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**Charting the Future We Want:
Engaging Young Champions
for the Ocean Beyond 2015**



**REPORT ON THE OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES
OF THE FOURTH EAST ASIAN SEAS YOUTH FORUM**

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INTRODUCTION

1. Young people are key stakeholders in the future of our coasts and oceans and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Sustainable development efforts can only be achieved if the youth are actively involved in working towards the sustainability of our shared seas.
2. With the ease of digital technology such as social media at their fingertips, today's youth have great potential to become powerful advocates for the seas. They can be effective agents of change by increasing awareness about issues that are threatening the coasts and oceans and rallying for concrete actions in addressing these issues. Doing so also encourages leaders from local and national governments, development organizations, companies and research institutions to engage the youth in their activities.
3. The Fourth East Asian Seas Youth Forum (YF4) was one of the special events of the EAS Congress 2015, which was held from 16-21 November 2015 in Da Nang City, Viet Nam. The EAS Congress and the Youth Forum were co-organized by the Government of Viet Nam through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands (VASI), City Government of Da Nang and the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA).
4. Carrying the theme, "Charting the Future We Want: Engaging Young Champions for the Ocean Beyond 2015," the YF4 gathered young leaders from the region to showcase their initiatives contributing to the achievement of the SDGs, as well as enhance their skills and strengthen their role in the sustainable development of the oceans and coasts.
5. Specifically, the YF4 aimed to:
 - a. Explore the youth's crucial role in the post-2015 development agenda by recognizing young leaders and innovators involved in youth-led ridge-to-reef initiatives in the EAS region;
 - b. Provide a conducive platform for mutual exchange of knowledge, experience and skills in sustainable ocean and coastal management;
 - c. Strengthen the youth's capacity to develop and/or lead initiatives in the local, national or regional level;
 - d. Review the recommendations to national and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, universities and the private sector drafted in previous youth forums (e.g., Changwon Youth Declaration 2012, EAS Youth Forum Statement 2009, Youth Agenda for the Seas of East Asia 2006);
 - e. Sustain and expand the network of young people empowered to take actions in protecting the region's oceans and coasts through the EAS Youth Network and its country hubs; and
 - f. Develop case studies showcasing the environmental initiatives of the youth participants.

6. The YF4 convened 60 young leaders from the EAS countries, namely: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, RO Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. The list of participants is given in **Annex 1**.



FOURTH EAS YOUTH FORUM PROGRAM

7. The YF4 consisted of interactions with young leaders in ocean and coastal management, peer-to-peer learning discussions, team building and creative sessions designed to empower the next generation of leaders for the sustainable development of the oceans and coasts in the EAS region. To promote learning from among the participants, the YF4 delegates showcased their countries and organizations' best practices in addressing environmental issues and promoting environmental awareness and management.
8. The youth participants also had the chance to interact with the EAS Congress participants and learn more about the sustainable development of oceans and coasts through their participation in the opening and closing ceremonies, daily plenary keynote and panel sessions, and selected workshops of the International Conference.
9. The Fourth EAS Youth Forum Programme is provided in **Annex 2**.

THE FOURTH EAS YOUTH FORUM TOOLKIT

10. The Youth Forum toolkit, “Charting the Future We Want: Engaging Young Champions for the Ocean Beyond 2015,” was prepared as the overall guide for the conduct of the Forum. This toolkit outlined the YF4 activities, including profiles of the YF4 speakers. It provided a brief overview of the past youth forums and the role of the youth in sustainable development. The Toolkit also contained a short discussion on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
11. The toolkit also included a set of concrete guidelines to help participants develop action plans for future projects. There was also a section on career options and opportunities for further studies in the field of coastal and ocean management.



12. The toolkit can be downloaded in the following link: <http://pemsea.org/publications/4th-eas-youth-forum-toolkit>.

ACTIVITIES AND SPECIFIC OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

Youth Forum Orientation

13. The Fourth EAS Youth Forum officially opened on November 16 at the Da Nang People’s Committee Hall. The new pool of young champions was introduced to PEMSEA, the EAS Congress and the EAS Youth Forum. The set of house rules for the conduct of the Forum were also outlined.

