



## LE BAROMETRE DE L'HONNETETE

A quelle échelle des valeurs de l'honnêteté, tu te situes ?

Lis attentivement les questions ci-dessous. Puis choisis la réponse qui te convient le mieux comme suit :

- 3 = Oui
- 2 = Dès fois
- 1 = Jamais

- Ai-je déjà triché à un contrôle ou à un examen de fin d'année ? .....
- Ai-je déjà menti par peur de me retrouver dans de beaux draps ? .....
- Ai-je déjà fui mes responsabilités pour me mettre à l'abri des représailles ? .....
- Ai-je déjà falsifié un document important (bulletin trimestriel, lettre, etc) .....
- Ai-je déjà accordé une faveur à quelqu'un en échange d'un service rendu ? .....
- Ai-je déjà demandé une faveur à quelqu'un en échange de quelque chose ? .....
- Ai-je déjà été tenté de prendre quelque chose qui ne m'appartenait pas ? .....
- Ai-je déjà choisi de me taire au lieu de dénoncer une injustice/mauvaise pratique ? .....
- Ai-je déjà agi dans mon intérêt personnel au détriment des autres ? .....
- Ai-je déjà menti pour protéger un ami/membre de la famille/ un collègue/entre autres? .....

## RESULTATS TEST

Et Hop ! Faites vos comptes ...

### De 10 à 12 points

**Foncièrement Honnête** - Chapeau ! Tu peux te sentir fier d'être quelqu'un d'HONNETE. Toutefois, ne lâche pas prise et surtout continue à servir d'exemple.

### De 13 à 20 points

**Moyennement Honnête** - C'est vrai que tu es honnête la plupart des fois mais malheureusement cela ne suffit pas pour être une force sur laquelle on peut compter pour assurer la transmission des valeurs morales - piliers de notre société. Il faut que tu fasses encore plus d'efforts. Courage!!!

### De 21 à 30 points

**Loin d'être Honnête** - Fais gaffe ! Ressaisis-toi et réagis avant qu'il ne soit trop tard. Prends un dictionnaire et revois la définition du mot HONNETETE. Il faut à tout prix te remettre en question et recentrer ta vie sur les valeurs telles que la responsabilité, le respect, la justice et l'intégrité. Ensuite vérifie l'efficacité de tes actions en repassant ce test.



## MESSAGE DU DIRECTEUR GENERAL

### FAVORISER UNE JEUNESSE RESPONSABILISEE



Jeunes d'aujourd'hui, espoirs de demain. L'avenir du pays repose en grande partie sur vos épaules. Il vous appartiendra donc de transformer l'héritage que vous recevez pour recréer une île Maurice qui puisse répondre à vos aspirations. Votre engagement pour débarrasser le pays du fléau qu'est la corruption demeure vital pour concrétiser cette vision.

Vous avez le droit de croire en une société juste et équitable. Mais vous avez aussi la responsabilité d'accomplir votre devoir. Avec une jeunesse responsabilisée, l'espoir est de mise pour un avenir brillant pour le pays. Votre engagement dans la lutte contre la corruption est un signal avant-coureur qui ouvrira la voie pour une île Maurice où les jeunes pourront s'épanouir dans un environnement serein. LICAC agit comme un service d'encadrement pour sensibiliser, initier et former les jeunes du pays dans le combat contre la corruption. L'objectif est de créer une génération d'intègres et d'incorruptibles capable de déraciner ce mal. Nous comptons beaucoup sur votre enthousiasme et dynamisme.

Pendant ces dernières années, nous avons été témoins de la participation active des jeunes à tout un éventail d'activités. Et une chose est sûre ...la lutte contre la corruption n'est pas uniquement celle de l'ICAC. Elle requiert le support de chaque partenaire de la société civile.

En permettant aux jeunes de mieux s'armer dans cette lutte, l'ICAC veut vous transformer en un agent de changement, et mieux encore, en un soldat, fermement engagé dans cette lutte car c'est vous, le porteur du flambeau. En investissant dans la jeunesse, nous souhaitons avoir cette armée d'incorruptibles qui feront la fierté du pays et des générations futures.

