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INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS
ASIA PACIFIC

NEWSLETTER

"Preferential option for the poor and mother Earth"

INTRODUCTIONS

Greetings from IMCS Asia Pacific!

We want to greet you a very late Happy New Year 2023 and Happy Lunar New Year. As Helen Keller said, “I would rather walk with a friend in the dark than alone in the light”. True, we confessed that the year of 2022 would not be easy for us to keep working without supports from our partners, national movements, and all our friends. We are thankful for all the efforts you put during that challenging year. We need somebody around us to help and support us, which we can help one another to keep looking ahead.

In the year 2023, we are great to share with you, what we’ve done and some upcoming programs during this year with you. Please send us also your information and opportunity regarding human rights, justice and peace and inspiring programs so that we can still helping and supporting each other with the information and opportunity with the mission “Inspired by our living experience of Christ and guided by the preferential option for the poor, IMCS seeks to foster a community which develops a pedagogy of critical reflection and holistic transformation and solidarity for realizing a world of justice and peace.”

IMCS AP Coordination Team

IMCS ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMS

IMCS PAX ROMANA ADVOCACY TRAINING PROGRAM

In May-June 2022, IMCS Asia Pacific initiated and has conducted Advocacy Training Program for regional phase in collaboration with North South Initiative (NSI) and International Catholic Movement for Intellectual & Cultural Affairs (ICMICA). The program is aimed to empower student leaders to be advocates for the specific issues in their countries and communities. There were 40 participants from 15 countries belong to the 4 regions of IMCS Pax Romana.

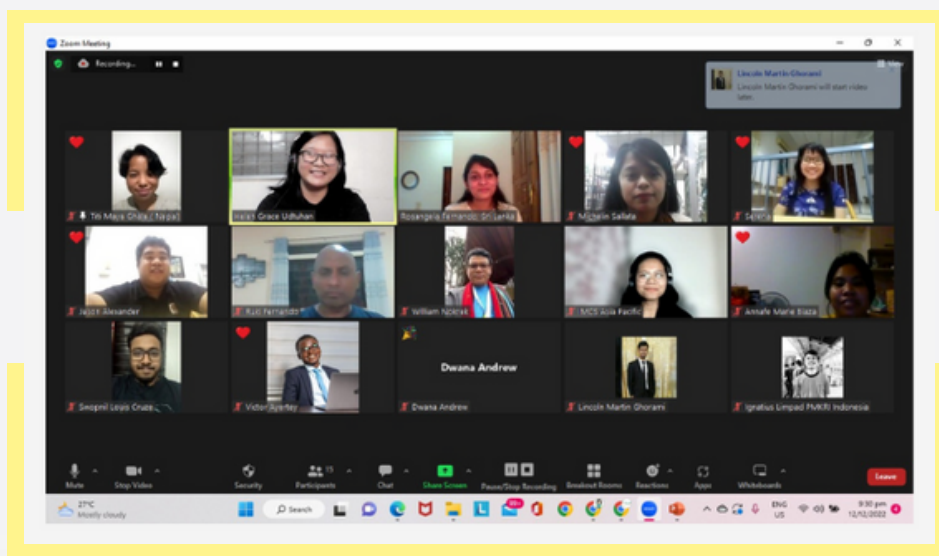


As a result of this training, 10 out of 40 students become youth facilitator and be able to facilitate some topics for the follow-up training program which has conducted in November-December 2022 and in collaboration with IMCS Pan Africa Secretariat.

“I have enhance my international prospective and understood the roles of youth and goals of future in various issues” – Ching Hsuan Ko (UCCSA, Taiwan)

WEBINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2022

The last Webinar held in 2022: As part of the celebration of the World Human Rights Day 2022, IMCS Asia Pacific together with the Student Leaders conducted a webinar with the International theme 'Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All' and the IMCS sub-theme "Human Rights: Recovering the Fundamental Rights for everyone". The webinar aims to inspire the young people to be Human Rights defenders and to engage them in recovering the fundamental rights for everyone.

