



INTERNATIONAL  
**MEETING**  
**2018**  
ASIA-PHILIPPINES

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## **EXPOSURE SITES DESCRIPTION**

**11 Exposure Sites in 7 ASEAN Countries  
Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand,  
Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines**

“The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the [people] of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts” (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 1).

The Exposure-Immersion part (or simply called Exposure for such a brief duration) is an amazing opportunity for you to encounter and receive from the land, the peoples, cultures, faith traditions and practices of Asia. You will meet individual and families, situations, persons from the local Church and other faiths, and seek to understand the challenge of mission in its local context. In some countries, you will also learn about Fondacio Asia’s projects and communities (IFFAsia, YLDC & GREEN PASTURES). Some are well-implemented while others are emerging, but always with the commitment of the IFFAsia alumni and in partnership with local Churches and communities. You may discover some best practices with our teams and beneficiaries, and their struggles and hopes too. In these pages, you will find the description of the Exposure sites within seven (7) ASEAN countries.



Christians for the world

# THE PHILIPPINES



- We would like the participants to experience the different realities of the Philippines – the poverty in the country, the industrialized cities, and the resilience of the people.
- We would like to share also the history of Christianity by bringing the delegates to different churches and how it influences not just the culture but also the different practices here in the Philippines.
- Site 1 and Site 2 will have common activities beginning with the YLDC ((Youth Leadership / Livelihood and Development Center), IFFAsia; and different historical and industrialized places in Metro Manila

#1

## SITE 1 | EXPLORE THE COUNTRY

Location	Manila and the suburbs
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of Bagong Silang urban poor</li> <li>• Visit of YLDC (Youth Leadership and Development Center) and IFFAsia</li> <li>• Visit of industrialized area (Makati)</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...            You are going to visit Bagong Silang urban poor, which is the biggest ward in the Philippines. The poverty situation is a huge issue as many migrants from different provinces moved there thinking they will have better job opportunities. Bagong Silang community has been sending students to IFFAsia so you will encounter some of the Alumni and witness their involvement.</p> <p>Then, you are going to visit IFFAsia and YLDC that are both located in Quezon City, north east of Manila downtown.</p>

#2

## SITE 2 | ENCOUNTER THE DIFFERENT REALITIES

Location	Manila and the suburbs
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of Payatas urban poor</li> <li>• Visit of YLDC (Youth Leadership and Development Center) and IFFAsia</li> <li>• Visit of industrialized area (Makati)</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...            You are going to visit Payatas, an urban poor with its over 300,000 informal settlers, making it as the largest informal settlement in the country. It is the location for over 1,300 tons of waste every day. Since 1970's, about 50% of the community's income comes from the garbage industry. Payatas community was a mission area of Fondacio Philippines so they have been sending students to IFFAsia. Some of them are now part of our team !</p> <p>Then, you are going to visit IFFAsia and YLDC that are both located in Quezon City, north east of Manila downtown.</p>

# THE PHILIPPINES



#3

## SITE 3 | DREAM OF A BETTER WORLD

Location	Angat, Bulacan
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit of Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm</li></ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure... You are going to visit GK Enchanted Farm which is a platform to raise social entrepreneurs and help the local farmers. GK founder, Tony Meloto, found out that the road out of poverty is a continuing journey and therefore, providing homes is merely the beginning. Therefore, it aims to create inclusive wealth in the countryside.</p> <p>You are going to visit the organic farm and meet young social entrepreneurs, many of whom are from France.</p>

# MYANMAR (BURMA)



#4

## SITE 1 | MEET THE MYANMARIS YOUTH

Location	Yangon (largest city), 400km south from the capital Naypidaw
Main Activities	Visit of YLDC (Youth Leadership and Development Center)
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...            You are going to visit our YLDC, which is a Fondacio project. It started in 2005 and aims to empower the young with skills and values that enable them to break through their barriers to a positive future for their lives and communities.</p> <p>The four-month program provides 5 sets of skills for employment and continuing support (Office skills [English / computer], Professional development, Social responsibility, Self-management, and Income Generation Projects).</p>

#5

## SITE 2 | LIVE IN A TRADITIONAL VILLAGE

Location	Te Gyi Village is a very isolated village located 400km north from the capital.
Main Activities	Visit of Green Pastures (social and education project)
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...            You are going to discover the social development Green Pastures project run by Fondacio Myanmar since 2014 initiated by Martin, an alumni of IFFAsia.</p> <p>Since the population is currently living without electricity and running water, most of the villagers are working as subsistence farmers or laborers in surrounding towns and villages and do not receive any support from the State.</p> <p>To tackle extreme poverty and access education, Martin with the help of Fondacio, started the goat-breeding social enterprise. The income generated by goat-breeding is then shared equally between the families and fund the education of the village children.</p>

