Day 15.12.12

Today started with a change. Our destination was Port Louis rather than SARO. There we headed into Vaghjee Memorial Hall where we were warmly welcomed. A small, interesting clip was projected in which we both were involved. The clip was based on the history of Mauritius and we were to shoot at fort Hendrick Grand – port, Le Morne, Apravasi Ghat, Port Louis and Champ de Mars. It was really an amazing experience to be in the skin of “stars”. The message conveyed was direct as the clip was not boring at all! Instead, it was funny and entertained the audience! Their eyes were glued on the screen and they were fascinated by our skills. The story deals with eminent personalities who shaped our island such as: Mahe de Labourdonnaise, Dr Maurice Curé Sir Gaëtan Duval and even the slaves! The latter had undergone a miserable life with many ordeals. They were whipped and the way they were treated touched our feelings. It was indeed a thriving success.

The SSR museum was our next destination. We were eager to find out more about the person who led us to independence. There are loads of images of SSR extracted from his life. Even his books and clothes are exposed. His bed is also present there. The atmosphere was intense. Everyone gets to know more about the father of the nation. Moreover, the equipment he used are still kept in a good state. It was quite impressive to get to know about his past life.

After a successful start of the morning some went to the SSR museum and some went to the National Assembly. We were very nervous at the start when we were going to the National Assembly. It was actually a very secure place. We were all amazed on entering the National Assembly on seeing the carved wooden chair of the speaker M. Razack Peeroo and how this magnificent place was architectured. We were all asked to take a seat and we were given some explanation on how the assembly works. We asked some more questions to boost our knowledge about the National Assembly and our curiosity was satisfied by the resource persons.

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Interview: Anais Perrine of Rodrigues and Stéphane Gervais of Chagos

How do you find NICE project?

Anais: I find it very interesting. I discovered a lot of things that I was unaware before. I went to various historical places and got the opportunity to make new friends.

Stéphane: Superb! There were new interesting games which I never played before.

What will you convey to your friends when you return to Rodrigues?

I will share all the activities performed with my friends. I will find share with youth like yourself?

Anais: Youth should stay united despite our different religious and cultural backgrounds.

Stéphane: Croque la vie bien. Tous les années bizin fer NICE.

What would you like to share with youth like yourself?

Hadjra & Jameer

The moment of the day was really heart touching. Speaking in one voice, 200 youth made the Vaghjee Hall vibrate with echoes of “Nu Pays! Nu Fierté”
Yesterday ended with the various groups presenting experiences and messages that the others youth who didn’t have the chance to be part of NICE. We should take a leading role as we are back in our world, our school, our peer ...We should impart this knowledge that we are acquiring at NICE with others in order to make our society a better one and a nicer one.

We should firstly inculcate these values and morals in our life and encourage others to adopt this for a better society. Even we go the opportunity to learn the various rules and regulations of our society. The laws of our country and our rights were shown to us. The things that can make our society a better one if we follow these well

Harshid Madlani

“We learn from the past to better shape our future”