

**“Climate Class to introduce knowledge about the Climate Change early”  
by JRKDem**



**Script of the interview**

Climate change, as a natural phenomenon, appears to be a serious problem when the earth's weather is changing rapidly with the increasing intensity of human activities. The growth of the world's population encourages an increase in the activities of consumption and production of energy for economic development. It has affected the Earth's capacity to adapt and fulfill all those needs.

In the report "State of World Population 2009" of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), climate change is due to a variety of economic activities that will cause the earth's temperature to increase up to 6.4 degrees by 2100 from only amounted to 0.74 degrees in the late 1800s. In addition, climate change will increase the potential and intensity of natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts and flash floods in many areas.

The effects of climate change are affecting all walks of life in various parts of the world. The parties that most feel the effects of the climate change are the poor countries and vulnerable populations, such as women and children.

On this occasion, we present the results of an interview with Aitry Aindry Ayu Milanda from the organization Youth for Climate Change (YFCC) about their activities in disseminating knowledge about climate change, this time teaching about the theme of "Climate class to introduce climate change early". Immediately, we listen to the results of the interview.

Noor (Host) : When the Youth for Climate Change (YFCC) was founded?

Aitry : YFCC Indonesia began in 2011 and YFCC (has been active) in North Sumatra since 2014. Initially we are invited to a forum organized by the National Council on Climate Change (DNPI) representative of the North Sumatra province.

Noor : What are the goals and vision of YFCC?

Aitry : To introduce knowledge about climate change because climate change is in sight instead of shadows and the impact of climate change is very big.

Noor : In North Sumatra, what are the impacts of climate change? Are they already felt?

Aitry : Now that the climate change is happening in Medan, we feel very hot weather (in a moment) but suddenly the rain comes. In Medan also, we have experience occurrences flood in some areas.

Noor : How about the Climate class activities and when it will be held?

Aitry : In the Climate class, we teach the childrens early on about the climate change happening right now, so they know about climate change itself and what the impacts are if climate change happens. In addition, we are also teach how to manage the garbage, how to find solutions (to climate-related problems). The program of climate class is held 2 times in 2 schools. Actually, this climate class targets not only small childrens but all of society.

Noor : The climate class was carried out in what level of education?

Aitry : The climate class has been done in elementary school level, the last done in grade 4 and 6 of elementary school.

Noor : How was the response from childrens as participants and the school party?

Aitry : The school party and the teachers are happy with the presence of YFCC because we are still young who still care about the climate change issues. They are happy to add science because first, they did not know or maybe just a little about climate change. The childrens are also happy, initially they did not understand how to sort organic waste and un-organic waste but (thanks to the class) they understand more about climate change because the climate change coverage is broader than the environment. It includes energy, climate and weather.

Noor : What is your plan after the climate class is done?

Aitry : For the next activity, we still have the climate class activities, but we do not know when the class will take place because our membership is still minimal and they are still busy with their own activities so we did not have had time to discuss the work program agenda.

Noor : What is the most important experience that can be taken after the climate class done?

Aitry : The experience was exciting. The childrens are very enthusiastic have welcomed us. They know the material that we have delivered to them and it's really theirs to implement it. When we teach the childrens at an early age, they are fresher and they can remember stronger and also they are eager to apply (what they have learned).

Noor : What are the obstacles and barriers you have experienced to disseminate information and knowledge about climate change issues?

Aitry : The main obstacle is related to fundraising. The issue is the budget because when we go to schools, we need to cover the costs as well. We teach the climate class with play, activities, not only learning exercises, so we have a problem of covering the costs of purchase the tools, stationery and gifts for children.

Noor : Related to the climate class that has been done, how did you cover the costs?

Aitry : The costs of the climate class which have been done have come from donations. Anyone who wants to donate, we receive (the donation). We also made a poster (saying that we accept) donations.

Noor : In general, what message do you want to convey to the public related to the climate change?

Aitry : The message is that we should be acutely aware of climate change is in sight. So, we have to do it now and we have to care and be aware because what is done now will bring danger later, it will come back to us as well.

Noor : When you talk about the behavior of the people, daily things may contribute to the existence of climate change, such as what?

Aitry : Here, only partly because there are still many in the city of Medan, the river is still full of garbage meaning that there are still many people who are throwing their garbage in the river. And already it is getting hot in Medan.

Noor : The green area is getting smaller, right?

Aitry : Yes, there are fewer reforestations.

Noor : Thanks for you're sharing.

Aitry : Yes, you are welcome.

Listeners, that was the results of our interviews with Aitry Ayu Milanda from the organization Youth for Climate Change (YFCC). Hopefully, what is presented can add our knowledge and understanding about climate change so that in the future we can minimize all the activities which can contribute to climate change. I'm Noor Chasanah who guides this interview. I want to say thank you very much for all your attention. Greetings Democracy.

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