



4th UNIVERISTY SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

A LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL CHANGE

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One thousand of the world's Outstanding Students will come together for the 4th University Scholars Leadership (USL) Symposium in Manila, Philippines.

This annual event hosted by Humanitarian Affairs United Kingdom is specially designed to provide the next generation leaders an understanding of key sustainable development challenges, and to motivate them to realise their potential as agents of change through challenging training with diverse international peers and inspiring interactions with experienced humanitarian leaders.

The program will allow Youth Leaders from Institutions of Higher Learning and NGOs the necessary knowledge and skills to initiate humanitarian services to the Global Poor.

It will also provide them with opportunities for growth and involvement. The University Scholars Leadership Symposium will engage participants and enable them to deliver humanitarian aid to disadvantaged communities in poverty-driven and disaster-prone nations.



HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

Humanitarian Affairs, United Kingdom provides a venue for young people to be trained in doing social development work in order to nurture them into world-class citizens with a global mindset towards alleviating the problems of communities in need.

It runs programmes across different nations through the relief efforts they extend to countries and communities that are poverty and disaster-stricken. Humanitarian Affairs believes that encountering different cultures and providing aid to those suffering abroad facilitates both intellectual and emotional development for the young people it mentors. Through its projects, Humanitarian Affairs aspires to transform momentary feelings of compassion into a long-lasting sense of responsibility, community and sympathy for the Global Poor.

Humanitarian Affairs is a London-based non-profit, non-government organisation. As a social enterprise, it is incorporated under the Company Act of 1985 and registered with the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales. The registration number is 6582565.

Humanitarian Affairs Asia is its Asia Secretariat based in Thailand. This Office administers the annual University Scholars Leadership Symposium and other programmes and projects held in the Asia and Pacific Region.

MANILA SYMPOSIUM 2013

The Manila Symposium 2013 will bring 1,000 of the world's dynamic student activists in the field of sustainable development together in August 2013. It offers a unique opportunity to network with young leaders from all over the world—those who share the same passion for alleviating the plight of the poor.

Humanitarian Affairs United Kingdom recognises the importance to enhance delegates' experiences beyond merely acquiring new knowledge on humanitarian services. Thus, nurturing creative thinkers and grooming aspiring leaders are two new niche activities for the Manila Symposium 2013. Our goal is for every delegate to experience activities that contribute to their holistic development and empower them to become excellent global citizens dedicated to service leadership.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BAM AQUINO

In August 2012, Bam Aquino, at age 35, was recognized as part of the Ten Outstanding Young People (TOYP) of the World because of his world-class contributions in Business, Economics and Entrepreneurship. This recognition reflects the successes of his work with the youth and in the field of social entrepreneurship he was greatly known for in the Philippines.

Social entrepreneurship and Bam Aquino are words that go hand-in-hand. In 2006, Bam co-founded MicroVentures Incorporated, a social enterprise that services entrepreneurs through micro financing. This enterprise sustains the popular Hapinoy Store Program, which helps Filipino micro-entrepreneurs run their own sari-sari stores, the iconic small retail-based convenience stores of the Philippines.

Hapinoy—a play on the words “Happy” and “Pinoy”—builds on the community of sari-sari storeowners it forms to attain bulk product discounts. Beyond lending capital through its microfinance institution partners, the program extends its services by providing the storeowners with cheaper access to goods, training in personal and business development, and

consultations to improve their operations. The Hapinoy Store Program continues to serve Filipinos by constantly innovating what it can offer to micro-entrepreneurs and working with them in creating more sustainable livelihoods.

Prior to being an entrepreneur, Bam has served others in various capacities as a youth leader. He is the youngest person to be appointed in a government post as the chairperson of the National Youth Commission, the core youth policy-making arm of the Philippine government, from 2003 to 2006. Succeeding achievements include being awarded as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, and as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines for 2010.





SPEAKERS



TONY MELOTO

Tony Meloto was born to a low middle class family in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental in the Philippines. At a young age, he was already exposed to the squalid living conditions of the poor, his home being near a shoreline squatter community where poverty was already very pronounced.

Tony's natural acumen provided him the opportunity to be an American Field Service scholar, where he took his senior high school year in California and, later on, a Full Academic Scholar of the Ateneo de Manila University. After graduating, he was offered a position at Procter and Gamble.