Introduction of EAS Youth Forum Participants and Team-building Activities

14. The YF4 coordinators set the tone for the week-long Forum by facilitating fun team-building activities to foster leadership, initiative, teamwork and camaraderie among youth participants.
15. The first activity was the *Setting of Expectations*, where the participants were asked to answer the following questions:
 - a. What are your expectations from the Youth Forum?
 - b. What can we expect from you? What are you willing to give to this Youth Forum to make it a success?
 - c. How are you feeling right now?

d. How do you want to feel at the end of Day 6?

16. Several participants shared their expectations, including: to learn more about coastal management issues and how they can directly participate in sustainable development. The youth delegates' enthusiasm was palpable, as Raezia Marasigan from the Philippines declared, "I am committed to giving 200% for the success of this Forum."
17. To break the ice, the facilitators introduced a game to help the delegates remember each other's names. It was a fun, noisy activity that incited a lot of laughter.
18. The final activity for the morning was about different leadership styles. The facilitators divided the delegates into seven groups. Each group chose a leader, and the facilitator secretly assigned a leadership style to the leader of each group. The leaders had to act out as democratic, authoritarian or *laissez faire* type of leader to their assigned group. Each group was given modelling clay and a box of toothpicks to work with.
19. Democratic leaders secured the team's consensus on what to build with the materials. Authoritarians dictated what the group will produce in a very bossy manner. Laissez-faire leaders just turned over the materials and let the group do whatever they wanted, with minimal contributions from the leader. In the discussion that followed after the activity, the participants reflected on their personal leadership styles. The main realization was that all leadership styles are equally important. Different contexts and situations require different leadership styles.





Introduction to the Fourth EAS Youth Forum and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

20. A short video provided an overview of the EAS Youth Forum and challenged the youth to be agents of change. The delegates were introduced to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which served as the framework for their youth statement, highlighting their commitments and recommendations for the achievement of the SDGs and embodied in the Da Nang Youth Declaration.



EAS Congress Opening Ceremony

21. More than 800 participants converged on the beautiful coastal city of Da Nang for the opening ceremony of the East Asian Seas Congress 2015. Following the entrance of flags from around the region carried by Youth Forum delegates, a special video presentation introduced the participants to PEMSEA’s Country and Non-Country Partners, their work in the region and the importance of the EAS Congress in charting a path for the post-2015 sustainable development agenda for the Seas of East of Asia.

The Deputy Prime Minister of Viet Nam, Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, then opened the EAS Congress 2015, followed by welcoming speeches by Hon. Nguyen Minh Quang, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam, Hon. Huynh Duc Tho,



Chairman of the Da Nang People's Committee, Amb. Mary Seet-Cheng, Chair of the East Asian Seas Partnership Council, and Ms. Pratibha Mehta, UN Resident Coordinator to Viet Nam and UNDP Resident Representative for Viet Nam.

Innovations for the Environment

Keynote Speech by Mr. Douglas Woodring

22. Mr. Douglas Woodring, founder of Ocean Recovery Alliance, inspired the youth delegates with his keynote address on the role of youth on the road to sustainable development. He challenged the youth to think of the value of their good efforts and its impact on the oceans by asking, "If you use a plastic fork or plate for just five minutes, is the long-term effect really worth it, especially for our waters — our oceans?" To give more motivation, he shared three projects wherein the youth and their communities can participate in such as:

- a. Global Alert Application – the use of mobile devices to plot trash sites. Details about this initiative can be accessed at: <http://www.oceanrecov.org/global-ocean-alert-system/critical-need.html>.
- b. Recycling Roo – a puppet show that teaches schools and villages about pollution and its consequences. The play uses "Eco-Repetition" which turns the story into a reality as children who have heard of the recycling rooster's story begin to recycle in their communities. Details about Recycling Roo can be accessed at: <https://plus.google.com/102775910201977285917/about>
- c. Plastic Catch Innovation – a program for recycling plastics for better use



One hour was not enough for the keynote speech as the youth delegates flocked to Mr. Woodring after his talk. Filled with enthusiasm, the youth asked for more advice about concrete steps of reducing pollution in the oceans. More information about the initiatives of Ocean Recovery Alliance can be accessed at: <http://www.oceanrecov.org>.

