



UNICEF-Government of Indonesia's annual awards for Indonesian Young Leaders mark this year's National Children's Day

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The United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, and Ministry for Women's Empowerment, today announced the third UNICEF-Government of Indonesia annual Awards for Indonesian Young Leaders.

The Award will be presented to three children who have contributed to promoting and advancing child rights in Indonesia.

UNICEF Representative in Indonesia, Dr. Gianfranco Rotigliano says "The Award is an important acknowledgement of efforts that many children make every day for their country and their fellow children."

Award nominees must be Indonesian citizens, aged below 18 years old, and have been actively involved in promoting/advancing child rights for the last two years.

"The Government recognises that children can and should participate in decisions which affect their lives," said Minister for Women's Empowerment, Dr. Meutia Hatta Swasono.

In the selection process, the Organising Committee involves various NGOs, children, public figures, Governmental bodies, and UNICEF.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is expected to present the Awards to three recipients at the celebration of National Children's Day, which falls on the 23rd of July.

Each Award recipient will receive a certificate of acknowledgement from UNICEF and the Ministry for Women's Empowerment as well as a saving account from the event's sponsor.

Nominations by organisations/groups shall be sent before 5 June 2006 to: *Panitia Seleksi "Penghargaan untuk Pemimpin Muda Indonesia", UNICEF, Wisma Metropolitan II lantai 10, Jl. Sudirman Kav. 31, Jakarta 12920, telp. (021) 570 5816 ext. 215 & 251, fax (021) 5711 326, email: jakarta@unicef.org*

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