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YOUTH MILLENNIUM PROJECT (YMP)

To Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Regional Science High School Principals
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1 The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in cooperation with the Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS), announces the conduct of the Youth Millennium Project (YMP), a grass-roots youth initiated and youth powered endeavor jointly sponsored by the University of British Columbia, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other world universities

2 The YMP aims to develop awareness of global issues, encourage communication, foster a sense of personal empowerment and create a sense of community across borders

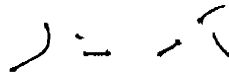
3 The YMP is open to school classes and community groups of young people aged 11-14 (born between 1986-1989) who can get a group together, design a local plan of action that deals with a world issue and work as a team in carrying out the plan

4 The first phase of the YMP will run from January to December 2000 and culminate in the Youth Millennium Conference to be held in Vancouver Canada on July 15-22, 2000. At least one participating child from each country will be randomly selected to attend the conference, all expenses paid by the project sponsors

5 Teachers, students, parents and other community youth groups are encouraged to participate in this global project

6 For inquiries, please contact Justin Wiltshire, Director of Youth Millennium Project, Liu Centre for the Study Global Issues, University of British Columbia at tel no (604) 822-1592, Fax no (604) 822-6966

7 Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired


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Officer-in-Charge

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Reference None

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under the following subjects

ORGANIZATIONS
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Section I

GOALS OF THE YOUTH MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Raising Awareness of Global Issues The Youth Millennium Project helps young people understand how global problems are connected. It also shows the relationship between local and global issues. For example, poverty, population increase, disease, waste, war, and pollution are problems which are both local and global.

Assisting Youth Empowerment We define empowerment in a personal rather than political sense. Empowerment is believing in oneself and believing that one's work can make a difference. Self-confidence is earned through successfully meeting challenges. The Youth Millennium Project is designed to create challenges and provide support for a positive experience.

Encouraging Communication and Community Community is enhanced at the local level as youth carry out their plan of action. The community grows to national and international levels through communication with companion groups. The Youth Millennium Project is structured so that young people can communicate with each other independent of resources.

Promoting the Convention on the Rights of the Child The Youth Millennium Project helps promote The Convention on the Rights of the Child. This is a United Nations agreement, which describes what governments should provide for youth under the age of 18. It has been signed by almost every country in the world!

The following are some of the rights in the Convention, explained by young people from Canada:

You have the right to share your opinions with others by talking, drawing, writing or in any way you like, unless it harms or offends other people. Simon, age 12 (Article 13)

You have the right to get information that is important to you from radio, newspaper, television, books and computers and other sources. Glenda, age 9 (Article 17)

You have the right to be free from war, but if you are in a war zone, you have the right to protection. William, age 12 (Article 38, 22)

You have the right to good health care, safe water to drink, nutritious food and a safe place to live. Simon, age 12 (Article 24, 27, 22)

Your education should help you use your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people. Jennifer, age 11 (Article 29)

**For more information on the Convention on the Rights of the Child
please contact the Canada Support Office**

Section II

DESCRIPTION OF THE YOUTH MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Discussing Four Questions

First, your group decides upon 10 important global problems as we enter the new millennium (see Attachment A Model Discussion Plan)

Second, your group analyzes the causes of these problems on a local and international level

Third, your group imagines the world you want to live in 2020 and expresses it with words, pictures or other means

The **fourth** question challenges your group to create a local plan of action that addresses one or more of the global problems you have discussed. It is not a plan for politicians or large institutions. It is a plan for the young people of your group to carry out.

Carrying Out the Plan of Action

A plan of action can be any plan dealing with a global issue at the local level. It can be large or small, lasting one hour to one year!

Since global problems are often connected, the local plan of action may affect one or more problems. The 25 possibilities were suggested by young people:

- Maintaining a well in the village
- Promoting recycling in the community
- Fundraising to counter poverty
- Personal pledges to consume less
- Helping at the local health clinic

For teachers with specific subject areas, activities might include:

- growing a community garden in science class
- petitioning for bicycle-safe streets in social studies class
- practicing resolving conflicts in language arts class

It is hoped that such activities might become a permanent part of the school's curriculum and life.

