**Holistic Sustainability**

**– The Southeast Asian and Chinese Youth International Experience Exchange Workshop**

*We hope every seeds own its right to root in the soil and sprout.*

*We hope all the local communities generate self-resilience and organize themselves.*

*We hope the youths can live with the mother earth,*

*and co-create a peace and harmony homeland.*

**Our Initials**

The Southeast Asian countries and China are not only shared a long history of communication, but also formed a geographical symbiotic body with the gradually close cooperation. Facing the emerging global crisis, we hope to bridge the youths from the various countries, to promote the communication of the real experience from the roots, to establish a platform for collaborative learning and mutual supports, to create opportunities to see the world as a whole, to lead youth to explore the wide ranges of local action, to generate the local livelihood in response to the crisis of social development.

**What will you learn?**

* Explore the unknown Southeast Asian and Chinese real society
* Participant the rural culture and traditional wisdom
* Gain the living experience in the spirituality and sustainability
* Open a new dialogue among nature, society and self.

**The workshop will include common themes including:**

* Reflection on the development path and empirical process of Southeast Asia and China in the background of worldwide developmentalism
* Share historical context and social practice of Rural Reconstruction of China
* Communication the issues of unbalanced development in Southeast Asia and China (including ecological environment, education, employment, etc.)
* Rethink the value of local knowledge in response to the ecological, economic and social crisis
* Share the cases of sustainable development by the participants from different countries

**Workshop Agenda**

* Module 1 (Jan – Mar)

On-line forum. Get to know each other and Share stories. You will receive the text materials, more detailed information of the workshop and the background of our sharing topic.

* Module 2 (April)

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Theme/Content** | **Notes** |
|  | 12:00 onwards | Arrivals |  |
| 12:00-14:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00-16:00 | Opening Circle & Overview of the program |  |
| 16:40-17:30 | Workshop Expectation Sharing |  |
| 17:30-19:00 | Welcome Dinner |  |
| 19:30-20:30 | Impression Beibei |  |
| **1. Engagement: Joint Sensing and Knowing the place** | | | |
| **Day1** | 6:30-7:30 | Morning Exercise |  |
| 8:30-9:00 | Thought game |  |
| 9:00-12:00 | 1. Discover of China: the history and culture |  |
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| 12:00-14:00 | Lunch/Break |  |
| 14:00-18:00 | 1. Visit the trace of historical figures of RRC in Beibei, Chongqing | Tour |
| 19:30-21:00 | (3) Open Forum |  |
| **2.Reflection:Youth Growth and Holistic sustainability** | | | |
| **Day2** | 6:30-7:30 | Morning Exercise | Chinese Tradition |
| 8:30-9:00 | Thought game and Reflection |  |
| 9:00-11:00 | 1. The pattern of Youths growth and sharing circle |  |
| 11:00-12:00 | Feedback of instructor |  |
| 12:00-14:00 | Lunch/Break |  |
| 14:00-16:00 | 1. Teaching Session: Could this would be better? – rethink the issue of life and society |  |
| 16:30-18:00 | 1. Dialogue, feedback and Sharing |  |
| 19:30-21:00 | Movie Night |  |
| **3.Confluence: Revalue The Tradition and Local Knowledge** | | | |
| **Day3** | 6:30-7:30 | Morning Exercise |  |
| 8:30-12:00 | 1. Chinese traditional agriculture experience(Tour to Bayu Agriculture Museum) | Tour |
| 12:00-14:00 | Lunch/Break |  |
| 14:00-18:00 | 1. Teaching Session：Ecological civilization and Rural Reconstruction | Practice and sharing |
| 19:30-21:00 | 1. Theme Forum: modernization and the tension of the heritage of local knowledge |  |
| **4.Exploration: The Sustainability from the Land** | | | |
| **Day4** | 6:30-7:30 | Morning Exercise | Eco-farming  practice |
| 8:30-9:00 | Thought game and Reflect |  |
| 9:00-12:00 | 1. Teaching Session: the Illusion of Development: Developmentalism and Alternative Exploration |  |
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| 12:00-14:00 | Lunch/Break |  |
| 15:00-17:30 | (2)Theme Forum：Local Culture  Innovation and Community  Education |  |
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| 17:30-18:00 | Feedback of instructor |  |
| 19:30-21:00 | (3)Starlight Chat: The Story from the Land |  |
| **Day5** | 6:30-7:30 | Morning Exercise | Tradition Chinese exercise |
| 8:30-9:00 | Thought Game and Reflection |  |
| 9:00-11:30 | (1)Theme Forum: Ecological farming and youths participation |  |
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| 11:30-12:00 | (2)Feedback of instructor |  |
| **5. Harvest: the Ending open the Beginning** | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | (3) Explore a further  communication and support  mechanism |  |
| 16:00-17:00 | (4) Review of workshop and  Feedback |  |
| 17:00-18:00 | Closing circle |  |
| 19:30-21:00 | Soiree/Party |  |

**Invited Institutions**

Action Aid Thailand

Action Aid Vietnam

International Institute of Rural Reconstruction

Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement

The Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives For Community Empowerment

Thai Volunteer Service

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**Introduction of Teaching Team (to be confirmed)**

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Executive Deputy Dean of the Institute of Rural Reconstruction of China, Southwest University, Chongqing; Director of Liangshuming Rural Reconstruction Center, Beijing. She started her career in the field of social development work in the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction in 1992 and took the challenge of establishing ActionAid in China as the country director for ActionAid International in 2002, where she developed, managed and implemented projects, training/workshops and study programs in the area of sustainable agriculture, environmental education, health education and participatory development approach promotion

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Associate Professor of the Institute of Rural Reconstruction of China, Southwest University, Chongqing, China. Her research areas include globalization, rural reconstruction, and cultural studies. She is board member of Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives (ARENA-UK)

**Join us**

The workshop has 20 places available for Southeast Asia and China, meanwhile, there are few audit seats. All the relevant researcher and practitioner are welcome to attend. You could be farmer, college student, NGOer, etc.

**Requirements for the participant**

* Age 18-40
* Good ability of communication in English
* Awareness of social sustainability or the relevant topic or action
* Social responsibility and a good sense of team cooperation

**How to apply?**

1. Fulfill the application form with a piece of your paper or report on relevant topic. Sent it to us (Email address is:

[liangshuming@3nong.org](mailto:liangshuming@3nong.org) ) before Jan 20th 2016.

1. We will reply you before Jan 30th 2016 by email.

**Course Fee**

The fund of this workshop is raised by the organizers, including

1. Round-trip transportation, including the tour during the workshop
2. Food and accommodation
3. Insurance during the workshop
4. Learning materials

**Workshop place & time**

Place: Beibei, Chongqing, China

Time: April of 2016

**Organizer:**

* Beijing Liangshuming Rural Reconstruction Center, China
* Institute of Rural Reconstruction of China, Southwest University, Chongqing

**Sponsor**

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