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Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world which is rich in diversity of culture, religion, ethnics. I grew up and lived in diversity and involved myself not only in educational but also in activities related to intercultural understanding and peace activities.

In high school I was selected for the Indonesia delegation in international cultural exchange student for one year to Germany by Bina Antarbudaya, the partner of AFS Intercultural Program.

After graduation from High school, I studied Information Technology as my background field of study in University of Sumatera Utara (USU). Here, I was asked to join the Student Executive Board in the second year. I have also done some community service projects. The projects were teaching basic computer and technology to teachers in remote areas and Teaching technology for prisoners. Outside campus, I joined the Bina Antarbudaya Chapter Medan, a local NGO chapter involved in intercultural activities.

In 2012, I became a trainee in 4th UNESCO Youth Peace Ambassador training in Hiroshima, Japan. After the training I did my social project called “Festival Antarbudaya (Intercultural Festival)” which aimed at enriching the awareness of youth to create peace through intercultural learning.

In January 2013, the project I created become sustainable and continued as “Festival Antarbudaya 2 (2nd Intercultural Festival)”. After finishing the project, I joined the 6th Youth Peace Ambassador program in Bangkok – Kraeng Chan, Thailand in May 2013, where I obtained the Youth Peace Ambassador certificate.

Doing peace activities is one of my passions. Starting from my country which is very diverse, I believe that through my small steps, I can make a change in this world.