

FFWPU Nepal: UN Youth Day Festival 2024 - Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development

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The UN International Youth Day Festival 2024 was held on August 12 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The event was jointly organized by the New Asia Pacific Nepal Family Federation, Youth and Students Association, and the Kathmandu Lions Club. This year's festival centered on the theme designated by the UN General Assembly: "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development." The event covered various topics, including moral youth empowerment, the role of digital platforms, and the importance of awareness regarding digital fraud and mental health. It aimed to encourage youth to play an active role in peace and sustainable development while emphasizing the significance of youth leadership. The festival attracted around 110 participants, including youth, students, policymakers, and community leaders. The program consisted of: Opening ceremony, Cultural performances, Keynote speech by Mrs. Tara Lama Tamang, Youth Ambassador for Peace Award ceremony, Special addresses, Panel discussion, Q and A session, Refreshments. This celebration successfully engaged both youth and leaders, highlighting the importance of active participation in nation-building and exploring the potential of digital avenues to drive progress.

Reflections

Mr. Birendra Shrestha, President IAYSP - South Asia

I was deeply moved by the UN International Youth Day celebration, which focused on "Empowering Youths: for Building the Nation of Peace" in alignment with the UN theme, "From Clicks to Progress: Youth-Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development." Organized by IAYSP/YFWP/FFWPU Nepal and co-organized by the Lions Club of Kathmandu, the event made a profound impact on all participants. It was an honor to deliver welcome remarks and present the vision of IAYSP, where I highlighted the legacy of True Parents and their core principles of living for the sake of others and maintaining purity.



Ms. Dharmee Bhusal Kamana, President, IAYSP Nepal

As organizers, we worked together seamlessly to ensure the success of this event. Our goal was to emphasize the importance of instilling moral values in youth and students while raising awareness of the benefits and challenges of the digital age, including the risks of scams and cybercrime. As young leaders, we are committed to aligning with True Mother's vision and renewing our determination to contribute to restore Nepal.



Ms. Sita Subedi, MS Nepal International 2023, One Leg Classical Dancer

The program organized for UN International Youth Day, focusing on youth morality, cybercrime and mental health, was both timely and vital for today's youth. I am deeply honored to have been invited and recognized as a Youth Peace Ambassador. These values of FFWPU have guided me in helping others achieve excellence, as demonstrated by my accomplishments as a Gold Medalist in classical dance and a top winner in beauty pageants. I am sincerely grateful to the national and international organizations for bestowing upon me the title of Youth Ambassador for Peace. This recognition enhances my sense of responsibility, and I am dedicated to continuing to uphold and promote these values in the future. Thank you very much and God Bless you all!!