Communicating with Companion Groups

Each group will be linked with companion groups, three in other countries and at least one in the same country. You will also be informed of all groups participating in your country. You may send your companion groups photographs, drawings, letters or anything you like, telling them about your local plan of action, group country, etc. Most groups will communicate through regular mail. If you have computer access to the Internet, you may also choose to interact by e-mail or through UNICEF's Voices of Youth website.

Preparing the Summary Report

Your group should produce a Summary Report describing your local plan of action.

There are no restrictions on the form or size of the Summary Report. It could be a collage, drawing, photograph, journal, poem, piece of music, written document or any other type of expression. If written, it can be in any language.

Your group's Summary Report will be proudly displayed at the Youth Millennium Conference for youth and adults from around the world to see and discuss.

Certificates

Your group will receive a Youth Millennium Project Certificate commemorating your participation.

The Youth Millennium Conference

The Youth Millennium Conference will be held at the University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada from July 16-20, 2001. The Conference will direct world attention to the plans of action and to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Canada Support Office will cover all costs of participants including airfare, accommodation and food.

Selection of Participants: At least one young person will be randomly selected from each participating country to attend the Conference, accompanied by an adult.

Special Awards: Additionally, the Youth Millennium Project will recognize imagination and hard work by granting twenty awards to groups producing outstanding local plans of action. A youth from each of these twenty groups will also be randomly selected to attend the Conference, accompanied by an adult.

Conference Activities: The Conference will use language interpreters to create an environment in which friendships can extend over national boundaries. Youth will discuss their personal experiences, local and global priorities and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. At the conclusion of the Conference, young people will present their plans of action to representatives of the United Nations on behalf of their group and country.

You are invited to help design the program for the Conference (see Attachment D: Your Ideas for Conference Activities). For more information on the Youth Millennium Conference, please contact the Canada Support Office.

Section III

HOW TO PARTICIPATE – 7 EASY STEPS

STEP 1 FORM YOUR GROUP

Your group can be big or small. Anyone born between the years 1986 – 1989 can participate.

STEP 2 REGISTER YOUR GROUP

The Youth Millennium Project is based at the Canada Support Office in Vancouver. In most countries, there is a person representing the Youth Millennium Project. This person is the Local Helper. You can contact your Local Helper or the Canada Support Office for help at any time.

To register your group contact your Local Helper or the Canada Support Office Register by telephone, fax e-mail or by mailing the registration form (Attachment B) After registration you will be notified of your companion groups

Local Helper	Canada Support Office Youth Millennium Project Room – 173 – 1855 West Mall UBC Vancouver BC Canada V6T 1Z2 Telephone 1-604-822 1592 Fax 1-604 822 6966 E mail ymp@interchange.ubc.ca
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You may register for January – June or July – December 2000 You can register and participate at any time during these two periods This will help us organize companion groups

If you want to participate in the middle of the year or of the longer than six months please create your own time frame and we will match you with companion groups accordingly

STEP 3 DISCUSS FOUR QUESTIONS

Begin a discussion in your group on the four questions on the Model Discussion Plan (Attachment A) You are encouraged to present the questions in your own style

STEP 4 CARRY OUT THE PLAN OF ACTION

Carry out your local plan of action For more information on the plan of action, see Description of the Youth Millennium Project' page 5

STEP 5 COMMUNICATE WITH COMPANION GROUPS

Exchange news with your companion groups about your local plan of action After you register, you will be provided with large envelopes for your companion groups You can send news during or after completing your local plan of action You can give these envelopes to your Local Helper who will mail them to the companion groups or you may send them directly to your companion groups Expect to receive news from your companion groups as well! For more information on communicating with companion groups including Internet options see Description of the Youth Millennium Project' page 5

STEP 6 PREPARE THE SUMMARY REPORT

Prepare your Summary Report to be displayed at the Youth Millennium Conference After you register you will be provided with an envelope for the Summary Report For details on the Summary Report see Description of the Youth Millennium Project" page 5