# THAILAND



#6

## SITE 1 | LIVE INTERCULTURALITY

Location	Bangkok (capital city)
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of the Youth Desk in the Diocese</li> <li>• Intercultural discovery: visit of the mosques and the temples</li> <li>• Visit of a shelter founded by Good shepherd sisters</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...</p> <p>You are going to meet the MAGIS youth group with Sye Sirimas, an IFFAsia alumni from batch 9 (2015) within a university under the chaplaincy of the Jesuits. They organize different programs for the students and a formation training for the core team members, in order to nurture the leadership in them.</p> <p>You will also visit a shelter founded by the Good shepherd sisters in order to empower the women and help them to have decent jobs by giving them different vocational training: handicrafts, sewing, hair designing, etc.</p> <p>Last but not least, we also want you to discover the inter-religious dialogue by visiting Buddhist temples and understand other religions as well.</p>

# VIETNAM



#7

## SITE 1 | TAKE CARE OF THE MOST FRAGILE

Location	Ho Chi Minh City (largest city by population)
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with IFFAsia Alumnis and Fondacio community</li> <li>• Visit of Mai Tam House of Hope</li> <li>• Visit of the Center for Special Children</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...</p> <p>You are going to discover The Mai Tam House of Hope, which is a home for HIV/AIDS positive widows, mothers and children that provides shelter, medicine, medical care, education, and referrals for its residents and the many walk-in it receives in need of support.</p> <p>You are also going to visit The Center for Special Children. It is a shelter and training center for children with mental disability and down-syndromes in order to let them feel useful, loved and accepted by the society. There is a restaurant which is served by the youth who were trained by this Center.</p>



#8

## SITE 1 | JOIN THE LAOTIAN YOUNG

Location	Vientiane (capital city)
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of YLDC (Youth Leadership / Livelihood and Development Center)</li> <li>• Visit to nearby village and temple</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...            You are going to discover the YLDC educational training program which aims to empower the village and poor youth adult with skills, values and knowledges. This social project seeks to give the opportunity for the youth to build their life plan and to get a quality job.</p> <p>The 6 months' program gives skills in English, IT, Self-development, Value enhancement, and propose a community life and an income generation project (little farming).</p>



#9

## SITE 1 | DISCOVER THE CAMBODIAN YOUNG

Location	Phnom Penh (capital city)
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of the Youth Training Center of Phnom Penh Vicariate</li> <li>• Visit of Peace Village</li> <li>• Visit of St.Justin's school of faith</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure...            You are going to discover the Youth Training Center, headed by the Vicariate of Phnom Penh, which offer the students to live in a spiritual and community life while studying. This Center gives different trainings for the young to enhance their skills and grow their personality.</p> <p>Also organized by the Vicariate of Phnom Penh, you will discover St Justin's school of faith, a 2-year formation program given during the weekends. After the formation, the students will all go on pilgrimage to an other country.</p> <p>Peace Village is a land bought by the bishop of Phnom Penh to gather some people who are under HIV treatment, some with special needs and their family members. Some of the community members do income generating projects (IGP) inside the village and some are able to work in the neighborhood.</p>



#10

## SITE 1 | GOING TO THE MALAYSIAN PERIPHERIES

Location	Kuala Lumpur (capital city) and suburbs
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of YLDC (Youth Leadership and Development Center)</li> <li>• Visit of Batu Arang homes, shelters for persons living with AIDS/HIV</li> <li>• Visit of Bangunan Zhongshan, an abandoned historical building transformed into a creative place</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure... You are going to discover the diversity of cultures and religious traditions in Malaysia; of artists, activists and researchers.</p> <p>The Batu Arang homes are different shelters run by various organizations to provide refuge to different vulnerable populations.</p> <p>YLDC provides basic education and life-skills to migrants and refugees in the city.</p>

#11

## SITE 2 | EXPERIENCE THE STRENGTH OF TRADITION

Location	Sabah, East Malaysia
Main Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit Intercultural discovery with the indigenous people and marginalized natives</li> </ul>
General description	<p>" Within this exposure... We want you to experience life among the community-based organization for the empowerment of the local indigenous people.</p> <p>Key projects include the revival of traditional systems such as river, fish and forest conservation through community mapping.</p>

# EXPOSURE SCHEDULE FOR PARTICIPANTS

DAY 1

April 30

DAY 2 & 3

May 1<sup>st</sup> -  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>

DAY 4

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

DAY 5

May 4<sup>th</sup>

ARRIVAL

TO

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DEBRIEFING,

REFLECTION,

SHARING  
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PHILIPPINES

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MARIAPOLIS,  
TAGAYTAY  
CITY