core values and principles, which are person-centered, youth-guided, family-driven, strength-based, culturally and linguistically competent, and community-based services.

beautiful young people, three of whom are transition-age young adults, celebrated a milestone accomplishment with their families and Wrap Team members.

It was something to be happy, proud and thankful for.

challenges, they continue to thrive and we congratulate all five of them, their families and their Wrap Teams for their hard work, and for not giving up.

[Pacific Daily News]

Last Thursday evening, five Despite many life



NEW ZEALAND: YOUNG TRIATHLON TALENT IMPRESSES AT YOUTH ACADEMY

Auckland, 9 October 2014 - THIS week hosted one of a number of Regional Youth Academies being rolled out by Tri NZ as part of the National Talent Programme, with 15 young triathletes from 12 to 17 years of age gathering daily under the guidance of Tony O'Hagan and invited Tri NZ accredited development coaches.

Tri NZ Talent Development Coach Tim Brazier is delighted at the continued roll out of the Regional Youth Academies as part of the National Talent Programme (NTP), with Auckland just one of a number to be delivered around New Zealand in a busy few weeks coming up before Christmas.

"The Regional Youth Academies are just such an exciting part of our Talent Programme, when all the RYA's get going we can actively engage with up to 100 kids New Zealand wide and with coaches in the regions through their hands on delivery of the RYA's, as well as network with all of the athletes' coaches around the country.

All of which seeds into the National Talent Squad which in turn is creating a pathway for athletes to feed

through to High Performance and get the appropriate level of guidance from coaches, doing the work that is appropriate for that age," said Brazier.

Amongst those at the RYA this week was Fraser Hamilton from St Kentigern College. Fraser has come to the sport of triathlon from a running background but is now well and truly into swim, bike, run under the coaching of Nathan Richmond and has enjoyed the week.

"There is a competitive edge as well and they are beginning to realize they have to beat the world but they don't have to beat each other up but if they work together they can conquer the world and that is part of what we are aiming to achieve.

"They are trying to be helpful and help each other out, that is what we want so that everyone's strengths are maximized and weaknesses are minimized and realizing that they can learn from other peoples skills as well so if someone is particularly good in one area, everyone else wants to raise the bar to that level in that area as well.

"There is a fun aspect of being able to train with your mates - in many cases they are making new friendships that will last beyond this RYA and see smaller groups that will come together more regularly on their own and develop their own little training groups as well. Meeting like-minded individuals will create other synergies in other areas as well."

While the RYA has been underway in Auckland, Brazier has been working with the 2014 National Talent Squad in Cambridge. The NTS is a group of young triathletes chosen to receive further attention across all aspects of their triathlon lives.

"There is a continued focus with the NTS on trying to undertake critical analysis of ourselves and ITU racing and exploring how they work together and with their coaches to close the gaps. There is a strong element of teaching them to take ownership of their performance and taking care of their day to day lives in areas such as nutrition, stretching, recovery and learning to manage their time effectively, both structured and unstructured."

Brazier says the opportunity with the NTS athletes in camp is not one based around actual training.

"Most of the focus in these camps is much broader than the training - their coaches are delivering that, we are trying to work with them on the other areas, some of which are very technical.

As an example the last two days have been on the track in the velodrome working on the specifics of pedaling, lapping out, how to apply power to the bike and use the bike to create power all of which is very different on a fixed wheel bike."

The NTS athletes then travelled to Auckland for biomechanical testing at AUT Millennium, under the watchful eye of HPSNZ staff. This testing enables coaches and athletes to improve techniques which in turn leads to fewer injuries and better training and racing outcomes.

[Voxy]



✓ VANUATU: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – YOUTH LIVELIHOODS

Port Vila , 1 October 2014 - GIVE young people in Vanuatu a brighter, happier future by helping to identify income generation opportunities for youth, as well as developing training in small business set up and management.

[Pro Bono Australia]

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