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**Statement from the Secretary-General of Humanitarian Affairs United Kingdom**

I am pleased to validate that Humanitarian Affairs continues to support the ten principles of the **UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT** (UNGC), and in particular, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We are committed to advancing the principles to our employees, partners and young people who attend our programmes.

Since our inception of the annual Leadership Development in Social Change Program, Humanitarian Affairs has provided training to 6,700 global emerging youth leaders under the basic principles of the UNGC. This year, the organisation has equipped 1,561 people from 102 nations with the principles of the United Nations Global Compact. We will continue to teach life skills to young people and we will continue to impart the ten principles of the UNGC.

Becoming a member of the UN Global Compact is a great privilege that has provided us with the responsibility to uphold our promises to the ten principles of the **UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT** whilst encouraging young global leaders that we bring together to do the same.

We are proudly committed to supporting the ten principles of the UNGC and we will continue to promote them among our employees, partners and future leaders.

**Kind Regards,**

**Kim Solomon**  
**Secretary-General**

## MISSION

The mission of **Humanitarian Affairs** is to empower young people and facilitate youth developments in the areas of social change and social justice. The organisation was established with a vision to set an action based example for young people interested in making a difference to those less fortunate than themselves. This is achieved by transforming intention and ideas into action and providing comprehensive exposure for the development of well-rounded future leaders.



**Humanitarian Affairs** seeks to create a drive and sense of purpose in young leaders by equipping them with the right skills and tools to spark a generation of dynamic individuals paving the way for the larger social good. In addition to championing the cause of the young, Humanitarian Affairs has established several humanitarian initiatives in Southeast Asia: relief missions in disaster prone areas, offering educational services, distribution of provisions to the needy, and providing bicycles and stationary to children, with an aim to make their access to education physically easier and possible.

## HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE

At the core of what Humanitarian Affairs stands for is the promotion of Human Rights. We strongly uphold with the principles stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We stand securely in the advancement of basic rights such as freedom of speech, privacy, health, life, liberty and security, as well as an adequate standard of living.

## THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

The 10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium hosted A Dialogue With 100 Refugees, connecting 1,057 young leaders from 81 countries to discuss the impact of human rights infringement through personal experience. The round-table discussion provided a platform to promote the advancement of human rights with the experience reminding us all to unite and teaching us how to support one another. This segment was further supported by an educational session run by the Malaysian Social Research Institute's Sahabat Refugee Centre.



In respectful acknowledgment of Malaysia's indigenous people, the 'Orang Asli,' Humanitarian Affairs hosted a service day in collaboration with one of the Orang Asli Schools. The meaningful activity sought to honour those persons from disadvantaged communities and share their precious way of life. 200 delegates repainted and restored a debilitated indigenous primary school in rural Malaysia. It is the hope of Humanitarian Affairs to continue building positive impacts at the local community level by connecting with local indigenous people.



## THE PEACE SUMMIT OF EMERGING LEADERS

The inaugural Peace Summit of Emerging Leaders gathered 347 young leaders from across 47 countries to build a perspective on the vitally important subject that is Peace. Over three days, delegates were given an opportunity to formulate and share innovative ideas concerning the promotion of peace and justice.

Humanitarian Affairs firmly believes that Peace is a fundamental tool in the protection of human rights and can be achieved through empowering young leaders to strengthen peace efforts around the world.



## THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY FORUM

At Humanitarian Affairs, we want to spark a global movement that empowers young people to lead in social change. 157 aspiring diplomats were granted an opportunity to develop the tools and critical understanding of key issues and concepts in international relations and world affairs. The readiness to negotiate with one another fairly and honestly creates a vital space for the discussion of dignity and equality for all human beings.

Together with our young people, Humanitarian Affairs will continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship that unite us in our efforts to promote the human rights principles.



## LABOUR PRINCIPLE

Humanitarian Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that our employees feel safe and are protected at work. By providing opportunities that invest in continual personal and professional development, we also encourage social integration through team building initiatives held throughout the year. We strive to uphold the labour principle with our employees.

As an organisation it is our responsibility to nurture each staff member to reach their fullest potential, thereby investing in their future job prospects. It is our goal to ensure that each employee is provided with an appropriate learning environment that fosters skills that allows our employees to be more confident in the working world. Our working environment accommodates cultural traditions, providing a shared space for mutual acceptance. We provide our staff with the skills to promote contemporary leadership. This is achieved through leadership training, career progression, networking opportunities and world-class coaching from leading advisors.



## ENVIRONMENT PRINCIPLE

Humanitarian Affairs is committed to tackling pressing environmental challenges including climate change, water, energy, biodiversity and agriculture. To aid in the restoration and sustainability of the endangered Malaysian Kampung Selangor fireflies, an enormous 430 kilos of plastic waste was cleared from the Selangor River.

This raised awareness to the impact of plastic pollution and highlighted the importance of establishing preventative measures to protect our world's wildlife.

"After an intensive day of hard work, the sun began to set. The delegates witnessed fireflies shining beautifully in the dark."



At its heart, Humanitarian Affairs is a global movement that inspires youth to champion societal change. We are proud to be able to contribute to the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative and the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

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