Malaysia: Report on Climate Change Public Forum Theme: Reversibility of Climate Change - The Missing Dimension 23rd July 2023 Sunday 6.00pm to 8.30pm at main city center in Bangsar



It was a beautiful scene to behold with an overflowing crowd of about 160 came to support the Climate Change Forum themed on "Reversing Climate Change-the Missing Dimension" held on Sunday, 23rd July 2023 at 6.00pm in Brahma Kumaris Foundation, Malaysia (BKF) Bangsar Center in conjunction with the visit of Didi BK Pratibha, Assistant Regional Director of BK Africa Region, to Malaysia.

The Hall was fully packed with various stakeholders from diverse ethnic groups beyond creed, color and religion faith. All gathered together in supporting and addressing this pertinent climate issues affecting human lives and the entire eco system.



Seven Supporting Partners & Various Stakeholders

Mainly they are from the seven supporting partners and other stakeholders ranging from environmental and climate change activist from various NGOs, related Government Agencies, Academia, Businesses, Community leaders, Youth leaders, Yoga Master groups, All Political Party Members Group Secretariat in Sustainable Development Goal.

The **seven supporting partners** are as follows:

- 1. Malaysia Network for Research on Climate, Environment & Development (MyClimate)
 - 2. South East Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI)
 - 3. Asian Network on Climate Science & Technology (ANCST)
 - 4. World Wide Fund for Nature Malaysia (WWF- Malaysia)
 - 5. Global Environment Center (GEC)
 - 6. Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM)
 - 7. Malaysian Vegetarian Society (MVS)

Welcoming Address

In his Welcoming Speech, **Bro Pure**, the Acting Chairman, Board of Trustees, Brahma Kumaris Foundation(BKF) remarked that the <u>shift of consciousness</u> can do a lot in climate change. BK practices focus on looking at each other as brothers and friends and hence we don't mistreat or abuse them . Accordingly, we should adopt the same with nature and climate.



Keynote Address

In the Keynote address, the Guest of Honor, **Datin Seri Sunita Rajakumar, Founder and Chairman of Climate Governance Malaysia** highlighted that climate change matter is critical as it has become not only extreme but at unpredictable level and is larger and beyond the mere issues of reporting and disclosure made mandatory on businesses (which is just a tip of the iceberg).

She further pointed out that there is no need to look to overseas for solution but be humble enough to find a hyper localized solution through the responsibility of everyone of us as it is not something that can be delegated away. Such planetary health has a direct impact on human health, in particular the increasing rate of allergy condition is a very clear sign of human body unable to cope with the individual and collective polluting activities.

That the climate change issue is much larger than the mere carbon emissions, flashfloods and extreme heat. It involved a lot more of the so called **climate end games scenarios** which she described as " **WE KNOW LEAST ABOUT THE SCENARIO THAT MATTER MOST'.** She called for each one to be mindful to do at least the following minimum:

- a) Stop being wasteful in using energy
- b) Uphold "zero waste" through waste separation such as compost the organic waste and recycle the inorganic waste to use elsewhere
 - c) Vertical farming to overcome food security and learn to be more self-reliant





Highlights of Forum – Panel Discussion

Participants enjoyed the beautiful conversation, enlightening and enriching panel discussion moderated by **Sis Celia Wong**, Head of International and Corporate Service, Brahma Kumaris Foundation (BKF), Malaysia in the following areas of discussion:

- i) **Dr Gary Theseira** Technical expert, Council Member of Climate Governance Malaysia on : "Climate Change Effect, Policies & Success Stories with stakeholders"
- ii) **BK Pratibha Patel** Spiritual leader & environment activist, Assistant Regional Director of BK Africa Region and BK Permanent Representative to United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) on: "The Reversibility of Climate in the Making?"

Success Stories with Stakeholders from Dr Gary Theseira

Dr Gary opined that internationally the successes are low and slow - through multilevel consensus. All countries have both voluntary and obligatory policies. Success rate is low due to legal obligation to report progress in achieving but not legally obligated to actually achieving and the tendency to fall on each own sovereign right of 'limitedness' interest.

Locally and nationally it was observed that businesses and the Central Bank of Malaysia are playing actives roles; new generation, the younger people are stepping up to see more to the changes and even take to the task of representative leaders. Also the willingness of elected officials and government officials to take into accounts views of various stakeholders.

The recent new Government though young has in May 2023 made very remarkable and strong policies sending a very important directional message as to where the country, Malaysia will be going and intend to pursue, amongst others such as:

- a) Lifting /ban on export of renewal energy
- b) Ability to sell peer to peer generated, renewable energy
 - c) Solar PV in all Government buildings
 - d) Bills on energy emission and energy conservation

Dr Gary emphasized that in driving the positive change, each stakeholder should also give due encouragement and compliments where right policies, decisions have been made/taken to inspire and empower greater positivity at every step.



Spiritual Solutions from BK Pratibha & Practical Journey

BK Pratibha shared the need to use <u>spiritual</u> awakening to address the <u>root cause</u> of climate change in order to <u>speed up</u> the process of curbing the climate change/reversing the change through amongst others:

- a) Transforming mindset, human behavior, attitude through power of thought/spirituality be awakened to the truth that we are spiritual beings full of all the good qualities
 - b) Daily create pure & positive thoughts to purify the five elements, including the body (which is made up of the five elements)
- c) Not just talking about it but to practice giving light to the whole environment the positive vibration will certainly reach the government, leaders and all the stakeholders in one way or another to make a better decision and in setting the right policies and for everyone to do the right thing
 - d) Encourage all to go for **vegetarianism** at least once a week, because food affect the state of mind directly
 - e) Meditation to serve the inner climate for a better outer climate
 - f) Power of silence can bring a lot of strength and power to make the right decision for better ecology
 - g) The need to work on self to address the root cause

Towards the end of the Panel Discussion, BK Pratibha led the audience into a powerful silent journey to serve the whole being, the body and the entire ecology – the practical application of BK spiritual response to climate change.





The Climax - Collective Consciousness Pledge Initiative

The program came to its momentous climax with the Collective Consciousness Pledge Initiative with 26 IPs to drive home the message of the importance of using the <u>power of pure consciousness</u> from the soul and Supreme Soul (the metaphysical being) to vibrate the clean and pure energy from within (metaphysical dimension) into outer ecology to reach a critical mass that will <u>shift the whole climate dimension</u> to its original clean, cool and perfect state.

Pennants were also made and given to each of the supporting partners and various other representing Organizations and distinguished speakers to sustain the collective effort.







Overall, the participants were very happy and thoroughly enjoyed the thought-provoking, intriguing and insightful sessions shared and also the touching momentous together as well as the healthy and delicious vegetarian dinner served at the end.

We thank Baba, Didi Pratibha, Drama and entire BK family including the supporting partners and various Organizations for the full and unlimited support, including the complimentary door gifts extended.



Lots of unlimited love,

In Baba's Sweet Yaad,

BK Malaysian Family & BKF Environment Initiative Team

