

International Youth Camp 2014

The Voice of the Youth

Emily Brekelmans of Niagara College addressed the World Congress on behalf of the students who attended the International Youth Camp. Below is her statement.

What direction will TVET [Technical Vocational Education and Training] take and where will TVET students be going after graduation? These are important questions that need to be answered as we take on bigger responsibilities. We understand that no matter how we use the lever of benefits, we must follow the rules of education. We also understand that knowledge has become the source of values that will lead us to a society of lifelong learning. As we move on, we know that diversity will impact our choice of values. How we set up the right values under modern circumstances has become a vital question in our life. At this moment, we want to shout out our voice, the voice of the youth, as we are excited, motivated and hopeful about our future.

We want to be extraordinary. As young TVET man and woman in the modern times, we will seek opportunity, take reasonable risks for our dream. We will innovate to succeed and admit and learn from failure.

It is our sincere wish that a system is put in place where TVET teachers receive practical experience in the front line of industry and professional experts and engineers from companies are invited to teach us in classroom. Programs should be established and improved based the needs of the market so as to produce personnel demanded by the industry.

We hope that the society will learn more about TVET, put away their stereotypes and encourage their own kids to receive TVET. When employers recognize us, we shall have better success in our job.

We hope the government will draw up laws to promote work-integrated learning and college-industry partnership, provide make-to-order training



and encourage students to develop in an all-round way.

We hope the Ministry of Education will create conditions for the pathways for us to further study so that we upgrade ourselves and learn more broadly and deeply.

It is our hope that the world will pay more attention to the development of TVET as a whole and set up a platform for dialogue and exchange between different countries. This platform will surely help them learn from each other and grow together.

Lastly, we promise to build ourselves into responsible and innovative highly-skilled personnel useful for the society. We will learn both the hands-on skills and generic skills.

We will study hard, be honest and return to our school the knowledge, skill, confidence and wealth bestowed upon us.

We will use our skills and wisdom to bring innovation and creativity to our work place.

We will watch with interest the society, the country and the whole world. We will combine our expertise with social needs, invent high-technology products and contribute to the social progress and economic development.

We will be open to different cultures and customs and ready to take on the responsibilities the society have entrusted to us.

We shall be aware that as masters of the world, we must consider the development of human well-being as our duty, be innovative and bring benefits to the whole human race.

Young TVET man and woman of all over the world, let's work together for a better tomorrow of our beautiful earth.