Mr. Tan Zhong Yi on Green Entrepreneurship

23. The YF delegates learned about green entrepreneurship through the presentation of Mr. Tan Zhong Yi from Green Prints Singapore. Green Prints, which started in 2007, is an award-winning environment social enterprise focused on printing using sustainable materials. Zhong Yi also shared about his work with Avelife, an environmental NGO based in Singapore and recognized



under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. He shared some success stories such as their Community Recycling projects or Green Xchange project, where participants can exchange recyclable items to staple food like rice, vegetables, cooking oil, instant noodles, bottled water, etc; the green consumerism campaigns that they promote through transforming recyclable items into creative handicrafts and through their webpage (www.thatgreenman.com or <https://www.facebook.com/thatgreenman>); and environmental education such as the conduct of green drama school for kids. More information about GreenPrints and Avelife can be accessed at: <http://www.greenprints.sg> and <http://avelife.org>, respectively.

Country Presentations on Environmental Best Practices

24. On the second day of the Forum, November 17, the youth delegates took over the stage to share their contributions to sustainable development through their various environment-related activities. The presentations were very creative, in the form of posters, video and a singing performance. Mr. Van Duc Nam of MoNRE Viet Nam Survey Center also joined the Forum to present some of the country's best practices on environmental management. A summary of each country presentation follows:

Cambodia

25. The youth delegate from Cambodia, Ms. Phallin Tes, focused on her country's efforts for the sustainable development of the coastal and marine areas, and how the youth is involved in these projects. She discussed how the Government of Cambodia has enacted several laws and implemented projects in the sectors of fisheries, reforestation, solid waste management, and safe water supply. These laws aim to protect the resources from unexpected disaster brought about by natural disasters and unsustainable human activities.

China

26. Mr. Chu Tengfei, a youth representative from Blue Ribbon Ocean Conservation Association (BOCA), shared their organization's initiatives in promoting ocean education and coastal ecosystem conservation in China. BOCA's conservation groups consist of different universities around China that



addresses the welfare of the coastal cities. Some of their activities include coastal cleanup, mangrove planting, university lectures, and cultural promotion.

Indonesia

27. The youth representatives of Indonesia, Ms. Enggar Yulia Wardani and Mr. Kaisar Akhir, reported their environmental practices in Indonesia. Mr. Akhir shared their conservation efforts in planting mangrove trees and marine education to their communities.

Lao PDR

28. Ms. Daophaphone Bounphakhom, youth leader from Lao PDR, spoke about the SEED Group – Social Environment Education and Development, a group under the Faculty of Environmental Sciences in the National University of Laos. The group conducts environmental awareness-raising activities aimed at schoolchildren.

Philippines

29. The youth delegates from the Philippines presented a project called “Juan Philippines”. It is a platform for community members to share and discuss special issues, including environmental concerns. “Juan Philippines” is hosted on a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Juan-Philippines-1516240408692976>), which highlights specific actions an individual can take to make the world a better place.

Republic of Korea

30. The youth delegates from RO Korea described the activities of the Consistent Development Association for Shi-Hwa. Shi-Hwa Lake is an artificial lake located in Ansan City, RO Korea, and the first city in the country to implement an ICM program for the sustainable development of coastal and marine areas.

Timor-Leste

31. Participants from Timor-Leste presented an artistic poster, highlighting initiatives on mangrove protection, hill reforestation, and river cleanup. The local community organized these activities in cooperation with the youth, with the goal of maintaining the natural health of the environment.

