

## **YOUTH AND FAMILY: TOGETHER AGAINST DRUGS**

THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL OF NGOs AGAINST DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (PHILCADSA) hosts the 19th IFNGO-ASEAN NGOs WORKSHOP to be held on 25 - 27 October 2010 at the Diamond Hotel, Roxas Blvd., Manila, The Philippines. The PHILCADSA's partners in this endeavor are the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

With "YOUTH AND FAMILY: TOGETHER AGAINST DRUGS" as theme, the Workshop has the following objectives:

Heighten the youth and the family's awareness of their potentials and human resource in the prevention of drug and substance abuse.

Reinforce the role of the youth and the family in building drug-free communities by utilizing their talents and creativity in developing programs to effectively address the drug problem.

Forge a dynamic partnership between the youth and the family as they contribute their share in the over-all efforts in combating drug and substance abuse.

### **THE PHILCADSA**

The Philippine Council of NGOs Against Drug and Substance Abuse (PHILCADSA) is the recognized national association of private, voluntary, non-profit and non-stock organizations involved in the campaign against drug and substance abuse. Its members bind themselves in a common commitment to address the problem of drug and substance abuse through education, information, training, research, treatment and rehabilitation, and aftercare. They believe that the effectiveness of their efforts can be achieved through partnership with government, cooperation among themselves, and above all, their faith in the Almighty God.

The PHILCADSA strongly reaffirms what it believes to be a most basic principle: When youth and family are partners, drugs will have no place in homes and communities.

This has inspired PHILCADSA to take it on as theme of the 19th IFNGO ASEAN NGOs WORKSHOP. We all start from and live in the home. It therefore, must be drug-free to develop prosperous, peaceful and wholesome families and communities. The PHILCADSA urges all IFNGO members to participate in the Workshop and together, like the youth and families we wish to serve, let us fight drug and substance abuse. We will do this by learning from one another's best practices.

### **Youth Participation**

A special feature of this year's Workshop is a stronger participation of youth representatives from ASEAN member organizations. The PHILCADSA requests that youth compose half of representatives from each ASEAN nation, with the aim of giving them more voice and a wider participation in deliberations whose results will directly or

indirectly affect them. The IFNGO-ASEAN NGOs' present thrust is the strong involvement of the youth in eradicating drug and substance abuse since this social malaise has them as target. If this fight must be forceful and effective, it must involve the youth themselves.

Representatives from national anti-drug associations from ASEAN countries will converge in the Philippines with their youth groups to share expertise and experiences. At the end of the Workshop, the youth participants together with their "parent" IFNGO members, will put up a plan of action that will connect their countries through the common vision of a drug-free ASEAN.

**Highlights of the 19th IFNGO-ASEAN NGOs WORKSHOP include the following:**

Messages from officials of the IFNGO and the Philippines' Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)  
A skit at the opening ceremonies  
Presentation of country situationers focusing on the youth and the family  
A panel discussion on the youth and the family together against drugs  
Community building games and exercises  
Messages from heads of delegations  
Cultural presentations  
Workshops in various partner venues and sharing of workshop results in a plenary session  
Organization of the IFNGO Youth Wing. Election and induction of officers  
Search for Mr. and Ms IFNGO ASEAN 2010  
Presentation of PHILCADSA Awards

Please note:

1. Since the IFNGO-Youth Wing will be organized at the Workshop (there will be an election of youth officers among the ASEAN youth representatives), we request each national organization to elect your set of officers who would be eligible for election for positions in the IFNGO Youth Wing. They could compose your country's youth representatives.

2. From among your youth participants, please select a male and a female who would represent your country in the Search for Mr. and Ms IFNGO-ASEAN 2010.

Basic guidelines in the election and the search include ages between 18 - 30, with leadership ability, of good moral character and able to spread the important message of a drug-free family and community.

Other guidelines will be agreed upon in the Workshop.

Candidates in the Search for Mr. and Ms IFNGO-ASEAN 2010 must be ready to be in their national costume, present a talent number, and do well in the interview.

## **Reminders**

You will be met at the airport upon arrival and also brought there for your return home. An exhibit area will be provided for associations that wish to share informative materials and products.

October may bring some rains so be ready with your umbrella.

Bring your national costume for the opening ceremonies.

Bring your maintenance medicines, if need be.

Share yourself, your country, your expertise and experience, make friends with fellow delegates, be partners of one another. With this, why shouldn't we win the battle against drugs?

## **Registration form**

Please fill up the attached information sheet and send it to:

The PHILCADSA

E-mail: philcadsaphil@yahoo.com

Dear IFNGO Participants:

This is the first announcement on the 19th IFNGO-ASEAN NGOs Workshop to be held on 25 - 27 October 2010 in Manila with the theme, "Youth and Family: Together Against Drugs."

Dr. Cindy Dollente Ang, PHILCADSA first vice president and executive director, will communicate with you regularly on details and progress of the Workshop.

Thank you and see you in October.

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