A. K. Ujoodha

## Putting Integrity First



**INTEGRITY FIRST.** That's the motto of the National Anti-corruption Youth Working Group (NAYWG) which celebrated its first anniversary recently. The group, comprising youth from different walks of life, wishes to be in the frontline on the anti-corruption scene in Mauritius. Over and above enlisting effective youth participation in the national awareness campaign, the strategic focus of the NAYWG is now to generate youth dynamics to support regional initiatives.

Indeed, the great adventure began when the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) embarked on a four phased Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) in 2004, aimed at instilling a high sense of righteousness among the younger generation.

Since then, the group has been meeting on a monthly basis in order to put heads together in devising ways and means to mobilize youth capital in the fight against corruption and other related issues. The aim was overtly ambitious but the path to reach this goal was obviously challenging.

Armed with determination and commitment, members of the NAYWG engaged in a series of anti-corruption activities with the support of the staff of ICAC. The creative spirit of these daring

young persons also gave rise to a number of anti-corruption tools, workshops, edutainment activities such as youth camp, elocution contest and song competition. All of the above culminated into the organisation of the 2nd National Youth Forum held in August 2005 which saw the participation of around 450 young persons. The programme included mainly a number of presentations, a prize giving ceremony, the unveiling of ethical guiding principles for the positive development of youth, presentation of a sketch entitled "L'école Zétoile" and songs by the winners of National Song Competition 2005. This was the best gift members of the NAYWG could ever get for their first anniversary.

We have now reached the 3rd phase of the YEP and yet there is still much to be done. Indeed, this part will be focused on the development of a comprehensive and concerted plan of activities, involving all stakeholders, that can be put into practice at a macro level. One of the core tasks will be to capitalize on youth assets that we have accumulated during the first two phases.

The trained youth will be supported to trigger responses to bring about the silent revolution.

Mrinal-Leader of the NAYWG



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## YEP LINK CALENDAR (monthly themes)

January	RESPONSIBILITY
February	JUSTICE
March	RESPECT
April	RIGHTEOUSNESS
May	ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
June	FAIRPLAY
July	FAIRNESS
August	CITIZENSHIP
September	INTEGRITY
October	SINCERITY
November	TRUTHFULNESS
December	HONESTY

YEP LINK has been conceived by the NAYWG.

You are a corruption buster and you've got plenty of innovative ideas in fostering a culture of integrity! So, send your views and opinions to us and our editorial team will do the rest. THANKS !!!

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## Youth as a social control agent

There are strange things happening in the world today. Some people prefer to turn a blind eye 'pa mo problem sa'; some people rant against those whom they think are to be blamed. It's just so easy to put the blame on others; 'pa moi, li sa'. And others decide to get active and do whatever needs to be done.

We, Mauritian youths, should be among those who actively work so as to fight against one of the world's most endemic problems: CORRUPTION. But first, I think that we should define what corruption is. Unlike the popular misconception, corruption is not only about business fraud or illegal diverting of public funds. It's about people not being given equal chances. But why youth? Why have we been targeted to help in constraining corruption? How can we become a social control agent? In fact, I got the answer when I recently attended a workshop in connection with a National Youth Forum organised by the ICAC. A survey, caused by ICAC, in 2003 shows that about 66.5% of the youngsters aged between 18 and 25 were readily willing to report corrupted practices, which is one of the reasons why we occupy such an important place in the fight against corruption. The 2nd point I would like to raise is that we should not forget that young people will take over the responsibility for their societies in the future. Therefore, from the start itself, they should learn about the problems the community is facing and get informed about the possible solutions.

Coming back to our role in fighting corruption, I would say that the most obvious way would be of course to refuse to pay bribes and to report requests for bribes from public officials. And to help us in this fight, I would like to point out the importance of

education/civic morals and values. We should use education as a platform from which we can start low budget projects to raise awareness on the issue of corruption between the youth of the country. The anti-corruption campaign should also focus on the edutainment concept. Educating while entertaining be it through poster-making, essay-writing or song competition. We should moreover bear in mind the advantages of the new technologies like the INTERNET, a tool widely used by the youth, which allows us to sensitise everyone about the social plague which is corruption.