Viet Nam

32. The Viet Nam youth group provided an overview of the environmental status and governance structure for environmental protection in the country. They presented the Clean up Sontra Peninsula, a joint project of the youth organizations: Let's do it Vietnam and Green Son Tra team.

Bridging the Youth and Experts

Participation in the EAS International Conference and Workshops

33. On November 18, the youth delegates had the opportunity to attend the International Conference of the EAS Congress 2015. The youth attended two workshops: (1) Managing Risks in Climate Change and Disasters in the Seas of East Asia; and (2) Scaling up ICM: Innovation and Impacts at Local, National and Regional Levels.

Partnership Night

34. The Partnership Night was one of the events of the Congress which allowed the youth to interact with the EAS Congress participants. Youth representatives from Timor-Leste and the Philippines had the opportunity to showcase their creative talents through the performance of a traditional Timorese dance and a Filipino song coupled with an interpretative dance.



Engaging Young Champions for the Ocean Beyond 2015

Ms. Adeline Tiffanie Suwana on Environmental Advocacy

35. Adeline Tiffanie Suwana of Sahabat Alam (Friends of Nature), Indonesia, is a young environmental activist who inspired the youth delegates with her stories as an environmental advocate. Her talk was focused on three words: “Hope, Initiative, and Courage”. Her story began when a massive flood submerged her whole neighborhood in 2008. As a 12-year old, she didn’t understand what had happened and decided to investigate what caused the flooding event. She learned that the incident was rooted in climate change and global warming. She *hoped* that something can be done, took the *initiative* to learn more, and then had the *courage* to act in addressing the environmental issues. Adeline now leads a group of youth in implementing activities to address climate change, including planting trees, harnessing renewable energy, and raising awareness. Her stories inspired the youth to think critically on what needs to be done in their respective communities and to be passionate in pursuing their goals.



Writing a Winning Proposal by Dr. Natalie Degger

36. Dr. Natalie Degger, Research Fellow, PEMSEA, gave a presentation on writing a winning project proposal. She provided an engaging discussion with helpful guidelines and tips of raising funds and using social media as a tool to support the implementation of their environmental activities.



Youth Forum Grant Competition

37. Following Dr. Degger's presentation, the YF facilitators introduced the Youth Forum Grant Competition. This competition is open to all YF4 delegates and calls for the submission of project proposals that are linked to sustainable development of coastal and marine areas. In addition, the project should be developed in collaboration with local governments, local institutions and/or communities that are engaged in ICM development and implementation programs, with expected positive on-the-ground impacts. The maximum grant for accepted proposal will be US\$2,000. Details on the Grant Competition are given in **Annex 3**.

EAS Congress 2015 Closing Ceremony

38. The EAS Congress 2015 Closing Ceremony was attended by the Ministers and Senior Government Officials from PEMSEA countries, heads of UN, international and regional organizations, speakers and panelists of the different workshops of the International Conference, youth delegates and the general Congress participants. The closing ceremony included the conclusions and recommendations from the different sessions of the International Conference, and the overall Conference conclusions and recommendations, which were presented by the conference Chair, Mr. Terence Jones.

39. The Youth Forum delegation, represented by Ms. Pauline Mae Tinaja from the Philippines, was invited to present their statement to the Ministers as part of the closing ceremony of the EAS Congress 2015. Ms. Tinaja presented the "Da Nang Youth Declaration: Charting the Future We Want", which embodied the youth commitment to work in partnership and peace as they empower their local communities to protect the sustainability of coastal and marine resources. The key message to the Ministers in the region was the need to provide an enabling environment for the blue economy to thrive, and the imperative to pursue economic growth without sacrificing natural resources.

40. The development of the Da Nang Youth Declaration was led by six representatives from the youth delegates, i.e., one youth representative from Indonesia, Philippines, Timor-Leste and Vietnam and two representatives from China. These six young leaders compiled the inputs of their fellow young leaders on three aspects: (1) what are their contributions; (2) what are they committing to do; and (3) what are their recommendations to government leaders for the sustainable development of the oceans and coasts, and formulated their youth statement or the Da Nang Youth Declaration. The Da Nang Youth Declaration is given in **Annex 4**.