STEP 7 SEND THE SUMMARY REPORT

and

THE YOUTH PARTICIPATION LIST

and

YOUR IDEAS FOR CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Send your Summary Report to your Local Helper or directly to the Canada Support Office at the end of your participation block It does not matter if your plan of action is complete or still continuing the important thing is to send a record of your work

Along with the Summary Report send the completed Youth Participation List (Attachment C) and Your Ideas for Conference Activities (Attachment D) to your Local Helper or the Canada Support Office. Include on these sheets

- 1) The names of all participating youth who would like to be eligible to take part in the Conference
- 2) Your group's ideas for Conference activities

NOTIFICATION

In January 2001, you will be notified of the young person (or persons) in your country randomly selected to attend the Youth Millennium Conference. You will also be told of the young people randomly selected from the 20 groups chosen for special awards.

THE YOUTH MILLENNIUM CONFERENCE

The Youth Millennium Conference will be held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, from July 16-20, 2001.

Attachment A Model Discussion Plan

We encourage you to find out more about global issues. Use these questions as a guide and to structure the discussion in your own style. At the end of the discussion, the whole group will need to decide on and carry out the local plan of action together.

What do you think?

1. What do you think are **the ten most important global problems** for the world to deal with in the next millennium?
2. What are the **causes** of these problems at the local and international level?
3. Design how you **want** the world to be in the year 2020. Be specific. (You may write and/or draw your ideas.)
4. With your group create a **local plan of action** that deals with a **global problem**. Your plan of action should be **something that your group can do**, not something for politicians or large institutions. The possibilities are endless! Use your imagination. Your plan of action can be anything you want, to be carried out inside or outside your group meeting place or classroom.

Attachment D Your Ideas for Conference Activities

You may write in your mother tongue or in English

Today's Date
Language

Group Name
Country

Your group can help design the program for the Youth Millennium Conference. We will design the Conference activities around your ideas.

1. What activities would you like to have at the Conference?
2. What topics should youth discuss at the Conference?
3. What do you think would be the most valuable experience of the Conference?



Attachment B Registration Form

You may write in your mother tongue or in English

Please post to

Local Helper **QR**

Canada Support Office
Youth Millennium Project
Room 173 1855 West Mall
University of British Columbia
Vancouver B C Canada V6T 1Z2
Tel +1 604 822 1592
Fax +1 604 822 6966
E mail ymp@interchange.ubc.ca

Today's Date _____

Language _____

Group Name _____

Your group is a

___ class ___ youth group ___ other

* Please describe your group

Contact Person #1	_____
Role in Group	_____
Address	_____ _____
Country	_____
Telephone	_____
E mail (if available)	_____ Fax (if available) _____

Contact Person #2	_____
Address	_____ _____
Telephone	_____
	_____ Fax (if available) _____ E mail (if available) _____

Your group is registering for (mark one)

___ **Block I**
(January June 2000)

___ **Block II**
(July December 2000)

___ **Alternative Block** (_____ 2000)
Write months in spaces provided



Attachment C: Youth Participation List

You may write in your mother tongue or in English

Today's Date _____ Group Name _____
 Language _____ Country _____

The Youth Millennium Conference will be held in Vancouver Canada from July 16 20 2001. This Conference will be attended by at least one youth from each participating country. We will draw names randomly so a youth from your group could be chosen to attend.

This list is for the names of all youth in your group who participated in the Youth Millennium Project. Remember your group can be any size. If you only have a couple of names that is fine. If your group is big and needs space for more names attach additional pages.

GIRLS

- 1 _____ 10 _____
- 2 _____ 11 _____
- 3 _____ 12 _____
- 4 _____ 13 _____
- 5 _____ 14 _____
- 6 _____ 15 _____
- 7 _____ 16 _____
- 8 _____ 17 _____
- 9 _____ 18 _____

BOYS

- 1 _____ 10 _____
- 2 _____ 11 _____
- 3 _____ 12 _____
- 4 _____ 13 _____
- 5 _____ 14 _____
- 6 _____ 15 _____
- 7 _____ 16 _____
- 8 _____ 17 _____
- 9 _____ 18 _____