THREE DECADES
of nurturing partnerships,
SOLIDARITY BUILDING,
and working with Asian
RURAL COMMUNITIES

August 9 - 15, 2004
DAP Conference Center, Tagaytay City, Philippines
When our engagement in the so-called “Development” Enterprise begun in 1974, Dr. Ledesma and I were fresh from the academic world of north America where in that setting existential questions are analyzed and clear-cut solutions attained. That was easier than actually locating a market for a thousand citrus farmers with an abundant produce of citrus fruits!

In the first DHRRAW assembly of 1974, we were deeply moved by the participants of Vietnam who carried the war as well as vitality and hope in their hearts. We were all younger then (others much younger, of course) and all of us were inflamed with a vision of an Asian Family. We, in three weeks time, transformed our cautious individualities of differing cultures and national histories into friends who discovered and experienced a delightful similarity of aspirations, work vision and unison, and idealism. Our varied languages were no hindrances. We spoke and understood the essence of human communication: gestures of kindness, thoughtfulness, caring, and recognition of each person – being looked up to (as Fr. John Dijkstra once described this gesture). There were no strangers.

The language of development has transformed too over the years – such as “underdevelopment” to euphemistic “developing world”, to today’s panacea of “globalization”. We of the Dhrraw Family are classified as part of the undeveloped world, the ancient seat of human civilizations and cultures. Undefined, and permanently undefined are the great numbers of the poor who remain in that state of abject poverty. I see that reality as a nebulous terrorism. And terrorism can change its face and methods. Lest we get derailed and see terrorism only in the form of weaponry (WMD), let us reconsider the subtle form of terroristic means to subjugate the poor, by keeping them imprisoned in their subhuman state. Watch the sophisticated language of terrorism – destroying agricultural lands, poisoning the seas – “collateral damage?” Dying from hunger, living in hunger – what do we call this existence? The poor all over the world feel equality in suffering.

The great human family of the poor waits in timeless hope. We, the first seers of the Dhrraw Family, and all to follow that vision, are tied down to this timeless hope. This defines our solidarity.

Angelita Y. Ledesma
DHRRA Pioneer
CENDHRRA
The 30th Anniversary of AsiaDHRRA is both an occasion for thanksgiving and renewing commitment to face the new challenges ahead of us. We lift our hearts in gratitude to God for the faithful guard and guidance granted to us, we thank God for the blessings of meaningful existence of the DHRRA and the opportunity to contribute to the society. We also express our heartfelt thanks to the founder and pioneers of DHRRA whose vision and passion have inspired us to journey through a long process of reflection, dialogue and building solidarity.

AsiaDHRRA was born through this long process of exchange and fellowship which at times was painful but rewarding. We managed to make our circle more inclusive, we struggle based on faith and not just on religion. We were able to find unity amidst our diversity. We are thankful also for all former leaders whose openness, trust and encouragement have led us to where we are now. We would like also to express our deep appreciation for the genuine participation of members of DHRRA family. We also acknowledge the support and cooperation extended to us by our donors and partners.

As we move forward to our next 30 years, we hope to re-energize our strength and spirit by renewing our solidarity and cooperation. The challenges we face now are more complex and difficult but with our renewed spirit and commitment we shall face it together imbued with our common vision for sustainable rural development and equipped with our growing competence in our chosen field of service for the grassroots. We believe that our current thrust are on the right track. We shall continue to invest on building partnerships to develop leaders and communities in rural Asia. We will continue to support the strengthening of Asian Farmer’s Association for Sustainable Development (AFA) as our major regional peasant partner. We will endeavor to strengthen our DHRRA organization to become more effective partners of rural people. We shall expand our networking effort to pursue our agenda for ethical globalization.

As we lift our hearts in gratitude for our past accomplishments, in faith and trust, we also raise our hearts in asking the blessing of the spirit to guide us as we continue our journey. May we all find strength in each other as we journey towards fullness of life for us and for the next generations to come.

Soetrisno Kusumohadi  
Chairperson, AsiaDHRRA
Welcome dear friends and partners to the 30th Anniversary of AsiaDHRRA! It is with divine providence that we are able to celebrate together our three decades of work with the rural poor in Asia. We thank everyone for making it here despite the constraints of resources and time, so that as a community of friends and development workers, we could look back to our beginnings, get inspired by our gains, and move forward to seize the immense opportunity of living meaningful lives in service to others.

Let us be inspired by the 1974 DHRRAW spirit. Let us strengthen our bonds and mend our relations as members of a big family. Let us celebrate and dialogue in friendship, trust and respect and allow our diverse but wonderful Asian cultures guide us into greater understanding of each other.