Forging Inter-country Cooperation and Lasting Friendships

Scavenger Hunt

41. Capping the activities of the YF4 was the scavenger hunt, giving the participants an opportunity to work together one last time. The youth delegates were presented with a series of challenges, encouraging them to apply the leadership and teamwork skills they developed throughout the week. The scavenger hunt was designed to provide an opportunity to reflect on the SDGs and the role of youth in sustainable development in a fun, dynamic setting.



Closing Ceremony of the Fourth EAS Youth Forum

42. The Youth Forum was formally closed in a ceremony at the Da Nang People's Committee Hall. During the ceremony, special awards ranging from the friendliest, most helpful, curious and initiator, to the busiest in social media were given to deserving youth delegates. Participants provided their feedback on the EAS Congress and the Forum and expressed that they were grateful for the rich experience of the week. Li Qian Ling from China expressed, "I learned so much from the many amazing speeches,

both in the youth forum and the International Congress.” Participants were inspired by the talks, empowered by the skills development workshops and excited to return home to plan their own coastal management projects for future implementation.



43. Though the Youth Forum has drawn to a close, the participants recognized that it is just the beginning of new partnerships with other young environmental champions and continued work to protect and sustain the coasts and oceans of East Asia

EAS Congress Farewell Dinner

44. Rounding off the EAS Congress 2015 and the Fourth EAS Youth Forum was the Farewell Dinner, which was held at the Golden Phoenix Restaurant on November 21. The dinner celebrated the accomplishments and new friendships made throughout the week. Lastly, youth delegates from China and Timor-Leste performed a traditional Chinese song and Timorese folk dances during the event.



CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

45. The Fourth East Asian Seas Youth Forum provided an opportunity for the young leaders in the EAS region to increase their knowledge and understanding of the coastal and marine issues and the need to pursue sustainable development. Through the Youth Forum and the EAS Congress 2015 International Conference, they had a front row seat to local, regional and global initiatives in ocean coastal management. The enthusiasm and optimism of the young leaders were infectious and inspiring. The facilitators, invited speakers and resource persons unanimously expressed how much they enjoyed the youth's positive energy.
46. The YF4 Toolkit served as a crucial reference guide for the participants. The young leaders were seen reading their toolkits from the time they received it during registration up until the last day of the YF4.
47. Having each country present their best practices, the participants were able to share and listen to each other's experiences and advocacies. This provided the youth an opportunity to learn from the experiences of their fellow young environmental leaders.
48. The development of the Da Nang Youth Declaration allowed the youth to process the insights they gained in analyzing the significance of charting the way forward for the achievement of the SDGs to their countries and how they, as youth, can contribute to this process. The Declaration embodied the commitment of the youth, including their recommendations for the sustainable development of the region's oceans and coasts.
49. The participants highly valued the Youth Forum. For many, it was their first time to be in a diverse group of young leaders representing eight countries in the EAS region. This experience broadened their outlook and allowed them to expand their network. The youth program should be continued, as there is no other youth initiative like this in the region that is focused on oceans and coasts.
50. Continuity of these values and goals can be seen through the project proposal grant. Several participants have showed their interests and have submitted their proposals. This is an indication of their commitment of developing and implementing sustainable projects for their countries and communities.

