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Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs 4th International YMCA Youth Peace Camp in Timor Leste "Understanding Our Differences" 4 - 10 August 2009

Timor Leste is a small country that obtained its full independence on 20 May 2002. Just like many countries in the world, it has gone through painful and bitter experiences when under colonization and conflicts that never seem to end. The government, civil society groups, NGOS and international agencies, committed to promote peace and overcoming violence, are conducting several programs on peace-building for youths.

YMCA Timor-Leste/ANJUCTIL, as a youth organization, realizes the role and responsibilities of young people in building on actions that will promote peace and on learning from their own experiences. Together with the youths of other countries, they will learn, share and understand their differences for the further development and enhancement of their peace-making and peace-building initiatives.

Into its 4th year, the International YMCA Youth Peace Camp in Timor Leste will focus on "Understanding our Differences". As they work with the community, the participants will facilitate and initiate community peace programs that promote respect for diversity and to learn to live together in harmony as a way to reconciliation and peace.

This Camp has helped and will continue to help strengthen this emerging YMCA as they continue their efforts towards building a sustainable and peaceful community. This is in line with our Quadrennial Thrust for Peace with Justice and the multilateral cooperation of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs, the YMCAs of Japan and Korea and ANJUCTIL

Dates : $4 \sim 10 \text{ August } 2009$

Venue: Dili, Timor Leste

Objectives:

- a. To promote the participation of youth as peace makers in their own countries.
- b. To learn the experiences of Timor Leste in their struggle for independence and the way towards peace and reconciliation.
- c. To share and learn the related issues on peace with all participants and the role of global society for peace with justice.
- d. To strengthen friendship and solidarity with the youths of Timor Leste and participating YMCAs.

Programme Component:

There will be sharing of life experiences and information relating to the issues and conflicts affecting their countries. The peace school is an innovative approach to building peace that will be shared in practical participatory ways. Participants will facilitate and initiate community programmes/activities and be engaged in exposure visits. They will organize and join Worship that is participatory, inspirational and for spiritual

enrichment. The evaluation hopes to draw an action programme in building a community of peace in their own country

Participation Criteria

- a. Youth involved and committed in the YMCA work as volunteers/members/staff
- b. Participants should be interested in and committed to building peaceful and sustainable communities

Closing Date of Application:

Participants are expected to submit their registration form on or before 15 July 2009.

Registration and Participation Fees:

US\$ 250/person (board and lodging and programme expenses in Timor Leste only;

EXCLUDES international travel from your YMCA and Denpasar + overnight stay and transportation in Denpasar, Bali)

IMPORTANT: Other Expected Expenses:

Please note that in addition to the Registration and Participation Fees, participants will need to bring approx. **US\$500** for other expenses to be paid in Denpasar by participants:

- Return Airfare between Denpasar, Bali and Dili, Timor Leste (US\$350 approx.)
- One Night Accommodation in Denpasar (US\$30approx)
- Airport Transport to Hotel @Denpasar (US\$20 apporx)
- Airport Tax @ Denpasar (US\$20 or IR 150,000 x 2)
- Airport Tax @ Dili (US\$10)
- Visa Fee for Indonesia (US\$10 x 2)
- Visa Fee for Timor Leste (US\$30)

YMCA of Timor Leste will make the arrangements for flight bookings between Denpasar-Dili-Denpasar and accommodation/transportation in Denpasar.

International flights should be routed to Denpasar, Bali. An overnight stay in Denpasar is necessary. There is only <u>Merpati Airlines</u> flight from Denpasar to Dili, per day, 10:05 in the morning. (<u>Bookings can only de done locally in Indonesia.</u>)

The return flight from Dili reaches Denpasar at approx. 2.40pm. Flights are delayed often. We strongly recommend booking your flights back to your own countries after 6:00 pm on the same day.

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