We sincerely thank all DHRRAs for their collective effort in preparing for this event and our CENDHRRA friends for all the loving support, sharing us all available “treasures” they have. Our gratefulness to the PhilDHRRA leaders and secretariat for co-hosting the event with us.

Lastly, we thank all our donors from NGO partners, individuals, and corporate groups who gave material support to make our celebration a meaningful one.

Congratulations to the DHRRA family!

Very sincerely,

Marlene D. Ramirez
Secretary General
AsiaDHRRA
Warmest greetings to the Asian Partnership for the Development of human Resources in Rural Asia (AsiaDHRRA) and the Asian Farmer’s Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), Asian NGO and Farmer networks in twelve countries as you hold your two back-to-back events: DHRRRAW 2004, in celebration of AsiaDHRRA’s 30th Year; and Promoting Sustainable Rice, Upholding the Interest of small Rice Farmers. My sincerest congratulations also to PhilDHRRA and PAKISAMA for hosting said events.

The province of Cavite is keen on supporting the concerted efforts in advancing the farming industry for the optimal benefit of our citizens, keeping in mind at all times thrust for sustainable development. Be assured likewise of our continuous resolve for farming innovation and poverty alleviation as we empower our people towards growth and development.

Again, congratulations! The historic province of Cavite, home of Heroic Citizens who are resolute towards change and triumphant in the global arena, continue to be one with you in all your endeavors.

Hon. Ayong S. Maliksi
Governor,
Province of Cavite, Philippines
My warmest felicitations to the members of the Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia on the occasion of your 30th Anniversary in Tagaytay City. For the past 30 years, the AsiaDHRRA has been significantly at the forefront of developing human resources in the Asian region, focusing on the challenges and responses to rural development. As we all move forward in a globalized environment, the human potentials and capabilities of our Asian rural leaders are honed through the activities conducted and ideas imparted by the AsiaDHRRA.

Thus the noble endeavor that you have been doing is truly worth commending. I salute you for your continuous effort and commitment in advancing rural development in Asia.

It is the city’s pride to have been chosen as the venue of your remarkable gathering. On behalf of the people of Tagaytay, I wish you a pleasant and comfortable stay, and may you have more fruitful years ahead.

Mabuhay!

Hon. Abraham Tolentino
City Mayor
Tagaytay City, Philippines
Dear Fellow DHRRAs,

It was thirty years ago today when a hundred and twenty women and men of varied origins dared to dream of new Asia; one in which the rural folk would be free, responsible, self-reliant and empowered. Their vision was soon to become both a commitment and a challenge, for them as well as for the organizations they represented.

Our journey to and for integral human development in and out continent has been rich one indeed, for it has been fueled by the wealth of our cultures and the depth of our faiths. When we jointly took our first step in Swanganivas we did not have a definite road map for development work, as the poet Miguel Hernandez said, “there isn’t a way ahead of us, the path is were we set our feet”.

After three decades the task at hand would seem as daunting as ever, yet I have no doubt in my mind that we shall prevail. Not merely on the basis of the nobility of our cause but more importantly on the uniqueness of AsiaDHRRA; an alliance of informed, innovative and in-place individuals and institutions. We are the incarnation of thinking globally and acting locally.

Finally, and on behalf of PhilDHRRA your host, allow me to welcome you to our country, which is very much yours, and wish all of us a successful workshop.

Chaco Molina
Chairperson,
PhilDHRRA
The Participants

**Indonesia**

Mr. Francis Wahono  
Mr. Soetrsino Kusumohadi  
Ms. Dwi Astuti  
Mr. Bambang Ismawan  
Mr. Djoko Aminoto  
Mr. Syaiful Bahari  
Ms. Rezky Khainidar  
Mr. Rybertus Sutjipto  
Mr. Tri Heru Wardoyo  
Mr. Muhammad Nur Uddin  
Ms. Wigatiningsih  

InDHRRA  
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Binaswadaya  
InDHRRA  
InDHRRA  
Yayasan Lembaga Widya Dharma  
API  
API  
InDHRRA

**Malaysia**

Mr. Marimuthu Nadason  
Mr. Saravan Sinnapan  
Mr. Paul Sinnapan  
Mr. Ahmad Nayan  
Ms. Josie Fernandez  

DHRRA Malaysia  
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**Vietnam**

