



POST - ASSIGNMENT REPORT

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Motive

Until this date, human have not found out an effective way to advocate the other human in terms of changing societal norms, people seem obsessed in focusing the out-of-date faith in gender division. The overdue assignment of Gender Equality dwell for the nurture of women and those minorities, seems underwhelmed.

Even Hong Kong, a city considered with world-classed social welfare systems and advanced development, do have refuges and tramps queuing up in lines for a loaf of bread, do remain issues of discriminations and inequalities, do reserve a reputation of civilians struggling for life. How about those overseas? With prior experience in serving the local community, as a volunteer, I should not stand still and keep tracking my old steps. Noticing UN as a hegemony of international organization, I signed up to this programme.



Duties

My duty was reaching out to people to advocate the concept of gender equality. With the means of social media platforms, I performed social media listening, monitoring, reporting, archiving, and developing. With the help of digital media, implementing suitable strategies for pursuing gender equality and the empowerments of women and girls, government collaborations, achievement displaying and message delivering are possible now to advocate the mass and to enhance the reinforcement of anti-discriminations.

For public outreaching, I have conducted interviews with participants among different conferences and symposiums. Participants can always broaden out their vision on the topic, adding refreshing ideas and thoughts that the seminars have not covered nor mentioned. Two heads are always better than one.

Valuable Takeaways

Unity is strength. Human cannot achieve great things until people are motivated and unified. The pyramid cannot be built without the unity of people; A manifesto cannot play a role without the motivation of people. I attended the Inclusive Lifelong Learning Conference in Bali, following by various workshops and signature ceremony of the Bali Manifesto, it was the time I felt like we marked the history.

Throughout the work, I have realised the mandate of inclusiveness and equality are not just a slogan, but the juncture of utopian society that we aimed to create.

“The sense of comparison is your enemy” they say. But I have learnt the vitality to appreciate the benefits, nurture the gains, and magnify the advantages through comparison, soon you will discover your outstanding excellencies, and oblivate annoyances. Reminiscing happiness flatters life.





Challenges encountered

Familiarizing a new environment was not easy. Stepping out of the comfort zone was a challenge that impacts your life. To cope with unfamiliar faces, culture, habits, and cuisines, I had to pay perseverance, tolerance, and respect.

Basic needs for life support are not a guarantee, the phenomenon of hard water and nasty street foods were one of the stereotypes against Jakarta, sadly, a phenomenon too, Panadol, Vaseline and Oronine H were my good friends.

Bahasa Indonesia – a local language among thousands of Indonesian languages is widely used across Jakarta as an official language. Being an expat, not knowing the language brought not only inconvenience, but also misunderstandings of words and contents.

Wear masks! The air qualities were third to the last among the worlds.

Reflections

Serving, giving, volunteering are the things that with high nobility and empathy, that never can be achieved without the sense of humanity. It was the boundless kindness from my colleagues in United Nations made our mission so humane. I found the vitality of United Nations and Volunteerism means to the world and within mankind. The ideology of 'making the world a better place' cannot be learnt from an ordinary internship, nor from any other sectors, but only from UN.

"Peace is, and has always been, the ultimate human aspiration.
And yet our history overwhelmingly shows that while we speak incessantly
of peace, our actions tell a very different story."

- Javier Pérez de Cuéllar