We could also use the media to spread our thoughts. And since we're talking about educating people, why not request that courses on anti-corruption, good governance and ethics be included in the school curriculum. Furthermore, we could form anti-corruption/integrity clubs in schools and colleges to help youth promote a world of equality, accountability and transparency.

I would like to end by saying that all the decision-making and brainstorming should not be left to those who are already in power. Lord Acton, a British philosopher, said: 'power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely'; words which summarize my previous words. The point is, we're young, we see things differently, yet we see the wrongs that go on in this world and we are interested in doing something about it. Therefore, we should have a chance to sit alongside the decision makers to get our ideas heard and to be the social agent evoked in the title. THANK YOU.

**Ms Damini Ramcharan** - (1st prize-winner Anti-corruption Youth Elocution Contest - Plaine-Wilhems/Black River/Port-Louis Regional Unit)

## WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH LEADERS ORGANIZED BY ICAC & NYC



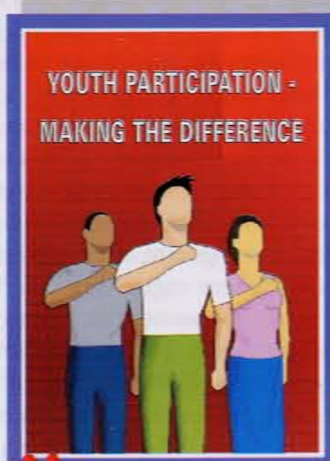
In line with the spirit of the Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP), the ICAC organized a workshop for youth leaders in collaboration with the National Youth Council (NYC) on 13 May 2006 at its Headquarters. The broad aim of the workshop was to strengthen the collaboration between ICAC and the Ministry of Youth & Sport in creating a pool of committed resource persons to foster a culture of integrity among youth.

*'In view to capitalize on their formative age, it is highly significant to devise appropriate empowerment strategies to arm the youth in a position of influence to hinder the progress of corruption. Youth in its leadership role should be empowered to be role models and to be living example of integrity', emphasized Mr Gérard Bussier, Director of Corruption and Education Division, ICAC, during his address. The workshop, which focused on Nurturing a culture of integrity through ethical leadership, has proved to be highly successful in terms of the interest demonstrated by our stakeholders. In fact, 80 young persons attended the workshop compared to 55 as expected. Participants came from nine regional committees of the NYC, National Anti-corruption Youth Working Group and other organizations dealing with youth empowerment.*

*We would like to place on record the enlightening interventions of Ms Veena Ballgobin, Lecturer of Faculty of Social Studies & Humanities, University of Mauritius, Mr Anwar Kaidoo, Immediate Past President Junior Chamber International, Mr Jonathan Ravat, ex-Director of Centre of Learning (Ecole pour la Solidarité et la Justice) and Dr G. Nepal, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Management, University of Mauritius. We also wish to place on record the well-appreciated role play performed by members of the NAYWG on the following theme: Envisioning a world without corruption.*

## Emergence d'une culture d'intégrité: 10 principes directeurs

1. Croire en un avenir meilleur où l'intégrité sera le maître mot
2. Ouvrir pour un développement sain et intégral de la communauté
3. Promouvoir, transmettre et incarner les valeurs morales
4. Valoriser les actions qui reflètent la transparence, l'originalité et l'honnêteté
5. Honorer nos engagements avec rectitude et impartialité
6. Promouvoir le 'fairplay'
7. Respecter les droits d'autrui
8. Maintenir un niveau d'éthique des plus élevés
9. Dénoncer toute forme d'injustice et de pratiques douteuses
10. Servir d'exemple



Courtesy: Students - DCDM Business School

**Dire NON à la corruption et OUI à l'intégrité !**



## Youngsters, major actors in nurturing a culture of integrity



Elocution contest at Montagne Longue SMC

Nowadays, we can see many social scourges which are jeopardising our society. People are more inclined to fall in the tentacles of those scourges as there is a race for wealth and a craze for material pleasure, making place for corruption.