Dr. Bui Quang Toan  
Dr. Le Thi Nghe  
Mr. Duong Anh Tuyen  
Ms. Phan Le Xiem  

VietDHRRA  
VietDHRRA  
VietDHRRA  
VietDHRRA

building and working with asian rural communities
The Participants

Thailand

Dr. Napasri Maneewong  
Promma Kengla  
Ms. Lamai Tangmo  
Khun Paw (Sudaporn)  
Mr. Somwang Pummai

ThaiDHRRA  
ThaiDHRRA /Sor Kor Por  
ThaiDHRRA  
Sor Kor Por  
Sor Kor Por

Cambodia

Sil Vineth  
Mey Som  
Kea Kim San

CNAC  
PNN  
CEDAC

Laos

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Mr. Bounmy Phommahalath-Farmer  
Dr. John Ferchak  
Mr. Sengpaseuth Simmanivong

LCDA  
LCDA  
QSL  
QSL

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Mr. Hajime Kikuhi  
Dr. Ichiro Fujiwara  
Ms. Shinno Miyoko  
Mr. Kenichi Yamamoto  
Mr. Yoshihide Fujioka  
Mr. Michio Shimamoto  
Mr. Yoshihiko Noro

JaDHRRA  
JaDHRRA  
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JaDHRRA  
JaDHRRA  
JaDHRRA  
JaDHRRA  
Aino-Kai
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Dr. Sung Lee                     KoDHRRA
Mr. Youn Sang Jun                KoDHRRA
Seong Kun Yun                    KoDHRRA
Dae Uk Kim                       KAFF
Hyeong Seok Kim                  KAFF

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Mr. Tzong-Chiz Chiou             TaiwanDHRRA
Tai Neng Chen                    TWADA
Chia Chen Chen                   TWADA

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Hon. Secretary Ging Deles        OPAPP
Hon. Guil Cua                    Coop-NATCCO
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Mahar Mahangas                   SWS
Karen Tañada                     GZO
Remmy Rikken                     CAPWIP
Sally Ganibe                     AWCF
Daphne Villanueva                SEACA
Roel Ravanera                    AJPN
Jenina Joy Cahvez                Forum on Global South
Esther Alkonga                   Diocese of Alaminos
Amelou Benitez Reyes             PWU
The Participants

Ms. Tess Fernandez  Lihok Pilipina
Ms. Rachel Polestico  SEARSLIN
Mr. Ernesto Lim, Jr.  AR Now!
Mr. Chaco Molina  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Cesar Belangel  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Macario T. Jusayan  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Rolando Abando  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Bert Pardalis  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Marciano Virola  PhilDHRRA
Ms. Agnes Ramos  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Jesus Vicente Garganera  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Samuel Maduro  PhilDHRRA
Ms. Maripaz Bernice Galang  PhilDHRRA
Ms. Arline Canoy  PhilDHRRA
Ms. Jem Canoy  PhilDHRRA
Mr. Alejandro Layan  PAKISAMA
Mr. Vicente Fabe  PAKISAMA
Mr. Rene Cerilla  PAKISAMA
Mr. Vic Paglinawan  PAKISAMA
Mr. Bernard Baloyo  PAKISAMA
Ms. Ma. Lourdes Magtibay  PAKISAMA
Ms. Rose Tugano  PAKISAMA
Ms. Lyn de la Cruz  PAKISAMA

NEPAL

Deepak Tamang  SEARCH-Nepal
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Dr. Angelita Ledesma
Ms. Evelyn Deles
Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Bonoan
Dr. Roberto V. Anastasio
Ms. Maritess Calalang
Ms. Benilda Calalang
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gonzales
Atty. Bien and Alexis Salinas
Ms. Remmy Rikken
Ms. Karen Tañada
Ms. Ester Alkonga
Ms. Belle Katigbak
Dr. Alfonso Aguirre
Mr. Jesus dela Fuente
Mr. Rafael Lopa
Sr. Eva Maamo
Ms. Ofelia Duiñas

AsiaDHRRA Secretariat

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Ms. Josie Dalino
Ms. Ryoko Tsuboi
Ms. Shu Hui
3 Decades of Nurturing Partnerships, Solidarity Building, and Working with Rural Communities

Rationale

AsiaDHRRA will celebrate its 30th anniversary since the 1st Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas Workshop (DHRRAW) held in August 1974 in Swanganivas, Thailand. The 1974 DHRRAW saw the birth of the DHRRA networking spirit and nurtured by CENDHRRA. From then on, national DHRRAs evolved in each country and the regional network into what AsiaDHRRA is now, a partnership of 11 social development organizations in 10 Asian countries.

Ushering on its third decade of nurturing partnerships, solidarity building and working with rural communities, AsiaDHRRA finds it fitting to celebrate the event by assessing and reflecting on the gains of the past years, and in the light of new challenges to social development, draw a common road map towards the next decade of continued commitment to sustainable rural development in the Asian region.