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Annex 2
Fourth East Asian Seas Youth Forum Program of Activities

DAY 0: November 15, 2015

08:00 Arrival and Registration of Youth Forum participants

DAY 1: November 16, 2015

09:00 Youth Forum Orientation: Setting into context the 4th YF
Introduction to PEMSEA, the EAS Congress and MDGs
House rules

09:30 Team Building Activities

12:30 Lunch

16:00 EAS Congress Opening Ceremony

17:30 Welcome Reception

DAY 2: November 17, 2015

09:00 Opening Plenary: Keynote and Panel Discussion

11:00 Keynote Presentation and Open Forum: Role of the youth in the road to sustainable development
Mr. Douglas Woodring, Founder, Ocean Recovery Alliance

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Youth in Green Entrepreneurship
Mr. Tan Zhong Yi, Avelife and Greenprints, Singapore

16:45 Country Presentations: Best Practices

DAY 3: November 18, 2015

09:00 Plenary: Keynote and Panel Discussion

10:30 International Conference: Managing Risks in Climate Change and Disasters for the Seas of
East Asia

12:30 Lunch

14:00 International Conference: Scaling up ICM: Innovations and Impacts at Local, National and Regional Levels

18:00 Processing/Feedback on the International Conference Sessions Attended

DAY 4: November 19, 2015

09:00 Plenary: Keynote and Panel Discussion

11:00 Youth in Environmental Advocacy
Adeline Tiffanie Suwana, Aham Salabat, Indonesia

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Skills Development: Development of project proposal, Fund Raising, Use of Social Media, Science and Socio-Cultural Communication
Dr. Natalie Degger, PEMSEA Resource Facility

15:30 Finalize Youth Statement/Declaration

18:00 Partnership Night

DAY 5: November 20, 2015

09:00 EAS Congress Closing Ceremony, Presentation of Youth Statement/Declaration
Youth Forum Participants

14:00 Scavenger's Hunt

16:00 Youth Forum Closing Ceremony
Ms. Jhowilyn Zaldivar and Ms. Vida Vasquez, PEMSEA Resource Facility

DAY 6: November 21, 2015

09:00 Field Visit

Annex 3
East Asian Seas (EAS) Youth Forum Grant Competition

The East Asian Seas (EAS) Youth Forum Grant Competition is open to youth leaders from PEMSEA's partner countries. Up to US\$2,000 will be awarded for the implementation of project proposals for the sustainable development of the coastal and marine areas in the EAS region.

Eligibility:

Youth group member must be 18-25 years old, from Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Republic, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam.

Concept Paper should contain the following:

- Project Title
- Objectives
- Background and rationale
- Target partner
- Expected results
- Target beneficiaries
- Community/organizations/local government involved
- General timeline
- Estimated costs
- General Monitoring & Evaluation plan

Criteria for judging the best concept paper:

1. Have a clear rationale on the need of the project – 20%
2. Feasibility of the project – 25%
3. Must result in concrete benefits and positive impacts for a community – 25%
4. Inclusivity: Must be developed with multi-sectoral stakeholders e.g. local government, communities, other organizations – 20%
5. Monitoring and evaluation strategy – 10%
6. Must support coastal strategy plan of an existing ICM sign – bonus point

Timeline:

1. Submission of two-page concept paper – November 2015 (Youth Forum)
2. Review of submitted concept papers – December 2015–January 2016 (Concept papers to be initially reviewed by Youth Forum team, Final review committee will include the respective Country Managers and the PEMSEA Executive Director)
3. Accepted concept papers to be announced by 31 January 2016.
4. Submission of full project proposals to youthforum@pemsea.org – 28 February 2016*
5. Review of full project proposals – one month upon submission of full project proposal
6. Awarding of grant for the conduct of the project - April 2016**

7. Start of project implementation - May 2016***

*Accepted concept notes will be notified and will be accessible online as soon as possible so that youth groups will be able to assess the required time to complete a full project proposal.

**A grant agreement will be signed between and among youth groups, local government, community and PEMSEA and will be accessible online as soon as possible.

***Negotiable implementation dates, depending on the nature of the project proposal.

Annex 4

Da Nang Youth Declaration: Charting the Future We Want

Background

Sixty young leaders from nine countries (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam) in the East Asian Seas (EAS) region participated in, and contributed to the Da Nang Youth Declaration: Charting the Future We Want. Based on our experiences in the 4th EAS Youth Forum and participation in the EAS Congress international conference, we provide this Declaration and roadmap for action.