It was during an assignment in Australia that he heard the call to start the work with the poor through a youth program in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City. Since it began in 1995, the program has now evolved to become Gawad Kalinga ("to give care"), a movement that builds integrated, holistic and sustainable communities in slum areas.

Gawad Kalinga is now being implemented in almost 2,000 communities in the Philippines and in other developing countries such as Indonesia, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea. It has become a concrete manifestation of the healing of relationships in the Philippines, bridging the gap between the rich and the poor, government and the private sector by simply bringing back what is uniquely Filipino – the spirit of "bayanihan", the willing sharing of any heavy load for the good of his fellowmen.



ROBIN LIM

Robin Lim is a CNN Hero of the Year 2011 Awardee for her work in promoting maternal health care and traditional birthing techniques for disadvantaged mothers in Bali, Indonesia. She was pushed into pursuing midwifery in 1995 after experiencing the loss of three important women in her life—her midwife, Sunny Suplee, her best friend, Brenda Swartz, and her younger sister, Christine Kim who died while carrying a baby in her womb.

Emerging from her suffering, she decided to live her life only for love and envelope those around her with this same love. These were the beginnings of her commitment to providing mothers and babies a safe and loving environment during a mother's pregnancy, childbirth and thereafter especially after moving to Bali, Indonesia with her family.

Robin encountered challenges during her pregnancy and in her hunt for safe midwifery in Bali. It was through this experience that she decided to put up Yayasan Bumi Sehat (Healthy Mother Earth Foundation) with the help of family members and good friends. The clinic's humble beginnings started out in providing prenatal care from Robin's house. Eventually, the demand for her expertise and care grew as more and more people sought her help in giving safe maternal care for mothers who did not have enough money to pay for such services. She became known as "Ibu Robin" for her work in providing free prenatal care, birthing services and other support for them.



GERALDINE COX

Geraldine started her career with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs in 1970. Her first posting was to Phnom Penh, where she experienced life in a country at war when the Vietnam War spilled over into Cambodia.

After resigning from the government in 1987 she worked for 8 years with The Chase Manhattan Bank in Sydney before deciding to live in Cambodia in 1996.

Geraldine's original experiences in Cambodia never left her and on a return visit in 1993 she became involved in helping an orphaned Cambodian child. From that small beginning Geraldine co-founded what is now the Sunrise Children's Villages.

Pan Macmillan published Geraldine's autobiography, *Home Is Where The Heart Is* in 2000 and Hollywood bought the rights to make a feature film based on her book.

The documentary, *My Khmer Heart*, won the Hollywood Film Festival Documentary of the Year Award in 2000 and has since been bought and screened by HBO and Discovery Cable Channels

Her story has been featured on Australian Television over the last few years on Australian Story, The Sunday Program, This Is Your Life, Four Corners, Today Tonight, The 7.30 Report, 60 Minutes and Talking Heads.



PETER BAINES

Hands Across the Water was set up as a direct result of Peter Baines personally witnessing the devastating effects of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. Peter worked in Thailand as part of the response team following the Tsunami. During his time in Thailand Peter worked with Gill Williams from the UK Police who introduced him to the needs of a number of Thai children who lost both parents and were living in a tent. Sadly, many had also lost members of their extended families and their homes and villages were destroyed.

Peter wanted to contribute in a more meaningful way to the lives of the many children who had been orphaned by the Tsunami and it was through this belief that with Gill, Hands Across the Water Australia and UK was born.

Creating sustainable leadership became a passion of his after witnessing the devastating effects of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. He was deeply touched by the number of children left orphaned by the disaster and was inspired to establish Hands Across the Water that could make a significant difference in the lives of these children.

Today Peter spends his time helping businesses build effective Sustainable Leadership programs through the unique mix of his leadership and corporate social responsibility initiatives and continues to lead the team at Hands Across the Water.



SIMERJEET SINGH

“Walk the talk” is a saying that we often take for granted. It takes someone of strong character to follow this as things are often easier said than done. For the clients he has served all over the world, Simerjeet Singh comes into the picture as the perfect guide and coach to move them to take action on the things that truly matter at work and in their personal lives.

