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PP21 FORUM ON RURAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ASIA Activity Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 - 12:00-15:00 UTC (19:00-22:00 Bangkok time)

Simultaneous Interpretation: English, Spanish, and Chinese Duration: 180-215 mins

Organizers:

Asian Cultural Forum for Development (ACFOD) Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives (ARENA) CCRD-CS, Lingnan University Global University for Sustainability People's Plan Study Group (PPSG)

Coordinator: Sit Tsui Jade Margaret (Southwest University, China)

Part I: East Asia (Bangkok time 7.00-8.35pm)

Moderator: Lau Kin Chi (Lingnan University, China) Speakers [15 mins each]:

[1] Being Sustainable--A small-scale Farming and Processing Work in Yamagata, Japan Hikita Mitsuko (Yamagata Farmers Group, Japan)

[2] Challenges and Findings for A New Geosymbiotic Fruit tree Farming: under the Existing Governance of "Agricultural Land Law" and Local Farming Customs in Japan (Ikoma city, Takayamacho) Takeshi Shiratori (Setsunan University, Japan)

[3] Observation from a Collaborative Project Geosymbiotic Workshop 2019: Challenges Facing the Ethnic Minority Communities of the Agent Orange Sprayed Areas in Central Vietnam Takeshi Shiratori (Setsunan University, Japan)

[3] The Making of a Youth Commune in Central China Liang Shaoxiong (Puhan New Youth Commune, Shanxi Province, China) [4] The Village Songs Project: A Cultural Intervention in Rural Revitalization Sun Heng (Loving Home-Village Songs Project, Beijing, China)

Q&A [20 mins]

Part II: Southeast Asia (Bangkok time 8.35-9.35pm)

Moderator: Boonthan T Verawongse (ACFOD, Thailand) Speakers [15 mins each]:

[1] The Lumad Bakwit School in the Philippines Kat-Kat Dalon and Jose Monfred C.Sy (Lumad Bakwit School and University of the Philippines, Philippines)

[2] The Struggle for Agrarian Reform and Current Projects of SPP Yani Srimulyani (Serikat Petani Pasundan, Indonesia)

[3] Case of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand Nittaya Earkanna (Inter Mountain Peoples Education and Culture in Thailand Association, Thailand)

Q&A [15 mins]

Part III: South Asia (Bangkok time 9.35-10.35pm)

Moderator: Sit Tsui Jade Margaret (Southwest University, China) Speakers [15 mins each]:

[1] The Rural Reconstruction Movement in Nepal: Past and Present Arjun Karki (Rural Reconstruction Movement, Nepal)

[2] Land Rights, Feudalism, and Food Sovereignty Farooq Tariq (Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee, Pakistan)

[3] Building the Right to Food Network Kaniz Fatima (Right to Food, Bangladesh)

Q&A [15 mins]

Profiles

Moderators	
	Sit Tsui, Margaret Jade, is associate professor at the Institute of Rural Reconstruction of China, Southwest University, China. She is board member of Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives, and a founding member of Global University for Sustainability. She has been actively involved in the rural reconstruction movement in China since 2000.
	Professor Lau Kin Chi has taught in Lingnan University for 35 years, first in translation and then in cultural studies. She is currently coordinator of the Programme on Cultures of Sustainability, Centre for Cultural Research and Development, Lingnan University. She is also director of the Executive Team and Founding Member of the Global University for Sustainability. She has been involved in the rural reconstruction movement in China for over two decades, and she is also board member of PeaceWomen Across the Globe.
	Boonthan T Verawongse is a member of the ASEAN Watch Thailand, Thai Working Group for ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism and the Campaign for Popular Democracy (CPD). Moreover, Boonthan holds the position of Secretary General at the Human Rights and Development Foundation (HRDF) and Campaign Committee for Human Rights (CCHR). He is sitting as the council member of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD). He is also coordinator of Asian Cultural Forum for Development (ACFOD).

