



UNV- Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme Post-Assignment Report

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Unfolding Horizons



I am the UN University Volunteer in Climate Governance and Youth Empowerment at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangkok Regional Hub.



I work under the youth team, which consists of five sub-teams. Among these, I support three teams: Youth & Climate Change, Youth & Political Participation, and Youth Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



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To classify my work, I can divide it into four main tasks.

First, I conduct research, including mapping and analysis. For instance, a colleague from Country Office reached out to request support in establishing a youth parliament, as they lack experience in this area. I assisted by researching existing youth parliaments across Asia and the Pacific and their operational frameworks.

Second, I focus on coordination. For example, I helped with drafting the work plan in collaboration with the youth advisors from the Youth Empowerment in Climate Action Platform, which I then shared with the team for further development and regular meetings.



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Third, I facilitate knowledge sharing. As the regional hub, we organize webinars and learning sessions on specific topics, bringing together country offices to learn from each other and identify best practices.

Finally, I often have the opportunity to participate in various conferences and events.



Reflection

This journey has been an experience that has truly expanded my horizons.

In terms of work, I've encountered many new challenges and opportunities for growth. The fast-paced international environment has pushed me out of my comfort zone. Being away from home, often feeling the weight of solitude, has heightened these challenges.

I am grateful for the support of my colleagues and batchmates, who have become a second family here. Their encouragement has been invaluable, especially during difficult moments when I doubted my abilities.

Looking back, I am thankful that I embarked on this journey. It has allowed me to understand, respect, and embrace various ways of living. Each interaction, whether it's sharing a meal or exchanging stories, has enriched my perspective on life. I now cherish the diversity that surrounds me and the lessons it brings.

