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His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon
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1 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York



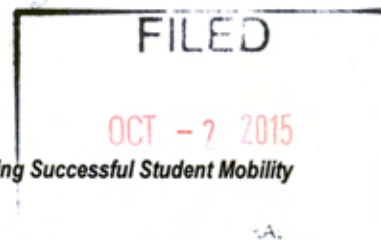
Excellency,

It was a great pleasure and privilege to meet you last Tuesday to discuss ELS Educational Services collaboration with the United Nations Academic Impact to sponsor the Many Languages One World essay contest for multilingual university students from around the world. I have long admired your accomplishments as Secretary General and I share your belief in multilingualism and its role to enable global citizenship and a better future for humankind.

We are pleased to have completed the second celebration of Many Languages One World on the 70th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. Seventy university students from forty-three nations celebrated ELS/United Nations Academic Impact *Many Languages One World* contest and Youth Forum are activities that focus attention on:

- 1) The UN Academic Impact – promoting the contest to several thousand tertiary institutions we introduce the UN Academic Impact to Global-minded professors and administration sponsors of the contestants.
- 2) The importance of multilingualism in Global citizenship
- 3) The U.N. Sustainable Development Goals
- 4) The Missions of the United Nations and ELS Language Services which, with respect to education are perfectly aligned: Global education impact for world peace, freedom, respect, equal opportunity and sustainable quality of life.

We are really inspired by the first two events to continue to build our channels of communication and the media to build awareness of the contest, the UN Academic Impact, and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Right now MLOW 2015 alumni are sharing ideas of how to promote the Sustainable Development Goals in their universities and communities.

We are already building a MLOW winner/alumni community and network. We hope to have reunions in the future so we can create an enduring network of multilingual students committed to the ten principles of the UN Academic Impact.

We are already defining dates, campus locations and budgets for the MLOW 2016 and we will move forward with all due haste to propose details to Under Secretary Cristina Gallach to conclude agreements so as to announce our next contest as early as possible to allow greater participation.

ELS looks forward to collaborating in bringing the mission of the United Nations alive for multilingual youths at universities around the world by seeking to activate their commitment to the principles of the UN Academic Impact.

With wishes for peace and equality in a sustainable future,



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