Speakers



Hikita Mitsuko was a full-time staff of the the Pacific-Asia Resource Center (*PARC*)/ *AMPO: Japan-Asia Quarterly Review*. She joined the organizing process of PP21 International Farmers Gathering in 1989. After the PP21 events, she got married with a farmer organizer in Yamagata prefecture who was one of the key people of PP21 Farmers gathering. Since then, Hikita became a farmer and has been active in organising local women, setting up small scale food processing factory, and advocating natural resources protection in Yamagata, Japan.





Takeshi Shiratori is a founder/advocate for a new neologism, Geosymbiosis (Chikyuukyousei in Japanese) where the existing term is given a new meaning "the attitude/strive/state of harmonic coexistence of all living forms on Earth," and he is in continuous search for the based tangible and intangible design, the Geosymbiotic Design. The very question, "how can we innovatively design/redesign world our for Geosymbiosis?" brought him to investigate in all the inhibiting issues regardless of disciplines. He is an associate professor and hosts Geosymbiosis and Design lab at Setsunan University, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Living and Environmental Design Department, Osaka, Japan.

Liang Shaoxiong is Co-founder of Puhan New Youth Commune, and Director of Shanxi Bright Charity Development Center. In his students' days, he founded the Students Supporting Rural Society Group of Shanxi Agricultural University, China. He joins the Liang Shuming Rural Reconstruction Centre and coordinates the Youth Training Program, as well as organizes the National Conference on the Youth Return-to-Home Village.

	Sun Heng is founder of the Loving Home- Village Songs Project, Beijing, China. He is previously a music teacher. For the last two decades, he has engaged in defending the rights of migrant workers. He set up the New Worker Art Troupe, a migrants' school, a local museum of migrant workers, among others.
<image/> <image/> <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text>	Catherine "Kat-Kat" Dalon is a Lumad Manobo student of the University of the Philippines Diliman. She finished high school while in perpetual displacement through the makeshift Bakwit School, an alternative learning site organized by the Save Our Schools Network. It serves indigenous youth who cannot continue schooling because of continued militarization in their ancestral land in Mindanao, Philippines. She is currently the vice chairperson of Sabokahan Youth, the youth and student arm of Sabokahan, an organization for Lumad women.
	Jose Monfred C. Sy is Assistant Professor of Department of Filipino and Philippine Literature, University of the Philippines. He is also a teacher at the Lumad Bakwit School and a researcher of Indigenous studies.

PAKTOR UTAMA ADALAH PETAHI DUBASI EKONOH DIBEGERA SEP AT PETAHI PASUHDAH	Yani Srimulyani is from Serikat Petani Pasundan (Indonesia). While officially established in 2000, the history of SSP struggle goes back to the 1980s when student movements in Garut, Indonesia were at the forefront of promoting the rights of farmers on agrarian reform and environmental conservation. Eventually, this led to the formation of SPP, whose membership spread to Tasikmalaya and Ciamis in West Java, Indonesia. SPP's expansion enabled it to take on other issues, such as democratization and the promotion of people's wellbeing in the community.
	Nittaya Earkanna is director of Inter Mountain Peoples Education and Culture in Thailand (IMPECT).
	Arjun Kumar Karki is the Chief Executive Officer of Rural Reconstruction Nepal-RRN and also Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Government of Nepal to the United States of America, Columbia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Guyana. Dr. Karki is also the Ambassador-Designate to Honduras. Dr. Karki has more than 20 years of experience in non-government organizations, international relations, international diplomacy, international negotiations, conflict mediation, peacebuilding as well as development co-operation at the local, national, regional and global levels.

Farooq Tariq is General Secretary Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee (PKRC) which is a network of 27 small farmers' organizations. Farooq Tariq is a long-time socialist activist in Pakistan. Between 2012 and 2019 he was the general secretary and then national spokesperson of the Awami Workers' Party. He was the national spokesperson of Labour Party Pakistan.
Kaniz Fatima is the Coordinator of the Right to Food Bangladesh. It emerged as canopy network on 'Right to food and nutrition security' comprising of civil society, NGOs, networks, social movements, peasants' organizations, women organizations, youth, indigenous people and their organizations, small holders, trade unionists, academia and researchers.