The 2004 DHRRA Workshop will highlight the development milestones of each DHRRA and the regional network and showcase selected “good practices” by the members on rural development. We also find it fitting to do a review and updating on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and reflect on how our own work relate to the global goals to cut sharply the extent of extreme poverty in the world by 2015.

AsiaDHRRA will bring together around 100 development practitioners from 12 Asian countries representing various NGOs and POs, government agencies, multi-lateral organizations, regional partners, and donor agencies. It will also be an occasion to revisit and renew relations with the DHRRA networks’ founding members, incumbent leaders, and partners.
Conference Objectives

• To promote the agenda of Human Resource Development in the Rural Areas thru a discussion and assessment of the gains and milestones of the AsiaDHRRA members and network the past 3 decades;

• To facilitate an in-depth sharing of rural development “good practices” following a common documentation framework in aid of replication and model-building and as input to policy advocacy;

• To create an opportunity to understand and get updated on the UN Millennium Development Goals and utilize it as one reference in crafting the road map of the AsiaDHRRA network in the next decade;

• To provide AsiaDHRRA the opportunity to present its thrusts and current programs, including its five-year Fund Raising Campaign Plan to respond to the long-term sustainability needs of the network.

• To facilitate a genuine dialogue among partners and create opportunities for renewing ties, forging new relations, and encourage a unified yet diverse action towards fulfilling the DHRRA development agenda.

Date and Venue

The 30th DHRRAW Anniversary is on August 9-15, 2004. The venue is the Development Academy of the Philippines Conference Center (DAP) in Tagaytay City, Philippines. It was in Tagaytay that the DHRRA Assembly decided to spin-off AsiaDHRRA from CENDHRRA in 1994.

Participants

• DHRRA participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Laos, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal
• Partners from fellow regional networks, donor agencies, and representatives from government agencies and multilateral institutions have also been invited.
Organizing Committee

The event organizer is AsiaDHRRA, with PhilDHRRA, the local host DHRRA as co-organizer.

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|                  | Ms. Marivic Raquiza, Co-Convenor, MDG Social Watch, Philippines         |
| 9:30-9:45 am     | Coffee Break                                                            |
| 9:45-10:45 am    | **Panel Reaction : Views on the MDGs and Recommendations**               |
|                  | Panelists                                                               |
|                  | Roel Ravanera, Reg'l Program Coordinator, Asia-Japan Partnership Network, |
|                  | Jenina Joy Chavez, Focus on the Global South                            |
|                  | Daphne Villanueva, SEACA Regional Coordinator                           |
|                  | Heru Wardoyo, AFA Chairperson                                           |
| 10:45-11:30 am   | Open Forum                                                              |
| 11:30-12:00 pm   | Synthesis                                                               |
| 12:00-1:30 pm    | Lunch Break                                                             |
| 1:30-3:30 pm     | **Workshop 2: Building on the Gains and Moving Forward to 2015 - Our Road Map Ahead** |
| 3:30-5:00 pm     | Plenary Reporting and Open Forum                                        |
| 5:00-5:30 pm     | Synthesis                                                               |
| 5:30-6:45 pm     | **Closing Ceremonies: DHRRAW 2004**                                     |
|                  | **Message of Thanks**                                                   |
|                  | Mr. Soetrisno Kusumohadi, Chairperson                                   |
|                  | Mr. Cesar Belangel, PhilDHRRRA National Coordinator                     |
|                  | **Solidarity Messages**                                                 |
|                  | Partners                                                                 |
|                  | **Closing Remarks**                                                     |
|                  | DHRRRA Leader/Pioneer: Mr. Paul Sinnapan, Malaysia                      |
|                  | DHRRRA Leader/Successor Generation: Ms. Ryoko Tsuboi, Japan             |
| 6:45-7:15        | Free Time (prepare for Socials)                                         |
|                  | **Community Ritual**                                                    |
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- Whole Day: **Group Field Visit**

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Bayview Park Hotel Manila |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm   | **Lunch Break**                                             |
| 1:00 - 3:00 pm    | **Continuation of AsiaDHRRA 5th General Assembly**          |
| 3:30-6:30 pm      | **12th AsiaDHRRA ExeCom Meeting**  
Free time for Other Participants |

**Day 6 - August 15, 2004**
- Departures of Participants  
- Optional Tour Packages
Members' Profile

Indonesian Secretariat for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (InDHRRA)

Formalized in October 1976, InDHRRA is also known by its local name Bina Desa. With its main office in Jakarta, it operates guided by its mission of people empowerment and main thrust of pursuing genuine agrarian reform. Using the methods of consensus building, action and reflection, and people's education or “Musyawarah,” Bina Desa aims to make self-managed communities a reality in the Indonesian rural landscape. It is in close partnership with Rural People's Organizations (Peasants, Fisherfolks and Rural Women) operating in at least 38 districts within 12 provinces.

