This morning was different from every other morning as it was dedicated to NICE. Everything was quite blurry in our minds at the beginning as to what was going to happen there. We got on the vehicle provided to us and only saw a sea of strangers.

There was a mixture of fear and excitement. However, as soon as we arrived, we were flabbergasted by the welcoming atmosphere and it was just perfect.

The day started quite formally with the President’s impressive speech which was paying tribute to us youth.

The President’s speech was about tomorrow’s education in youth land. He underlined the fact that we are more capable of changing the Mauritian community by bringing ourselves to perfection in education.

He also emphasized the importance of technology and science as the subjects of the future in order for us to be a compelling force on the international front. Mr Ong, then took over and encouraged us to participate in some interesting ice-breaking activities.

After that, the group coordinators organized us into groups where we played a fantastic game involving a hoop and using our ten fingers. At first, everybody was confused but gradually the level of fun reached the max! At the end, different teams jumped and shouted hooray!

Concluding thoughts for today: NICE is definitely going to be a special event in our life. We are looking forward for the rest of NICE days to come!

By Donna Pierre, Veronique Casimir, Tina Vellien, Chanvind Custea, Harshind Madlani & Sita Babooram

Interview : Mr. Vedant Seeam

What was your expectations about the project?
That the students have fun and that they understand that we must all work together to create a new Mauritius.

What inspired you the most during this day?
I was inspired by the participants for instance being here with you right now.

By Harshind Madlani & Sita Babooram
Ice-breaking activities

It was a very captivating activity introduced by the very entertaining Mr. ONG. The latter made us participate in 4 activities:

1st: Shaking hands with the person sitting right and left. We were very hesitant initially. Secondly, we were engaged in a seating arrangement according to our height and shook hands once more with our new neighbours. Thirdly, we were asked to sit according to our birth date. Fourthly, we were asked to sit according to our month of birth.

But what made these activities interesting and challenging was that we were not allowed to talk and it got increasingly more complicated. Come the third and fourth activities, we could not use our hands and had to devise other ways of communicating. Though challenging, we certainly communicated with one another and made new friends.

This innovative way of communicating, having fun and making new friends was consistent throughout the day with further activities such as holding a stick with only one finger without talking and lowering it in a way so that it does not fall.

We conclude with what some of the participants said: “these activities demanded team spirit” and “tough & difficult” and “bien interessant”.

By: Sohawon Hadjra and Jameer Fawwaaz

Quotes of participants

‘Extra fun, regroup nou tou!’