

## Conference Opening

All participants and invited guests of the Malaysian Government gathered in the Dewan Kampo (Main Hall) to open the Conference.

### Format

With all the participants and guests seated in the hall, the official party entered to the sound of traditional Malay music and took their places on the stage.

The four speakers, in order, were:

Mr Rusanuar Hj. Ismail—Deputy Director General of Youth, Ministry of Youth and Sport

Mr Raja Gomez—Director, Commonwealth Youth Programme

Mr Moni Malhoutra—Assistant Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat

Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Minister, Youth and Sport, Malaysian Government

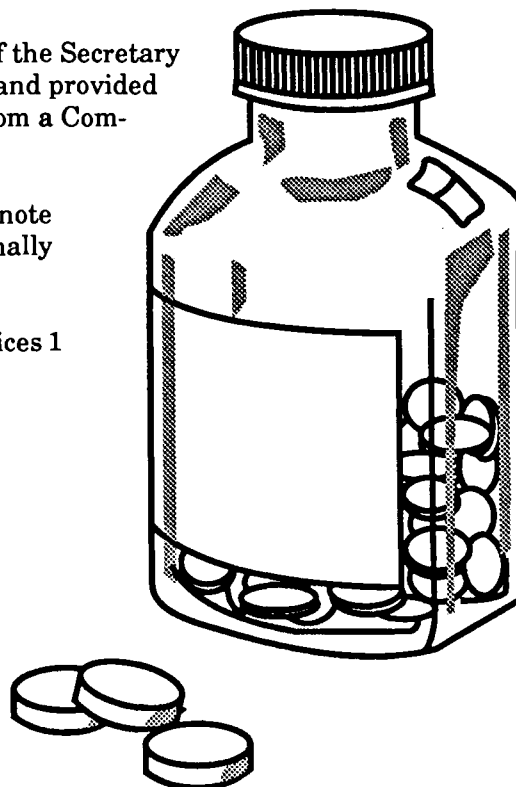
The Minister made the keynote address and officially opened the conference.

Mr Rusanuar and Mr Gomez welcomed participants on behalf of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysian Government and CYP, respectively. Both speakers encouraged participants to make full use of the opportunity provided to take a pan-Commonwealth perspective on what could be done on this very important issue.

Mr Malhoutra welcomed people on behalf of the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat and provided some observations on the drugs question from a Commonwealth perspective.

The Honourable Minister delivered the keynote address to conference participants and formally opened the conference.

Their two speeches are included in Appendices 1 and 2.



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