



Joint Resolution on Education submitted by the delegations of Philippines, Japan and Papua New Guinea.

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Cognizant of the fact that education plays a vital role in the development and advancement of any country,

Recognizing the need for the "globalization" of education in the Asia-Pacific Region hence the need to develop and improve the quality and standards of education to meet the challenges of the new millennium,

Aware that measures to improve the standards and quality of education must include the continuance of the Youth Exchange Programs under the "Program on Youth Friendship for the 21st. Century for students in the Asia-Pacific countries; the promotion of joint research projects between universities and research institutes of the Asia-Pacific countries; and the grant of scholarships and other exchange programs,

Fully recognizing that if all the people in our nations do not have richness of the mind, we cannot attain true happiness or true peace,

Fully recognizing that we should do our utmost efforts in the educational field to make this 21st century " a century of rich minds", so that we may bring up our young people as humane beings,

Resolves to:

1. Encourage all member governments to adopt and support proposed exchange programs and joint research projects between the universities and research institutes of the different Asia-Pacific countries,
2. Encourage the institutions of higher learning of the Asia-Pacific countries to provide comprehensive educational assistance programs to the students by granting scholarships and increasing the participation to the Youth Exchange Programs of these countries,
3. Call upon all member governments to work towards a goal of total literacy in the Asia-Pacific Region by the year 2010,
4. Urge every member country to reconsider whether its present educational system pays sufficient attention to educating young people as humane persons, and to creating an educational environment in which they respect their own tradition and culture, care about the feeling of others, and seek richness of the mind,
5. Urge every member country's government to make utmost efforts to prevent its young people from accessing all information such as pornography that is harmful to their wholesome development, considering that the recent expansion of the Information

Technology industry, and the resultant free transmission of such harmful information across national borders, has made it possible for young people to gain unhindered access to it,

6. Urge every member country's government to further strengthen the existent support system for international exchange, so that, through such exchange, the young generation in different countries may deepen their mutual understanding, and form close relationships of trust with one another,

7. Urge all countries to devise a suitable regional syllabus/curriculum with the aim of promoting international peace and harmony and common ethical values acceptable to all human kind,

8. To include early childhood education in the teaching of common ethical and moral values through increased awareness programs including the education of women in certain member countries.

9. Promote the teaching of major languages spoken in the Asia-Pacific region to enhance understanding among the member countries.