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YOUTH – THE ARCTIC WE WANT

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Inuit circumpolar residents – fellow Inuit

In the beginning we would like to present a ever present question, namely “what kind of opportunities are we to give to our youth in the future?”

It is always claimed that we have to develop industrially if we are to improve our economy.

Nevertheless, youth always needs support and empowerment.

Fight against poverty

There is ongoing global fight against poverty and the fight shall continue. But there will always be poverty thicken people and these are the ones that needs support.

Industrialization will not stop poverty, therefore we firstly have put our focus on human dignity.

As long term effort, early from childhood, at the daycare and at schools, and during secondary education, children need to learn what it means to have self worth. This way more people will have self worth, feeling of being needed and willpower; and this way they will have desire and readiness to work for the society.

We would also like to comment on housing shortages, both during education and after finished education. Youth in our country would like to express that there is need for more construction of housing. This way we can avoid housing shortages during education and after education.

Sharing with our fellow Inuit:

Indigenous people of Greenland are those that cherish Greenlandic language and culture. Greenlanders are keenly aware of that Greenlandic language will not disappear for eternity and that takes ongoing effort and the language always needs to be protected. We however have many weaknesses when it comes to preservation of Greenlandic culture. We just have to look into other Inuits to see how much they cherish their culture. They learn about their ancestral culture early from school. That is not what we have in Greenland, but efforts on cultural preservation is under development and that deserves acknowledgement.

It would be wonderful if we Inuits could share more on cultural efforts. For instance, in Greenland we are strong on language preservation and usage and our fellow Inuits have a strength in preserving and remembering the ancestral culture. This way we can share with what we have.

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Transportation is always a hindrance for more sharing. Transportation is so difficult that when we are to visit our fellow Inuits or just travel across the sea we have to go through Iceland or Denmark. We all know how expensive it is. Sharing could become much easier if we could travel directly without having to travel through Iceland or Denmark.

Mining in Arctic

When it comes to introduction of mining into our country, there are so many things we have to consider. Economically it is a fine idea, but when it comes especially to Uranium mining we have to look into our main source of income. It will be very unwise if we damage our beautiful land and its pristine clean animals and fish.

If you go out in the nature what you will first see are: Plants and clean nature full of living creatures. We still maintain what our ancestors cherish, country food, spending summer out in the nature and gathering food for the winter. We feel that we should choose clean nature and its fauna instead of choosing mining.

It is impossible for us to imagine that we in Greenland go out with a mask just like they do in Japan. Youth in our country cannot accept that. We also do not accept that we close communities due to mining.

Society in 2117

Low income groups have been adapted to time. Number of homeless have decreased with 24%. People help one another to greater extent remembering our ancestral stories. There is more construction, more housing complexes and jobs. Unemployment is minimal. These only after 24 years. Mining has been introduced despite people are reluctant. There is minimal unemployment due to mining and

people receive training in mining to minimize unemployment and low income. There are fewer hunters because mining created lower sales prices, hunters have taken education and some of them receive welfare support.

Green Greenland is becoming more colorless, fortunately circumpolar people and Inuits have gotten closer to one another.

Much easier transportation has become a reality in 2093. Monetary income has increased with 23%. What's wrong with that? Mining has decreased unemployment? It was something we fears for no reason! Attitudes are very important for more distant future. Greenland has already become a independent state, yeah, what's wrong with that?

Main income does not come from mining, tourism has become a main income. Circumpolar people have become better at providing activities for the tourist, for example cultural shows, much unlike in the past.

Fortunately people have become more active; art crafts from artisans are very popular among tourists and have become well-known. There are more tourists.

Tourist accommodations have been constructed at the top of the hills where there is good view. There is tourism all the year around.

Education with emphasis on Greenlandic language has been introduced. Greenlandic culture has also become an important subject and this way has become an asset that needs to be preserved. More high school students continue to higher education. Students that do not go further in education receive more help based on their skills.

We also see more and more young people that are proficient in English. Well educated youth has become good examples after good education due to usage of Inuit language.

This way wealth of Greenland is based on its population since it has become reowned due to good achievement of its people.

People of Greenland have become better at helping one another that is the main cause of good achievements.

We all are needed.