

SPEAK YOUR MIND SPECIAL: RONAN KEATING IN THAILAND

Popular singer, Ronan Keating visited Chiang Rai, Thailand, to learn about the impact of the AIDS epidemic on those afflicted and their families, especially the children, and what is being done to help them. He also joined The Dream Group, a youth group which is actively involved in increasing AIDS awareness and spreading the message of prevention with their fresh and innovative approach, such as AID-related programs broadcast on FM radio and village loudspeakers.

SPEAK YOUR MIND SPECIAL: MANISHA KOIRALA & WANG LEE HOM IN NEPAL

Popular Taiwanese singer Wang Lee-Hom joined famous Bollywood star Manisha Koirala in her home country, Nepal, to explore the issues of child labour, exploitation, trafficking and education for children in this Speak Your Mind Special. They visited a rehabilitation centre for former child carpet labourers and chat to these children to find out the realities these young children faced as carpet weavers. Then they meet Chhakali who was trafficked to India when she was 11 or 12, forced to be a sex slave for 4 years in a brothel before she was rescued by Indian police. Their final stop brings them to a charming village where they join a Out of School Programme class. They find out more about this programme which seeks to bring the school to these children who cannot attend mainstream government schools.

SPEAK YOUR MIND SPECIAL: REGINE VELASQUEZ IN THE PHILIPPINES

Filippino chanteuse, Regine Velasquez takes time off her busy schedule to examine the issues surrounding "children in need of special protection", a term used by UNICEF to cover all those children in difficult circumstances. They are the abandoned children who need love and shelter. They are the abused children in need of protection from abuse and violence at home. They are the street children - living and/or working on the streets. They are the working little ones who risk life and limb in hazardous work environments. To explore the issues in depth, Regine visited the community in Payatas, one of the biggest garbage dump in Manila and joined the street educators on the streets of Manila.

SPEAK YOUR MIND: ASIAN YOUTH CHARTER SPECIAL IN NEW YORK

A 30-mins special on the New York trip of eleven youth ambassadors from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, India, Nepal, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, and Japan. The show features their activities in New York, which include the presentation of the Asian Youth Charter to the United Nations Secretary-

General, Mr Kofi Annan as well as a meeting with the Executive Director of UNICEF, Ms Carol Bellamy.