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Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PhilDHRRA)

A national network of 71 development organizations, PhilDHRRA’s membership shares a common commitment to empower marginalized rural people in some 2,000 villages 69 Philippine provinces. PhilDHRRA’s response to growing development challenges is synthesized in the Integrated Provincial Sustainable Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, and Rural Development or IPSAARRD. As the network’s central strategy, IPSAARRD’s goal is to create “equity areas” as counterpoints to the acclaimed growth corridors of Philippines. It builds on the basic tenets of sustainable development and people empowerment. Now on its 21st year, PhilDHRRA has been honored for its continuing commitment to the achievement of social justice and development, and to the service of the oppressed and marginalized.

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DHRRA Network Malaysia

The partnership of both DHRRAW-participating individuals and about thirty-four (34) non-government rural and urban-based organizations in Malaysia resulted in the creation of the DHRRA counterpart. Tracing its roots since 1983, these individuals, groups, and organizations under the DHRRA network shared a common vision of human resource development. The national DHRRA works in partnership with different strategic resource agencies to increase business resources and for cooperation development. Given the changing context of social development work in Malaysia, the network continues to reinvent itself in pursuit of organizational growth while it aims for a closer dialogue and understanding among groups of different races and religions and build genuine solidarity among its affiliates and partner-communities.

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Thai Foundation for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (ThaiDHRRA)

Hands wrap together in a position of “Wai” is a Thai gesture of respect. Such is typical of ThaiDHRRA’s operations. Also known as Moon Niti Thai Phur Karn Pattana in Thailand, ThaiDHRRA began as an informal forum within a family of partners. Since its beginnings in 1979, the foundation, registered as a non-sectarian and non-profit organization in 1984, has served as a clearinghouse for dialogue and information exchange while acting as a coordinating body for the rural people. Promoting a five-step approach towards self-reliant development, Saccakorn groups have been organized in fifty-five (55) rural villages that benefited from a variety of leadership and vocational planning programs facilitated by ThaiDHRRA. The network is now undergoing a strategic planning processes to define its direction amidst the changing terrain of development work in Thailand.

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Vietnam Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (VietDHRRA)

One of the younger partners in the region, VietDHRRA is a growing DHRRA network in Vietnam with a current membership base of fifteen (15) non-government and mass organizations. VietDHRRA currently operates in at least fourteen (14) provinces among the fifty-three (53) provinces and
cities of the country. For the Year 2000 to 2005, VietDHRRRA sees the following as its main strategic
tasks: (1) strengthening food security for its partner-local communities; (2) protection of natural
resources through community-based management; (3) speeding up of support for gender and
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**Cambodian NGO Alliance for Cooperation (CNAC-CamboDHRRRA)**

Cambodian NGOs Alliance for Cooperation (CNAC) was formed in 1995 from 15 local NGOs and
grew to 54 NGOs as of April 2002. It is a local network composed of NGOs operating in 24 provinces
of Cambodia. For the past years, CNAC focused in four programs areas, namely: Development
program, human rights and democracy program, training program and Social program. In the 3rd
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**SEARCH-Nepal**

SEARCH, a value based learning NGO, believes that development without values is bereft of any
meaning or relevance in today's complex world. It therefore promotes values such as service,
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to the poor and the disadvantaged. Such values serve as guideposts in SEARCH's pursuit of its
organizational vision. It envisions itself to be an excellent resource center in NGDO management
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Korea Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (KoDHRRA)

KoDHRRA was created in 1975 as a non-government non-partisan organization consisted of a number of farmer educators, professors, and participants who joined the 1974 DHRRA workshop and the 1975 nationwide seminar on Farmer’s Education held in Korea. With about forty (40) individual members in 1975, its membership reached the peak of about one hundred (100) affiliates during the late 1980s. KoDHRRA’s members work for rural development in fields such as agronomy, non-formal and formal education. In 1975, it facilitated the organization of the Korean Association of Farmers’ Educators (KAFE) that focused on farmers’ education. KoDHRRA’s objectives include the promotion of friendship among its members, exchange of information on rural development, and strengthen both regional and international relations to pursue the spirit of the DHRRRAW experiences.