The richness of his presentations and programs are backed by a colorful 10 years of work experience in some of the Financial Times 500 companies in the Middle East, North America, Europe, Australia and Asia.

Landing leadership positions in jobs abroad gave him the opportunity to learn more about working with different personalities and gain many insights from experiences and people he encountered. His talent in connecting with people was further enhanced when he became a Certified NLP Practitioner (UK) and after receiving a Certificate in Personal Performance Coaching (UK).

One day, Simerjeet realized that his calling was directed towards helping others in discovering their true potential. Ever since this realization, he has been cooking up innovative ways in delivering his messages of empowerment and challenging the things that block people’s path to success and greatness.

What makes Simerjeet such a powerful Motivational Speaker, Corporate Trainer and Youth Empowerment Coach is that he is able to deliver messages of deep content with much simplicity and clarity.



PAMELA WIGGLESWORTH

Pamela Wigglesworth is an American international corporate trainer, inspiring speaker and managing director of Experiential Hands-on Learning, a training and development consultancy firm.

Pamela has been living in Asia for over 20 years and works with various organisations to enhance their branding and marketing communications. She specialise in providing trainings on presentation skills, personal communication skills and self-effectiveness.

She has a love of learning which keeps her at the top of her game and enjoys passing on that knowledge to those in her courses. Utilizing her enthusiasm and leadership skills she is able to engage every participant through teaching and activities that help them growth as an individual.

She has lectured on general business subjects for Regent Business School, Raffles Institute of Design and the Asian Centre for Professional Excellence. As part of a United Nations Development Programme effort, she conducted retail business plan development training for several Bhutanese companies.

She is a member of the Asia Professional Speakers and served as the 2011-2012 Vice President. She is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce and a founding board member of the PrimeTime Business and Professional Women's Association. She has had multiple articles published in the various newspapers and magazines.



LLOYD LUNA

Known as a Motivation Star in Asia, Lloyd Luna is an international motivational speaker, television host, business consultant and Internet entrepreneur. He is a columnist who writes regularly for The Manila Times and GoodNewsPilipinas.com, and has written or contributed business and management columns for newspapers and magazines from all over the world.

Working as a motivational speaker in Asia has featured him in major personal development conventions in Malaysia, Brunei, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, and United Arab Emirates, where 98% of his audience has rated his speaking performance with a perfect score of 10. Top Brands Philippines has awarded him as the 2012 Most Outstanding Professional Service and Training Provider and the 2012 Most Outstanding Author and Motivational Speaker.

In the last six years, he has spoken to over half a million people and has consulted to more than 300 local and multinational companies. He has also spoken in major conventions and conferences worldwide on Internet marketing, workplace empowerment, business success, and career improvement.

In 2005, he founded a publishing and consulting company at age 23; beginning his business with a Php 10,000 (approx. \$200) capital which was only enough to register the business at that time. Through his hard work and consistent delivery of excellent service, he has grown his client base of about 300 companies since it started.



PLENARY SESSIONS

In order to build sustainable projects and communities, there must first be an attempt to build the characters of those who will be leading these initiatives. Thus, the Manila Symposium 2013 will focus on refining the characters and skills of its delegates through its Plenary Sessions on Personal Development and Leadership in Humanitarian Services.

Delegates will have the choice which workshops to attend during the four break-up sessions. They will be able to choose from two out of three workshops for each focus.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- i. The A-Z of Setting and Getting Your Goals
- ii. The Ultimate Success Formula
- iii. The Personal Mastery for Peak Performance

LEADERSHIP IN HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

- i. Starting a Social Enterprise
- ii. How to Set-Up H.A. Chapters in Your College
- iii. Initiating A Community Service Project

A VOICE IN SOCIAL CHANGE

Believing in the youth's ideas and their desire to make a positive difference, Humanitarian Affairs will provide a venue for the youth leaders of the world to share their innovative and sustainable ideas to address the eight millennium development goal, namely:

- i. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- ii. Achieve universal primary education
- iii. Promote gender equality and empower women
- iv. Reduce child mortality
- v. Improve maternal health
- vi. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- vii. Ensure environmental sustainability
- viii. Develop a global partnership for development

The youth should identify a particular concern of their communities vis-a-vis the listed goal above—and turn those ideas into reality.

