

UPF and YSP Kinshasa, DR Congo Celebrated International Youth Day 2015

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Kinshasa, DR Congo -- Celebrated on August 12 of each year, International Youth Day in the DR Congo did not pass unnoticed in 2018. Organized by the DR Congo chapter of Youth and Students for Peace, this event was celebrated with pomp and gathered more than 1,200 young people and officials under the theme "Peace Starts With Me." This event also marked the launch of Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) in DR Congo.



Because of various issues, the event, which was originally scheduled to be held in the Kinshasa Martyrs Stadium, had to be relocated to the YMCA-YWCA only a week before the expected date. This obliged us

to significantly reduce the number of participants, which was set at 12,000 because the YMCA had a capacity of 1,500 to 2,000 seats. But the YMCA has a very significant place in the history of our beautiful country related to the independence of our republic.

Distinguished participants in the event included Mr. Samy Wetshi representing the DR Congo Youth Ministry, Dr. Tshioko, Minister of Social Affairs of the Kasai Province and president of the National Peace Council; Michel Futila Dimayeko, secretary general of UPF-Central Africa; Mr. Jean-Pierre Kadima Mundadi, secretary general of UPF-DR Congo; Bishop Henry Kabasubabu of the Byzantine Orthodox Church and spiritual advisor for the YMCA; Mr. Jimmy Matulu Mwana, president of the YMCA/YWCA of DR Congo, and delegates of various associations, especially youth associations.



The ceremony was opened by Bishop Kabasubabu, which was followed by the National Anthem, sung by the New Hope Chorale. Guests were welcomed by YMCA President Mwana, after which the organizer of the event, Mr. Kadima Mundadi, explained the formation of YSP. The other invited dignitaries also offered congratulatory remarks. The program also included entertainment in the form of dance performances, a Tong Il Moo Do demonstration, and various sports and games.

At the end of the program, the program's banner, "Resolution and Launch of Youth and Students for Peace/ Democratic Republic of Congo" was signed by the visiting officials and representatives of the youth organizations, concluding with the signature of the president of YSP-DR Congo.

It should be noted that the ceremony took place in a calm climate. There was an atmosphere of peace and mutual respect. There were no incidents reported, despite the large number of young people coming from many different distances.

We offer special thanks to the Ministry of Youth, all the youth organizations, especially the YMCA, other national organizations that offered support, and especially to the event's organizer, UPF-DR Congo Secretary General Jean-Pierre Kadima Mundadi.

For all those who directly or indirectly contributed to this success, please find here our expression of gratitude.