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Taiwan Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (TaiwanDHRRA)

The pioneers of TaiwanDHRRA were mainly connected with resource institutions and cooperatives. With their expertise, TaiwanDHRRA was initially organized as a division committee under the Association for Socio-Economic Development in the Republic of China (ASEDROC). From then on for the past two (2) decades, ChinDHRRA functioned as a social-economic development group with special interest in rural Taiwan. It promotes human resource development ideas through its major resources in the academe, government, and education institutions. Among its future plans include mobilization of the educated and young aborigines so that the latter will return to their communities and work with their own people, and facilitate the raising of funds for self-reliance purposes.

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Japan Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (JaDHRRA)

An offshoot of the 1974 DHRRA workshop was the coming together in 1976 of a group of concerned Japanese citizens who recognized the development gap between north and south Asia. Organizing learning activities with input from resource persons who had development experiences of Asian realities, this core group eventually evolved into what is known as the DHHRA counterpart in Japan. By facilitating the exchange of information on rural development experience and insights, JaDHRRA hopes to promote human resource development that serves as the impetus to genuine development of humanity. Efforts are also being exerted to support Asian regional programs along the lines of poverty alleviation through the mobilization of volunteer resources from Japanese institutions.

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Center for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia (CenDHRRA)

It was the Center for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (CenDHRRA) that had the distinguished role of having actively supported the country DHRRAs through the latter’s period of formation, consolidation, and growth. For twenty (20) years, it was given the task of assisting in the promotion of the dialogue of life and cooperation among Asian rural people that was started during the 1974 workshop. With the 1994 turnover of the secretariat functions to AsiaDHRRA, the Center has been involved in the following programs: (1) Solidarity Program with European and Asian Groups; (2) Integrated Development Planning; (3) Cultures and Development; (4) Documentation and Evaluation; (5) Publication and Research Communication; (6) Relief and Development; and (7) Micro-Credit Pilot Studies.

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Memories on Fr. Dijkstra

Asia has some outstanding development workers. They possess a vision and are committed to people – especially Asian and reflects Asian values in all that they do. A very good example of such a development worker is Fr. John Dijkstra SJ, a naturalized Asian.

Fr. Dijkstra is a development worker who believes in empowering the people especially the poor in rural areas. He has listened to the people so intently that his projects are not “imported” – they emerge from the poor, as they try to take their destiny into their hands.

From the articles “The Asian Sage”
in a booklet “Recollection on Fr. John Dijkstra, S.J.”

The courage to see great things in small people, to discover divine dimensions in small things, Father Dijkstra sees totally other things in people than what others see, and even what they see or understand about themselves. It is being lifted out of yourself, and to be held for a moment above yourself, to see what you could be and you encourage a person to live in the small things hence on, expressing that great dimension in them.

From the article “Father Dijkstra”
Written by Fr. Chris Melchers, SJ

I first met Fr. Dijkstra when I first joined CenDHRRA in 1975. What immediately comes to mind during those years was seeing Fr. Dijkstra rolling his cigarettes, lighting them up and then the distinctive one-of-a-kind smell of home-made cigarettes that anyone entering the office and who knew Fr. Dijkstra would immediately know that he is around. But it would be his great resounding laughter that would fill the room that would leave one with a warm feeling that despite his size and booming voice, one need not to be afraid of him.

From the article “You know he is around when”
Written by Tina Liamzon

John has always believed that dialogue, no matter how painful or slow as a process might be, is the true way to get things done.

From the article “The Pioneer”
Written by Fr. Ando Isamu, SJ

Three decades of nurturing partnerships, solidarity...
“Musyawarah” is a methodology or an approach of solving problem or making decisions in rural area through genuine dialogue between village members. This very Asian value and spirit which was once lost under the Sharto dictatorship was rediscovered and revitalized by Fr. Dijkstra through working with people on the grass roots. He called it “Dialogue of life”.

From the interview with Ms. Dwi, Executive Director of InDHRRRA.

Dijkstra’s Prayer for Development Partners

In one of the CenDHRRRA planning sessions, Fr. Dijkstra composed this opening prayer. It is shared with you, since it reveals in part why Dijkstra’s thoughts are hospitable to all faiths.

Almighty God,
Your Love created all human beings, confirming them always in their honest efforts for integral human development in community.

Within the human You provided all people with a living source of power, to work for their living and to serve others. So, help us also, Lord, to cooperate with one another, to build up everywhere partnerships of rural people who desire to build up a better human life together

All people received from You their great human values for dialogue and cooperation, to be used by them in Your all-loving Power. We have come together here, Lord, to deepen and widen our vision of service to the efforts of partnership by our rural People.