To help the youth turn their ideas into reality, the Humanitarian Affairs in partnership with UNESCO will provide (to the winning project/s) with seed money amounting to USD 2,000.00 so they can implement their idea within six to nine months.



LEARNING JOURNEY



The Learning Journey of the USL Symposium is that one-day in the weeklong event wherein the delegates have the opportunity to do humanitarian work. This activity is a full day dedicated to spending time with children of disadvantaged backgrounds to help the delegates have a better grasp of the field of humanitarian work. Delegates have the opportunity to put what they learn into practice and dive “into the trenches” of sustainable development through a variety of humanitarian service projects.

Truly, the Learning Journey is the heart of the USL Symposium. Not only do the delegates get to impart lessons on the children, but they also take home with them life lessons that these children in turn give to them. The Learning Journey is one unforgettable event for the many lives it touches at the end of the day.

WHY JOIN THE SYMPOSIUM ?

Do you have a passion to alleviate the disease of global poverty?

Do you have a vision of Doing Something for the Global Poor?

Have you also thought of becoming a Young Role Model to inspire others and to make a positive contribution in this World?

If you are that person with passion, vision and positive motivation, then you should attend the University Scholars Leadership Symposium in Manila, Philippines.

We at Humanitarian Affairs can empower you to take concrete action to realize your vision and passion!

The Symposium will teach you exactly what you should know from planning, managing and implementing a successful humanitarian service project in your local communities or around the globe. We provide guidance and leadership training to bring about social change to those who share our vision.

If you want to be an Agent of Change, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Be a part of the Movement to bring positive change to the world!

Humanitarian Affairs welcomes anyone aged between 17 to 30 years old. Any graduate or young professional who wishes to learn about Humanitarian initiatives is encouraged to join the Symposium. Those who may participate are:

- Non-Profit Organisation Leaders
- Non-Government Organisation Leaders
- Foundations Leaders
- Humanitarian Relief Organisations
- Corporations Interested in Corporate Social Responsibility
- Civil Service Personnel
- Social Entrepreneurs
- International Volunteer Leaders
- Youth Leaders
- Consultants to Volunteer-Driver Organisations
- Aspiring Volunteer Leaders
- Volunteers Who Want to Make Difference



BECOMING OUR DELEGATE

All applicants must pass through the organisation's screening process. Successful applicants must confirm their participation by paying their registration fee.

Delegates must choose from the rates below to determine which package better suits their needs.

| | Full Symposium Registration Fee (Individual) | Full Symposium Registration Fee (Group of 3 or more) | Convention & Networking Access (With Meals) | Convention & Networking Access Only |
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| Early Registration 25 January 2013 to 31 May 2013 | USD 780 THB 25,000 PHP 33,000 SGD 1,000 | USD 750 THB 23,500 PHP 32,000 SGD 950 | USD 500 THB 16,000 PHP 21,000 SGD 650 | USD 350 THB 11,000 PHP 15,000 SGD 450 |
| Late Registration 1 June 2013 to 25 July 2013 | USD 850 THB 27,000 PHP 36,000 SGD 1,100 | USD 780 THB 25,000 PHP 33,000 SGD 1,000 | USD 550 THB 17,500 PHP 23,500 SGD 700 | USD 450 THB 14,000 PHP 19,000 SGD 570 |
| 6-night accommodation on a twin-sharing basis | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Participation in the Learning Journey | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Meals including 6 Breakfast Meals, 5 Lunch Meals and 8 Coffee Breaks | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| One Piece of Souvenir T-shirt | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Entry to All Guest Lectures and the Plenary Sessions | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Entry to all Networking Sessions | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Local Transportation during Official Activities | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| A Certificate of Participation | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

OUR OUTSTANDING DELEGATES

Angelica Casado (Australia)

After attending the USL Symposium in Pattaya, Thailand, Angelica was inspired to create a relief appeal to her university which raised more than \$5,000 AUD for the Thai flood victims in 2011. Her leadership and involvement in community work has garnered her the title of being Australia's sole representative to the World Summit in Mexico.

