



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon's Speech

(Transcribed as spoken)

Thank you Madame Secretary General and Madame Deputy Secretary of Model United Nation

Ladies and gentlemen, young students and parents and it is a great pleasure to meet you here in this very unique place. And I'd like to thank His Excellency Mr. Heru Prasetyo, Head of the Indonesian National REDD+ Agency and His Excellency, Deputy Minister of Norway; and His Excellency Mr. Stig Traavig, Ambassador of Norway to Indonesia. And of course, founder of Green School, Mr. John Hardy Dr. Ni Putu Tirka Widanti, President of Yayasan Kul-Kul, Mr. John Stewart, Head of School. Ladies and gentlemen, Om Swatiastu, Assalamualaikum, salam sejahtera.

Thank you, thank you for your welcome to excellent school. terima kasih.

As a secretary general united nation I've been traveling many countries and I've been meeting many different people, I have been visiting many different places and many schools but this is the most unique and impressive school I have ever visited. I know everything is made from bamboo, which is quite unique. Thank you very much for your strong commitment and vision to make this world green. You know that the United Nation is really trying hard with international leaders to make this world as green as possible. My responsibility is to you, young students, and I really want to keep this world to young students, young people environmentally green, environmentally sustainable, that's is why I'm here to learn how you are doing in this school. I'll have to see around but even without seeing (more) other places I know that you are doing everything green, everything environmentally sustainable, and I highly commend your effort. And I hope young students, you will learn as much as you can from this experience and do what you can to make this world a sustainable one.

I just had the opportunity of meeting the Bye Bye Plastic (Bag) girls, I thought this was name of some song, you know, choir group. I was very impressed by their vision and commitment; this maybe (a) small initiative to make small community here in Bali free of plastic. But I hope (with) this one million signature campaign, you will make the whole Indonesia, Asia, (and the)

world, free of plastic - that means free of all environmental degradation and I thank you for your hard work and commitment.

Dear young students, we are living in a very very crucially important timing in a troubled world. Why? Because of this earth, the planet earth, is sick, very much sick. They have a fever. What will happen if our young children have a fever, (high) temperature in your body, that you have to go to doctor, hospital. Our world is a small world, and is exactly on that situation. Temperature is rising, if we do not contain this temperature from far the rising, nobody will be able to live in this world. Frankly speaking, I do not have many years to live, maybe, but for you and for your children and your great great children they have to live in this world. That's why I'm rising my voice to world leaders that we have to make this world, we have to deliver this world, to our succeeding generation environmentally friendly; environmentally sustainable; free of temperature.

We have at least made temperature rise within 2 degrees by the end of this century. But if we continue this way, if we burn this world in the name of development as we are doing now, then the temperature rise (will be) much much higher. Then I'm not going to tell you what will happen to all of us to this world. Learn from now how we can make this temperature down and that's is my responsibility and most responsibility will have to be bourned by you young ladies and gentleman. That is why I came here in 2007 in Bali; we set the very important milestone here. Bali Road Map. We have been building on this Bali Road Map during the last seven years. But it's not enough. We'll have to have a climate change agreement which will be universal, legal, and very meaningful one to make our planet earth temperature down. That's what I am doing and that's why I'm here and I'm meeting you today.

Before that we have to address poverty issues we have to address many diseases. There are so many young people, women and girls.. young people who are dying from preventable diseases; we have to stop. This is my strong commitment. You may think that *"I'm just young boy, young girl, I'm just student doing something I can't do. It's only the president's, the prime ministers', ministers or ambassadors' (responsibility)"* It's not true. Of course they have to do now. But if you do, each and everyone of you can make things different. That is what you are practicing and you are learning. That's why I'm here, to learn from your experience, that's why I'm here, to learn from you and I will convey this message to world leaders who are coming to the United Nations next month. I have asked all the leaders of the world government leaders, environmental leaders, civil society leaders, they should all come and I'm sure that thousands of leaders will come including President Yudhoyono who I met this morning he said he will come.

I'm conveying this very important message which I'm going to learn from you today and keep on working, keep on collecting signatures to make Bali free of plastic. I know that everything is recycled here everything is renewable. You are setting a very good example and you have

my full support and my full admiration and I'm deeply impressed by what I'm seeing and I'm going to see. And I thank all our leaders here sitting in the podium for their commitment and their leadership and let's make this world better for all. Let's make this world sustainable economically, socially, environmentally. So that our succeeding children generations will live in dignity. Human dignity should be respected and promoted. That's my commitment, my message to you, but I'm here to see much more of what you are doing here. Thank you very much. Terima kasih.