To be able to do this, we need to develop partnership of service among ourselves for our better service to living partnership among the rural People You love. We realize, Lord, that by avoiding giving our service to the poor, we avoid also Your light and grace, thus suffocating ourselves in our miserable selfishness.

We believe in the power and light of the common faith we share, which You placed in our hearts. You enable us in this way to improve our service in partnership with the poor, who believe in their hearts that You love them with all Your creative Power.

We are happy and grateful that You, Lord, brought us together to reflect honestly on our experiences. We realize that we often neglected to recognize the faith and human values of the rural poor.

We wish to plan with You in respect and love for one another, and for all the rural Poor whom we serve. In this way, we give room to Your powerful Grace in all our planning together here and now, as well as in all implementation work together with the rural poor, Your beloved People.

Lord, we thank you for this great opportunity.
Among the cynical opinions said about politics is that it includes a process from the madness of the many to the glories of the few. With the presence of Tony and Angelita Ledesma in the devotional world in the early 70s, however, the statement should be reversed: from the madness of the few to the glories of the many. Why? The two doctorate couple, Tony in Psychology, and Angelita in Sociology, enjoyed prestigious positions as lecturers at a university in Canada more than 30 years ago, starting with uneasy moments. But then, very happily and willingly, they decided to walk through the unclear and risky struggle of empowering rural men and women in Asia.

It started with an “accident” when they enjoyed a vacation to their hometown and met with a prominent figure dedicated to community named John Dijkenstra. We could easily imagine that in a meeting in Manila (1973), they jumped into a discussion of their concerns on powerless rural communities in most, if not all, Asian countries, that were undergoing a centralized top-down and marginalized development process. Hence, Tony and Angelita were “trapped” in puzzled sharing on John Dijkenstra who was born in the Netherlands and became an Indonesian citizen and a Jesuit Priest. On that relaxed vacation, Tony and Angelita opened themselves to new opportunities for more considerable dedication in Asia. On the other hand, John Dijkenstra had spent more than 20 years strengthening laborers, farmers, and fishermen to play a better role in the development of Indonesia, by improving their quality of life, and fighting for their opportunities. At that time, Dijkenstra was stationed in Manila as the Secretary of SELA (Socio Economic Life in Asia) of the Bureau of Asian Affairs of the Jesuit Order.

He was striving for a deeper dimension of his dedication in Asia. They soon agreed to unify marginalized community activists in a 3-week forum held in Bangkok in 1974. At least 120 participants from Asia-Pacific attended this forum, which became known as The Development Human Resources in Rural Asia Workshop (DHRRAW). While on leave from their Canadian universities, Tony and Angelita accepted John Dijkenstra’s offer to serve as the Directors of Workshop, functioning to prepare and conduct the DHRRAW. Eventually, that was the first consequence of their love for Asian people, with a vision to empower them -- at least to stay here for a semester. Patiently, they listened to the complaints and aspirations of the community empowerment activists. Intensely, they tried to understand everyone’s creative efforts to use any opportunities with great dedication. Amazingly, in the 3-week experience in Bangkok, we became aware that Asia’s gloomy condition raised to the surface of Asia due to the dehumanized development process. It was then clear that the extraordinary dynamics should be supported and empowered.

The successful and friendly meeting in Swanganiwas marked a new era for us. Networks among friends in Asia and other continents should be translated into actions. On top of that, a secretariat called CENDHRRA (Center for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia) was established. Yes! Someone should be an organizer. We realized no one was more suitable than Tony and Angelita Ledesma. That was the second consequence of “being trapped” to love and to empower the communities of Asia. It was endless, with gloomy prospect, yet really determined to develop capacities together, reaping a light and making it shine brightly in the fighting arena. Tony and Angelita could not avoid the challenge, they compulsorily went down from the established ivory tower of their university to the sick and unpromising grassroots.

Three decades of nurturing partnerships, solidarity...
One could imagine the distress that hit Tony and Angelita after the DHRRAW ended. The compulsion to create the follow-up program expected from them lead to a long journey of sacrifice. They needed some time to settle themselves, complete their previous commitment, and focus on CENDHRRA with the first series of activities of CIRD (CENDHRRA Integral Rural Development) Workshop. Because “integrated” sounded like a top-down approach, it was changed to “integral”, which sounded more like a bottom-up approach, starting from the community. CIRD was successfully conducted 6 times in Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea and the Philippines within a period of 3 years (1976-1978).

