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Dear MAPCU Members:

**UNAI-ELS GLOBAL ESSAY COMPETITION:
“MANY LANGUAGES, ONE WORLD”**



Greetings from ELS Malaysia!

For the third time, we would like to share with you the unique opportunity that would allow your students to win a fully sponsored trip to visit New York City, and to participate in the Global Youth Forum at the United Nations General Assembly in July this year.

Since 2014, ELS and the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) Global Initiative have been working together to promote multilingualism through the ***Many Languages, One World Essay Competition and Global Youth Forum***. The goal of this competition is to promote multilingualism in the context of sustainable development.

Ten winners will be selected for each of the six official UN languages. The SIXTY (60) winners will be invited to New York. ELS will sponsor transport, accommodation and board for the contest winners to visit New York City in July this year. The winners will participate in a Global Youth Forum at Adelphi University, where they will discuss their action plans to address selected topics from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, then present the outcomes at the United Nations General Assembly. This interaction, between speakers of many languages, will demonstrate the benefits of multilingualism and multinational collaborative dialogue as part of the United Nations Academic Impact.

2016 marks the third edition of *Many Languages, One World*. For your information, in 2015, more than 3,500 people from 130 countries took part in the initial phase of the contest. 70 students from 42 countries, representing 60 universities were selected as winners from an essay pool of over 1,200. Winners attended prestigious international universities, such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), Yonsei University (South Korea), and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France). Their fields of study include art, human rights, medicine, engineering, law, business management, communications, international relations, and linguistics.

Contest Eligibility and Qualifications:

1. Students **18 years of age and older**, currently enrolled in full-time university programs. In order to participate, Contestants must also be sponsored by a faculty member or an authorized university representative.
2. The essay, **not to exceed 2000 words**, should explore how multilingual ability advances global citizenship and cultural understanding. The essay should reflect the entrant's academic, cultural and national context.
3. Entries must be **written in an official language of the United Nations**, and not the first language of the entrant or the principal language of instruction in his/ her primary or secondary education. The official languages of the United Nations are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
4. The submission deadline is **Thursday 31 March, 2016, 11:59 p.m.** Eastern Standard Time.

* Full competition details, including rules, entry guidelines, submission and the Faculty Reference Form, are available at:
<http://ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu>

Your assistance in disseminating this information to relevant faculties, departments and student bodies in your contact would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to post this information on any College/University websites, newsletters, or other means of communication.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support in the past two editions of this contest. We hope to receive submissions of essays from students nominated by your institutions, and that Malaysian(s) will be among the winners this year.

Sincerely,

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Committee Head – Malaysian Chapter
Many Languages, One World Essay Competition

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