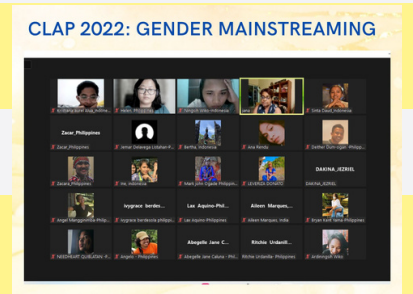
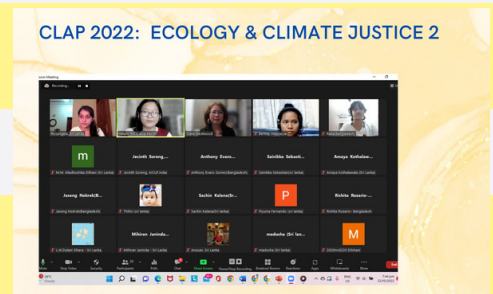


IMCS CONTINUED LEARNING AND ACTION PROGRAM (CLAP)

CLAP Workshop of IMCS Asia Pacific was the first international program that I could participate in my life to share my idea with the other students from another countries in Asia...” – Jude Abeykoon (SLUCSM, Sri Lanka).

In 2022, IMCS Asia Pacific has conducted Third Edition of CLAP Workshops with 7 different themes and has reached more students to share their ideas regarding the topics.

This initiative started from 2020 with the purpose to build the capacity of students and has been able to develop the student leaders from national movements.



NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP

IMCS Asia Pacific coordinator, William Nokrek, has participated in the two-week 30th Annual Human Rights and People's Diplomacy Training Program for Human Rights Defenders from the Asia-Pacific Region in Bangkok from 23rd January - 3rd February 2023. During this training, as a part of People's Diplomacy, William Nokrek met with Ms. Georgina Lloyd, Regional Coordinator of Environmental Law and Governance and Ms. Elin Gidloef, Associate Program Officer (Human rights and the Environment) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Asia Pacific and Dr Angela Macdonald PSM, the Australian Ambassador to Thailand (30/01). During his visit, he interacted about IMCS' new initiative "International Youth Training Centre (IYTC)" in Chiang Mai, Thailand and IMCS Pax Romana's Global Study Session 2023 in IYTC.



The Ambassador and First Secretary of Australian Embassy (30/01)



UNEP Coordinator (25/01)



UNEP Associate Program Office (25/01)

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE

"International Youth Training Centre (IYTC) is a formation centre established with the purpose of contributing to youth leadership building, environmental justice and Asian Spirituality. IYTC is established in the city of Chiang Mai of Thailand by IMCS Asia Pacific in collaboration with Office of the promotion of Non-Formal of Education of the Ministry of Education of Thailand, Baan Saan Fun Pan Suk, and the Brothers of St. Gabriel's Foundation, Thailand.



Holy Trinity Chapel IYTC

On occasional feast day of Holy Trinity, IMCS is going to inaugurate the Holy Trinity Chapel at IYTC by Bishop Vira Arpondratana on June 4, 2023.



The Inaguration of IYTC, Thailand



UPCOMING EVENTS

CLAP WORKSHOP ON STUDENT ACTIVISM IN FEBRUARY 2023

Historically, students have served as catalysts for social and political change by forging new thoughts and ideologies. In this context, falls on student movements to act as catalysts for student activism and guide them to transform the activism into movements.

The Workshop is designed to train the young people about student activism for them as student leaders and how it becomes important.

IMCS Pax Romana Asia Pacific
Continued Learning and Action Program (CLAP)

WORKSHOP ON "STUDENT ACTIVISM"

Facilitator:

Ruki Fernando
Consultant, Centre for Society & Religion, Sri Lanka
Former member, IMCS Asia Pacific Chaplaincy Team

Live Session
February 11, 12, 18, & 19
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Manila Time

Participation:
• Age below 30
• A participation certificate shall be issued upon successful completion
• Open for maximum 30-40 students

Register here:
bit.ly/CLAPActivism
or Scan below:

@imcs_pax_romana_asia_pacific

In this upcoming month of February, IMCS Asia Pacific are going to organize a CLAP Workshop on Student Activism virtually.

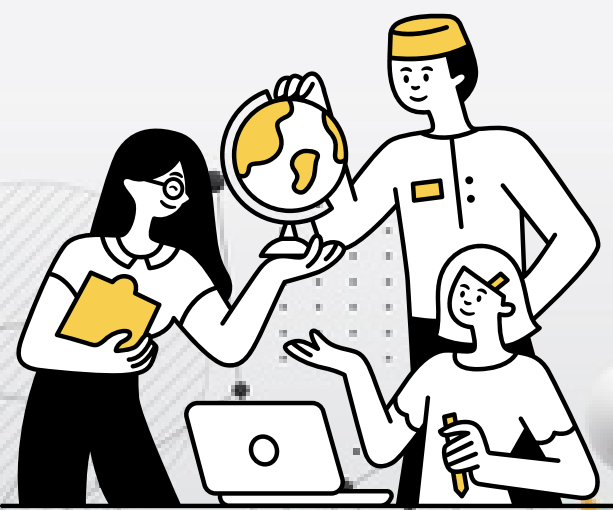
Medium: Zoom

Day: Saturday & Sunday

Date: 11, 12, 18 & 19 February 2023

Time: 7.30 PM - 9.30 PM
Manila/HK/KL Time .