Vision

We, the young champions for the ocean, envision a sustainable economy in the EAS region that appreciates the value of our oceans and coasts by implementing environmental-friendly practices that are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Recommendations

We firmly believe that integrated and collaborative efforts from the countries of East Asia are effective measures to sustainable coastal and marine development.

We, the next generation, recommend to the Leaders and Governments in East Asian Seas region to:

1. Respect and protect the local societies culture;
2. Govern the natural resources legally, integrally and considerate of the people's concerns;
3. Develop blue economy, promote green entrepreneurship as well as regional maritime trade and transportation without being detrimental to the environment and the society; and
4. Conserve the ocean and land ecosystems through community awareness approach.

We, the Young Champions for sustainable coastal and ocean management, envision everyone in the region to work together through:

Outstanding
Collaboration,
Eco-friendly

**Actions, and
Negotiations**

The countries in the EAS region must be outstanding in sustainable ocean development efforts through collaboration and eco-friendly development, implementation of on-the-ground impact actions and win-win negotiations to end poverty, protect the environment, and work towards achievement of global targets and imparting local benefits.

We, the Youth of the East Asian Seas region, have agreed and committed to work in partnership and peace for empowering our community to be able to manage and use the marine and coastal resources sustainably.

We, the Young Leaders of East Asian Seas region, have agreed and committed to apply science and technology for effective, efficient and environmentally friendly activities in our communities.

We, the young champions for the ocean, refuse to sit back and do nothing for the protection of coastal and marine resources. We will fight against exploitation of these resources, and commit to protect our seas not only for our benefits but also for the future generation to enjoy our home planet.

We, the young champions for the ocean, are taking steps in **charting the future we want**.



Annex 5

Overall Youth Forum Evaluation

The participants were requested to accomplish evaluation forms at the end of the 4th EAS Youth Forum. Results of the evaluation serve as the basis for further improvements of the next Youth Forum. Below is the summary of the evaluation.

A. Forum Objectives. Majority of the participants (67.4%) perceived that the objectives of the Youth Forum were fully achieved. The rest of the participants deemed the YF objectives as somewhat achieved.

B. Forum Content

B1. Forum Topics. All the participants regarded all the topics included in the Forum to be appropriate and relevant. Instead of limiting the topics for the Forum, some participants recommended the inclusion of in-depth discussions on the role of youth in marine affairs, marine protection, climate change, and related subjects. Some participants also suggested for an interactive mode of delivery by the speakers.

B.2. Usefulness and Relevance of Forum Activities. 51%, 40% and 9% of the participants thought that activities and group work done during the Forum were very useful, generally useful, and somewhat useful, respectively.

B.3. Expectations Met and Usefulness of the Forum to Their Future Work. The Forum met the expectations of most of the participants (84%), saying that the experience has helped them broaden their horizons, enrich their knowledge, and establish connections and friendships from across the region. The participants recognized that the Forum provided them with inspiration to take action, networks to build partnerships with, and skills to create proposals as a stepping stone towards working as youth leaders for the environment. The rest of the participants' expectations were somehow met (4%), exceeded expectations (4%), and did not provide answers (8%).

B.4. Learnings. The participants learned about the importance of Integrated Coastal Management (ICM), Green Entrepreneurship, circle economy, innovative solutions, taking initiative, and environmental protection in creating the future conditions of the world we live in. The skills they learned in writing a feasible project proposal were deemed very useful in their respective future plans.

B.5. Realizations. One of the most common realizations among the participants is that they are capable change-makers and leaders. The tools they learned during the Youth Forum equipped them to become stronger leaders in charting a more sustainable future. They highlighted appreciation for the friendships and networks they established, and the inspiration they got from the speakers.

B.6. Favorite and Least Favorite parts of the Forum. The participants picked the talks of Adeline, Douglas, and Natalie as one of their favorite parts of the Forum, describing them as inspiring discussions. They also cited the various games, energizers, team building activities, and the Scavenger Hunt as their favorite, as these helped build teamwork, friendships, and cooperation between them. There were mixed reactions to

the International Conference sessions. Some participants found the international conference irrelevant to their interests whilst other participants appreciated the value of attending the workshops sessions in the International Conference.