Holly Ransom (Australia)

Holly was truly inspired at the Melaka Symposium and she decided to become a social entrepreneur running a business centered on helping young people realize their full potentials & leading innovative change in not-for-profit organisations.

Brandon Louise Medrano (Philippines)

Brandon decided to do something worthwhile after attending the Pattaya Symposium. He set-up a Humanitarian Affairs Chapter in his college to benefit more young people. Under his leadership, the HA Chapter was able to collect 21,800 plastic bottles in a single day. The collected bottles were recycled and funds raised were used to buy 171 chairs for a school in the Isabela Province of the Philippines that was devastated by the Typhoon Washi back in 2011.

Ibrahim Olouch (Kenya)

Ibrahim was a delegate of the first and second USL Symposium. Ever since his participation in the two Symposiums, he had coordinated with the organisation to set-up Humanitarian Affairs Chapters in three African countries and has recently organised a training camp to teach more African youths on sustainable livelihood.

Teresa Seminara (Canada)

In May 2011, Teresa was awarded with the Youth Medal by the Quebec Lieutenant Governor for her work with Humanitarian Affairs and through the Humanitarian Affairs Chapter which she initiated after having been inspired to do humanitarian work by participating in the USL Symposium in Melaka in 2010.

Laura Sykes (Australia)

It was indeed a truly life-changing experience for Laura. It allowed her to learn more about global humanitarian issues and the challenges facing those involved in the field of social development. In her pursuit to share the knowledge she gained from the Symposium, she started her own Vision Group through Vision Generation, World Vision's youth movement, in order for her to educate and empower students in her university about key humanitarian issues.

Katie Blundy (Australia)

Katie's passion was ignited after her participation in the USL Symposium. After the Symposium, she has dedicated her time and her talents in creating sustainable livelihood for a Zulu community in South Africa as she works full time on a cultural tourism project that aims to empower and generate income for the members of this community.



TESTIMONIALS FROM THE COLLEGES

It is such a wonderful opportunity for me to have been part of the USL symposium in my capacity as a faculty observer. My experiences in Pattaya, Thailand in 2011 and in Bali, Indonesia in 2012 have been great. I have seen how the delegates all over the world have been transformed into more responsible members of the community. I have also witnessed how our scholar-delegates have developed their leadership skills. In fact, they have been able to organize the Humanitarian Affairs De La Salle Health Sciences Institute Chapter. Indeed, USL symposium makes one's dreams happen. See you in the Philippines for the 4th USL Symposium '13.

Dr. Johnny O. Cabanias

Director for Academic Services

De La Salle Health Sciences Institute, Philippines

My participation as a faculty observer in the last University Scholars Leadership Symposium has been an experience of a lifetime. I have come to witness peoples from different cultures, different religions and different races, working together, living together, and loving together; peoples from various nations and various languages unified by the common spirit of giving, loving, sharing, caring, and cooperating and raring to become their own persons.

In this symposium, I had an awesome experience of learning new things, meeting good friends, building and nurturing relationships, and creating networks with delegates from other universities; as well as visiting wonderful locations and enjoying places of interest in the host country.

My wish is for more people to learn and share the same wonderful opportunities and amazing experiences I had.

You, too, can have the same opportunity in Manila! You, too, can have your chance to live the Humanitarian Affairs Experience in Manila! Have more fun in the Manila Symposium 2013!

Mr. Severino P. Pader

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What is the *most* important thing to be a leader? It is not a question of *how to be* a leader or *what kind of skills* we need to be a leader, but it is about *for what* we exercise our leadership. In my opinion, it is not for ourselves, but for the others, and more importantly, for our society. I am talking about *social responsibility* of the leaders. 'Our society' is not referred to only our country, but it is extended to global community and all mankind. The USL Symposium in Bali did not provide the young student leaders from around the world with only the skills of being leader, but also the social responsibility. The Bali Symposium delivered experiences and inspiration from many international esteemed leaders who have utilized their leadership to help people and to make our society and the world better. More importantly, it was the process of activity-based learning to understand, to analyze, to plan and to act to solve problems in our society. And the most wonderful outcome was the participants can learn from each other. Not only can the student leaders learn, but also I learned, with amusement. And that made the Bali Symposium the best and the most enjoyable symposium I had attended over the past few years.

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