REGISTER HERE



WEBINAR ON INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 2023

In celebrating International Mother Language Day, IMCS with the Indigenous People's Youth Commission are going to organize a webinar focus on **“Challenges and Opportunities: Preserving Mother Language in a Diverse and Multicultural Society in the World”**.

The main objective of the program is to build students awareness to preserve their mother language in diverse and multicultural world.



Time and schedule:

Day/Date: Tuesday, 21 February 2023

Time: 8-9.30 PM Manila Time

REGISTER HERE

Besides, please share your opinion with us: **“Why is mother language important in your life?”**

SHARE YOUR OPINION

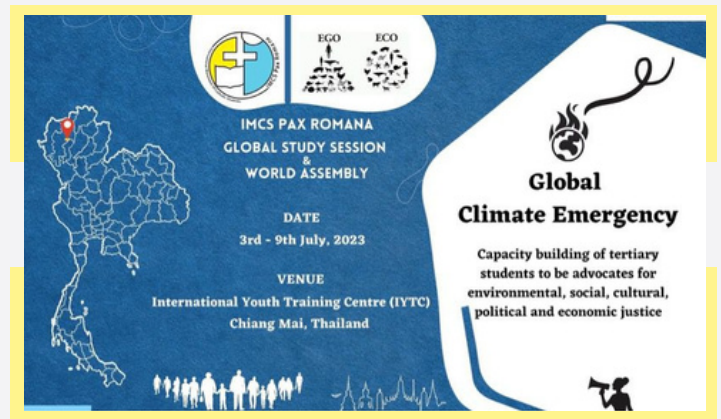
IMCS PAX ROMANA GLOBAL STUDY SESSION AND WORLD ASSEMBLY

According to the statutes of IMCS Pax Romana, its World Assembly, the highest decision-making body of the Movement, is scheduled to take place this year.

Theme: "Global Climate Emergency - Capacity building of tertiary students to be advocates for environmental, social, cultural, political and economic justice"

Venue: International Youth Training Centre (IYTC), Chiang Mai, Thailand

Date: 3rd to 9th of July 2023



We invite the national movements and contact members/groups to send your delegates to participate this program. Please Kindly contact the IMCS Asia Pacific Regional Secretariats or the International Secretariat should you have any questions about the World Assembly 2023.

NATIONAL MOVEMENT UPDATES

The Union of the University Catholic Students of the Republic of Indonesia (PMKRI)



The 11th National work conference of the Union of the University Catholic Students of the Republic of Indonesia (PMKRI) with the theme "The Role of Youth in Welcoming Indonesia Gold 2045" which gather 235 students from 51 branch of PMKRI in Toraja, in 22nd – 28th January 2023.

International Movement of Catholic Students Nepal



INSIGNA Project Phase 2 has been conducted by IMCS Nepal in a remote place, called Gyalthum. The program was focusing on the menstrual health and hygiene. It was on 28th-29th January 2023. The training was conducted to the 17 participants, how they can make sustainable and reusable pads.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

Civil20 India 2023 #YouAreTheLight

C20 India 2023 is one of the Working Group of the G20 that provides a platform for CSO around the world to share the aspirations to the other leaders.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

UN ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023

In this year's UN ECOSOC Youth Forum will be focusing on:
"COVID-19 recovery:
"Youth taking action for a sustainable future"

Don't miss this incredible opportunity, sign up here:

[REGISTER UN ECOSOC](#)

The Y20 India Summit in 2023

A valuable opportunity for the global youth to reflect on the following priority areas and suggest policy recommendations for consultations with the G20 member states.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

The Asia and the Pacific Regional Seminar on the Contribution of Development to the Enjoyment of all Human Rights

It is a good event for young people to share your idea and contribute in the development of Human Rights. This program will be held on 13-14 February 2023.

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