B.7. Suggestions. Some of the suggestions of the participants regarding forum content can be categorized as follows.

- Speakers should be more interactive and energetic, and their presentations more innovative.
- More time for processing activities, as well as more outdoor and social activities in the next Youth Forum.
- It would be better to separate the participants from their country groups starting from the first meeting.
- Include talks on critical thinking and case studies, as well as make room for discussions and debates.

C. Speakers

The speakers during the Youth Forum were rated by the YF participants as (1) excellent, (2) outstanding, (3) average, (4) slightly below average and (5) poor based on the following category:

- Mastery of the topic
- Clarity of presentation
- Accuracy and quality of information
- Clear and effective delivery
- Ability to answer questions satisfactorily
- Adequate use of audio-visual aides
- Enthusiasm

The following table summarizes the evaluation of the participants to the YF Speakers.

Description	Mr. Douglas Woodring			Mr. Tan Zhong Yi			Ms. Adeline Suwana			Dr. Natalie Degger		
	E (%)	O (%)	A (%)	E (%)	O (%)	A (%)	E (%)	O (%)	A (%)	E (%)	O (%)	A (%)
Mastery of the topic	53.5	27.9	16.3	41.9	34.9	20.9	65.1	18.6	14.0	65.1	23.3	9.3
Clarity of presentation	48.8	27.9	20.9	32.6	46.5	18.6	65.1	18.6	14.0	65.1	20.9	11.6
Accuracy and quality of information	53.5	23.3	16.3	41.9	37.2	16.3	65.1	20.9	11.6	62.8	18.6	16.3
Clear and effective delivery	46.5	30.2	18.6	30.2	46.5	16.3	65.1	23.3	9.3	65.1	16.3	16.3
Ability to answer questions satisfactorily	51.2	32.6	14.0	39.5	34.9	20.9	67.4	16.3	14.0	69.8	14.0	14.0
Adequate use of audio-visual aides	46.5	41.9	9.3	39.5	46.5	16.3	67.4	20.9	9.3	62.8	20.9	14.0
Enthusiasm	39.5	34.9	18.6	39.5	37.2	18.6	69.8	16.3	11.6	62.8	23.3	11.6
Overall performance	41.9	37.2	14.0	30.2	46.5	18.6	62.8	27.9	7.0	65.1	25.6	7.0

E = Excellent ; O = Outstanding ; A = Average

D. Organization

The evaluation of the overall organization of the 4th EAS Youth Forum is summarized in the following table.

Description	Excellent (%)	Outstanding (%)	Average (%)	Slightly Below Average (%)
Lectures	48.8	37.2	14.0	
Activities, workshops, and discussions	55.8	32.6	9.3	2.3
Overall coordination	44.2	44.2	9.3	
Travel arrangements	30.2	34.9	30.2	4.7
Lodging	46.5	39.5	9.3	4.7

E. Forum Facilities

Results of the assessment of the forum facilities are as follows:

Description	Excellent (%)	Outstanding (%)	Average (%)	Slightly Below Average (%)
Lecture Room	51.2	34.9	9.3	2.3
Computers and Printer	48.8	34.9	11.6	2.3
Audio-Visual Equipment	55.8	27.9	14.0	
Food and catering services	46.5	18.6	20.9	9.3

F. **Other Comments and Suggestions.** The participants were grateful to be part of the Fourth EAS Youth Forum, and thanked PEMSEA and the organizers for the wonderful and fruitful week.

Some of the other comments and suggestions of the participants are as follows.

- All countries in the East Asian Seas region should be represented. Ideally, the number of participants from each country should be increased.
- Consider food preferences/requirements of participants (e.g. Halal food).
- The venue for the Youth Forum should be near the main venue. The time it takes to transfer steals time from other activities.