



### Celebrating the power of YOUTH

Youth are a transformative force; they are creative, resourceful and enthusiastic agents of change. Helen Keller rightly has stated the power of youth in her words- "It is not possible for civilization to flow backwards while there is youth in the world. Youth may be headstrong, but it will advance its allotted length." At SAI International too we believe that the power and potential of youth extends till infinity. To celebrate the power of youth, SAI International observed the International Youth day on August 12, 2013.



The morning assembly was charged by a fantastic speech given by Mukund Agarwala, a student of SICC. He in his speech spoke about the Youth personalities that have taken the international world by storm. Stating examples of Malala a young Pakistani girl who fought her death for the cause of education for girls and N. Shivkumar who from a newspaper delivery boy turned into a luminous alumni of IIM Ahmedabad along with Mark Zuckerberg who brought in a revolution with his enterprise, Face Book, Mukund exemplified the talents that the youth of the 22nd century holds. He also gave the mantra of five A's- Aim,

Attitude, Accountability, Awareness and Acknowledgement, which will harness the youth for their fantastic future.

The Chief Guest for the occasion Mr. Sandeep Mishra, principal correspondent, Times of India in his address congratulated the students for having the availability of fantastic facilities and technology. However, he urged the students to be cautious in their use of it. He also cited examples of personalities like Swami Vivekananda, Rajiv Gandhi, Steve Jobs who had the zeal and enthusiasm to bring about a change in the world. He encouraged the students by saying, "You have the power, and you have the potential".

This was followed by the Inauguration of the wall that was painted by the SAIONEERS marking the International Youth Day. The wall was painted beautifully on the theme of "Gender Equality". Youth can undoubtedly be change makers in thrust areas like promotion of national values, social harmony, national unity, education, health, sports and recreation, gender justice, participation in community service, environment and climate change issues, and national & local government. Hence the United Nations started the observation of International Youth Day in the year 2000 to address the issues concerning the youth because Youth is truly the hope of our future.

## WORLD PEACE DAY

When the power of Love overcomes the love for power the world will know Peace

Mahatma Gandhi once said "There is no way to Peace, Peace is the way" and to reaffirm the words of the Father of our Nation, SAI International observed the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2013.



As children today get older, it is becoming increasingly difficult to shelter them from the uncertainties and harsh realities of the world. It therefore becomes imperative to introduce Children to the act of promoting peace and harmony both internally to themselves and externally to the society and the world at large. It is a skill that the children today have to master at a young age. The Going Global club students of SAI International participated in the Connecting Classrooms activity 'World Peace Day' and showed their fellow SAIONEERS a video "Introduction to Peace One Day" to promote the act of spreading peace and harmony. It was followed by a thought provoking

presentation on World Peace. Each student was asked to write out on a piece of paper what peace meant to them and submit it into the Box of Peace. The Box of Peace collected over 500 views on peace and these ideas were posted on a Peace Bulletin Board for the entire school to see.

SAI International School on this International Day of Peace pledges to teach the children the value of tolerance and mutual respect. We believe in nurturing a generation that will build a fair and inclusive world that embraces diversity. It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the worlds in which we live, because Peace is not just absence of violence but a manifestation of human compassion.

