



Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching

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"Providing outreach programs, basic nutrition and health education as well as teacher training seminars or workshops that are relevant and practical for educators."

From Peter Wanner
Founder BOLT
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ASIAN YOUTH FORUM '11 MANILA, PHILIPPINES



This year the Asian Youth Forum (AYF) with its theme "Reaching Out" was held in the Philippines and was hosted by the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP) and supported by its President, Dr. Amihan April Alcazar and the City Government of Pasig.

The event was participated by delegates from 9 Asian countries: Philippines, Vietnam, Russia, Japan, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar and India. This convention of students was a week - long event that encouraged each delegate to share their culture and participate in all academic discussions, immersion in an indigent community and leadership training which sought to promote international friendship and social awareness. With the guidance of the following people, the event was a success: Dr. Peter John Wanner - Conference Chair, Magnolia Koh - Conference co-chair and advisers: Joanna Erika Lucas, Chris Capablanca and Prof. Yoshimi Nakamura from Japan.



The delegates arrived in Manila and were accommodated in Pasig Youth Development Center that served as their home for the duration of their stay. Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP) with its gracious and warm accommodation opened the use of the university's facilities for the entire event such as a newly built auditorium, conference room and Hotel and Restaurant Management (HRM) future chefs prepared mouth- watering meals throughout the event.



The dinner buffet at Dad's restaurant in SM Mega Mall, one of the biggest malls in the Philippines was enjoyed by the delegates. They were able to partake sumptuous cuisine from all over the world. This also served as the ice breaker for all delegates in knowing each other better as it promoted camaraderie and rapport.



To formally start the event. Pamatasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP) welcomed and formally opened the event by a parade of colors and demonstration of folk dances hailing from different region of the Philippines. Pasig Mayor, Honorable Maria Belen A. Eusebio graced the occasion by giving a welcome address in honor of all the participants.



Delegates proudly displayed their national costumes in the parade of nations that took everyone in awe.



As a breaker, delegates and the rest of the advisers experienced a fun session with some members of the Portrait Artist Club where in delegates were made as subjects.



Students went through some hands on seminars from some resource people in the likes of Director Ching Danseco an experienced film maker, did an active and dynamic session for all followed by a short film showing which had gone through an international screening kept the students on their toes. The session was to show the social responsibility and awareness of young adults on the reality of some social problems existing and beleaguering the society.

One of the highlights of this event is going to a tribe of Mangyans located in Banilad in Baco Mindoro. The delegates experienced being among the people and doing community services related to literacy such as teaching reading and math. All of them were exposed to the ways of the simple life of the tribal community.





Local Mangyan students studying and having fun with delegates.



As part of their immersion, the delegates hosted a feeding program for the whole tribe.



Through the help of donors, Balsamo Outreach Learning and Teaching (BOLT) with the coordination of Buhay at Kinabukasan Development Foundation, Inc. (BUKID) turned over donations to Mrs. Rosalina Melendres, guardian of the Mangyan tribe. Stuff donated were slippers and Hygiene kits.

The last night of the immersion was made memorable by the Mangyan tribe. They prepared a program wherein they demonstrated local rituals and practices. Young Mangyans treated them with local native songs which was a delight for all. Bonfire lightened up the event. This is their way of saying thank you to all who visited them.





On the last leg of the immersion, delegates spent one night in San Lorenzo Ruiz Academy of Calapan City. Teaching students reading and math took place and a special day wherein the delegates gamely showcased their talents in singing, dancing and role playing to the delight of both students and school staff. Awarding of certificate was done the day after and its off to Manila again for the participants. To signal the end of the week-long event, closing ceremony was held at Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP). Certificates of Attendance were given out to all participants and ITS PARTY TIME afterwards. See you at AYF13 at Thailand!!!!





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