



International Conference on Asian Cities Against Drugs

**3rd – 7th October 2004,
Melaka, Malaysia**

Organised by

Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme

In collaboration with

- The Melaka State Government
- The National Drugs Agency,
Ministry of Internal Security, Malaysia
- PEMADAM Malaysia

Supported by

- Bureau for International Narcotics
and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL),
US Department of State
- The Melaka State Government

Introduction

“The disheveled youth looked pathetic. His eyes were soulful and sad. He was trembling and fidgety. He needed a ‘fix’ very soon. But he had no money nor did he have the support from his family. Not anymore. They have decided that enough is enough. Now it won’t be long before he resorts to petty crimes to find a quick ‘buck’ to pay for his addiction. And, then, one thing leads to another.”

This is a common sight among the youth in many inner cities of many countries in Asia and worldwide. Globally, about 185 million people consume illicit drugs annually. Countless more people are involved in the production and trafficking of illicit drugs and more are devastated by the social and economic impact of drug addiction and trafficking. The drug trends are alarming and pervading the future of the youth of many cities in Asia.

Cognizant of the aforementioned fact, The Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme supported by the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US Department of State in collaboration with the Melaka State Government will organise the First International Conference on Asian Cities Against Drugs. The main function of this international conference is to work towards the creation of as many cities in Asia to be free from the drug scourge.

The Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme being the prime mover in implementing several effective demand reduction initiatives in the Asia Pacific region, in collaboration with the Melaka State Government expects to bring together the mayors and representatives of national capitals, provincial/state capitals and city councils in Asian cities and their drug related officials to form the network and attend the first Asian Cities Against Drugs Conference.

Objectives

- To sensitise mayors, representatives and officials of Asian cities and state capitals relating to the escalating illicit drug trafficking and abuse in Asian countries
- To encourage and provide focus to Asian cities to embark on drug demand reduction activities to combat the escalating drug menace and related crimes
- To share existing programme of European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD) to enable Asian cities to adapt and design their action plan in combating drugs
- To encourage Asian cities to draw up plan of action to achieve the aim of having drug free schools, drug free families, drug free work places and drug free communities
- To discuss and form the network of Asian Cities Against Drugs

Aspects to be covered

Plenary sessions

- Update of the international drug scenario with regard to drug addiction and trafficking
- Sharing of existing demand reduction programmes of European and Asian cities combating the drug scourge
- Addressing the drugs and crime nexus under the paradigm of human security

Concurrent workshops

- Role of faith based organisations
- Mobilising businesses/workplaces against drugs
- Involvement of youth commissioners/leaders in drug prevention
- Community policing relating to drugs and crime
- Community based prevention and treatment initiatives
- Formation of Asian Cities Against Drugs Network

Field and social visits

- Visits to existing drug demand reduction programmes in Melaka
- Visits to historical sites in Melaka

Who should attend

- Mayors of city councils and representatives of state / provincial capitals
- Drug related officials from cities and state / provincial capitals
- Policy makers, drug demand reduction specialists and practitioners, law enforcement officers, youth commissioners / leaders, parents and concerned others.



Melaka – where it all began

Melaka is famed as the place where the history of Malaysia began. It was founded in 1396 by Parameswara, an exiled prince from Sumatra. It thrived as a port-of-call to many ships and merchants from China, India, Arabia and Europe. In 1511, it fell into the hands of the Portuguese and subsequently to the Dutch in 1641, after a fierce battle with the former. In 1795, the Dutch relinquished control of Melaka to the British to prevent it from falling into the hands of the French, when Netherlands was captured during the French Revolution. It was returned to the Dutch in 1818 under the treaty of Vienna but was later exchanged by the British for Bencoleen, Sumatra. From 1826 onwards it was ruled by the English East India Company in Calcutta together with Singapore and Penang under the Straits Settlements administration. After World War II, nationalistic sentiments began to spread in the country, culminating in the proclamation of independence by Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Malaysia's first Prime Minister at the Padang Pahlawan (Warriors Field) at Banda Hilir, Melaka on 20th February 1956.

Melaka is rich in history and many relics of the past will enable visitors to take on a nostalgic journey that goes back to 600 years of a glorious and colourful past.

Asian Cities Against Drugs Conference (ACAD)
3 - 7 October 2004

Time	Day 1 3 October 2004	Day 2 4 October 2004	Day 3 5 October 2004	Day 4 6 October 2004	Day 5 7 October 2004	
0800 - 0900		<i>Registration</i>		<i>Field Visit</i>		
0900 - 0930	Arrival of foreign participants to Kuala Lumpur	<i>Arrival of VIP Guests</i>	<i>Plenary II:</i> Cities addressing the drugs and crime nexus under the new paradigm of human security		<i>Plenary V:</i> Reports of Concurrent Skills Based Workshops	
0930 - 1030		<i>Inauguration Ceremony</i>				
1030 - 1100	<i>H E A L T H B R E A K</i>					
1100 - 1230	Arrival of foreign participants to Kuala Lumpur	<i>Plenary I:</i> Scientific Session on drugs, addiction and strategies	<i>Plenary III:</i> Western Cities combating the drug scourge	<i>Field Visit</i>	<i>Plenary VI:</i> Report of Formulation of ACAD Workshops Reports	
1230 - 1400	<i>L U N C H</i>					
1400 - 1545	Arrival of foreign participants to Kuala Lumpur	<i>Skills Based Concurrent Workshops</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of faith based organizations and spirituality in drug demand reduction • Mobilising businesses/workplaces against drug abuse • Involvement of youth commissioners / leaders in drug prevention • Community based prevention and treatment initiatives 	<i>Plenary IV:</i> Asian Cities combating the drug scourge	<i>City Tour - Melaka Historical City</i>	<i>Closing Ceremony by Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Malaysia</i>	
1545 - 1600	<i>H E A L T H B R E A K</i>					
1600 - 1730	Arrival of foreign participants to Kuala Lumpur	<i>Continuation of Skills Based Concurrent Workshops</i>	<i>Concurrent Workshops Formulation of Asian Cities Against Drugs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memberships / Network • Roles and Functions • Constitutions 		<i>Day 6 8 October 2004 Departure of Delegates</i>	
2000 - 2230	<i>Welcome Dinner by Melaka Historic City Council</i>			<i>Dinner hosted by Melaka State Government</i>		

Registration

Venue: Melaka Historical City, Malaysia

Room Rate: **Golden Legacy Hotel -**
Single / Double: US\$ 40 - US\$ 45

Registration Fee: Free

Closing Date: 16th September 2004

To register foreign participants should fill up the registration form and send it to the Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme

Registration Form	
Name:
Organisation:
Contact details:
Tel:
Fax:
Email:
Passport No.:
Date of issue:
Date of expiry:
Hotel room:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double

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Photostatted registration forms are also accepted

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NO REGISTRATION FEES!**