Today's youth will one day lead societies, build economies, and make decisions that will have an impact in the lives of future generations. As one major components of our society, they should be effectively guided and empowered to decode & resist corruption and uphold best practices in all their dealings. If from early childhood, one is given proper guidance, good moral education and access to relevant information, one shall be empowered to resist corruption and other malpractices. In the same wavelength, the pillars of our society (parents, religion,

educational institutions, government, social groups...) should heighten again and again the importance of honesty, integrity, respect, equality while laying emphasis on the sense of responsibility. We, youngsters, can be the main actors in the reform plan against corruption and it is high time for us to voice out our understandings of the world in a fair and unique way in view to foster a culture of integrity. Ignorance and lack of awareness will not bring any solution to the situation. Our idealism, integrity, resourcefulness and response can transform our weaknesses into strengths.

All of us should participate actively in uprooting this social evil. We shall engage ourselves in this fight for the betterment of the society. The ICAC must further the creation of appropriate platforms to stimulate dialogues on governance issues among youth by emphasizing the role they can play. Youth can be resilient, resourceful and responsive, and there is a need to encourage and establish mechanisms to involve youth in playing a role in addressing corruption and consequently improving governance. And this struggle is for all. We must all do either small or big actions to eliminate corruption together with its linking scourges.

**Yashoda**

## Forthcoming Events

- Setting up of 'Youth Action Teams'
- Anti-corruption Youth Elocution Contest
- Debates & Competitions
- Talks, seminars & workshops
- Production of anti-corruption tools
- Launching of a tool kit for youth leaders
- ... amongst others

### WHAT'S NEXT!!!

#### Avis aux clubs de jeunesse

Dans le cadre de sa campagne de sensibilisation, l'ICAC organise une compétition interclubs sur le thème suivant: 'Integrity First'. Ce concours vise à promouvoir la bonne gouvernance au sein des clubs de jeunesse. En effet, les intéressés doivent constituer un 'portfolio' démontrant les diverses activités organisées au sein de leurs clubs respectifs, durant l'année 2006, ayant pour but de favoriser l'émergence d'une culture d'intégrité. (Inspirez-vous du YEP LINK CALENDAR - pg 4). Les formulaires de participation, de même que les conditions et règlements seront disponibles au siège de l'ICAC, entre le lundi 06 Novembre au Mercredi 15 Novembre 2006.

**BONNE CHANCE !!!**

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has". **Margaret Mead**

## Coin Humour

### BUYING GRADES - A MOLDOVAN JOKE

One day a professor was giving a big test to his students. He handed out all of the test papers and went back to his desk to wait. Once the test was over, the students all handed the tests back. The Professor noticed that one of the students had attached a \$100 bill to his test with a note saying "A dollar per point." The next class the professor handed the tests back out. The student got back his test and \$64.

### DOES HONESTY PAY?

One day, while a woodcutter was cutting a branch of a tree above a river, his axe fell into the river. When he began crying, God appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?" The woodcutter told him that he had dropped his axe into water. God went down into the water and reappeared with a golden axe. "Is this your axe?", God asked. The woodcutter said "No". God again went down and came up with a silver axe. "Is this your axe?", God asked. The wood cutter said "No". God went down again and came up with an iron axe. "Is this your axe?", God asked. The wood cutter said "Yes". God was pleased with the man's honesty and gave him all the three axes. The woodcutter went home happily.

### OPEN DOOR POLICY

The Director General of XYZ Co. Ltd... giving some precious guidelines to one of his subordinates.

Director General: *To maintain the highest standards of honesty and trust in our company, it is essential for you to encourage your staff to report anything that seems fishy. You need to let them know that your door is open at any time, okay !!*

Director of Department A: *In fact! I've gone a step further .... I had it taken off.*