It was an elaboration of the central theme of human development with dimensions of the roles of religions, education and information, youth and women, and so on. The implementation of the CIRD workshop had strengthened network of friends that was established in Bangkok, in addition to the involvement of new friends from various countries. Soon, it was followed by an institutionalization process in each country. In Indonesia it was called InDHRRA, in Malaysia it was MasDHRRA, in Thailand it was ThaiDHRRA, in Korea it was KoDHRRA, in Japan it was JapanDHRRA, in Taiwan it was TaiwanDHRRA, and in the Philippines it was PhilDHRRA. In many East Asian countries, the establishment of a national DHRRA had prompted the rise of the local NGOs. The role of CENDHRRA was amazing in improving and developing a network among friends for human development in rural Asia. The CIRD workshops also successfully led to a clearer understanding of the problems of human development in rural Asia and learnings on diverse and original initiatives from many areas that enriched and widened the view of local development workers. The CIRD workshops were followed by periodic planning and evaluation that strengthened not only individuals but also the foundation of each focal point.

The maturity that emerged as a result of cross-fertilization of ideas encouraged us to see two different kind of tendencies. One led us to get involved in a variety of grassroots development activities, while and the second led us to get involved in networking and advocacy activities. The international and regional experiences of CENDHRRA (meaning, Tony & Angelita) became a pillar of expectations for their involvement in national and local development processes in the Philippines. The expectations for more involvement in local and national affairs that turned into an unavoidable push was in line with logical and good development that consequently should be served with some decrease of regional service.

Meanwhile, the institutionalization development of national DHRRAs and their involvements in their respective national development efforts with government and national as well as international NGOs directed to the significance of new structure formulation. Since 1995, we noticed the role of AsiaDHRRA, in which all national DHRRAs and CENDHRRA assembled. In the past, CENDHRRA was national, but now ASIADHRRA is from and by national DHRRAs for human development in Asia. This development has made sense and is fine. It should also happen at the national level.

Having seen all of that, I must testify that Tony and Angelita have served as a great team work wisely and sincerely.

Thank you so much my brother and sister Tony and Angelita Ledesma.

Bambang Ismawan
Since its beginnings, we, men and women who labored for AsiaDHRRRA’s life were moved by a passion to help small farmers, fishers and indigenous peoples correct the injustices, oppression and consequent underdevelopment inflicted upon them by external and internal forces and factors. Our understanding of the causes of these dehumanizing conditions have propelled us to integrate with the sector and with them, initiate and innovate so as to jointly uplift their situations.

Fr. Djikstra and Drs. Tony and Angelita Ledesma, prime movers of the first DHRRAW 1974 workshop, and the 120 participants of this workshop shared a common concern for the growing inequality in Asian rural areas, brought about largely by then dominant capitalist economic growth paradigms. With DHRRAW 1974, they started a “dialogue of life” that they may be able to exchange information and inspire one another in developing the rural communities they work with.

The national DHRRAs that were consequently established by these pioneers were a direct response to a call made clear by their continuous direct involvement with local farmers, fisherfolks, rural women and indigenous communities: work with local communities in building and strengthening human resources in rural Asia through grassroots-based and oriented programs. The DHRRAs eventually built their competence in community organizing, popular education and training, participatory research and development, gender and development, and people’s economics among others so as to effectively respond to the needs and demands of empowerment work with peasant groups.

Globalization and eventual agricultural trade liberalization reared its ugly head in the mid90’s, further threatening the lives of millions of Asian farmers and slowly taking away from them control over major aspects of their lives. It then became clear that helping farmers locally is not enough. We needed to build and strengthen a regional coalition of farmers’ groups that will be a strong voice in international advocacy work, ensuring that national and international policies and programs protect peasants rights and interests. And so, we worked for the birth and strengthening of the Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA).

Today, AFA is a key symbol of our passion for sustainable rural development. Today, AFA is a key symbol for one of our main reason for being: to build capacities for leadership at grassroots level. Today, AFA is our source of inspiration --- for our continuing pursuit of sustainable rural development. After all, when our partner farmer groups and their communities flourish, we can say to ourselves, we have played a key part in it.

To AFA, we give this “source of inspiration” award.

Gil Cua
MISEREOR

Looking back to the first “Development of human Resources in rural Areas workshop (DHRRAW)” 30 years ago and the ensuing development into a vigorous network of social development organisation in Asia, one can only admire the pioneering spirit and vision of the founding fathers of this movement and all those who have contributed towards its success. In the course of all these are so many personalities who have dedicated their energy and resourcefulness to this common endeavor but it is right that you take the opportunity of the 30th anniversary to pay a special tribute to the DHRRA founding leaders, the late Fr. John Dijkstra, S.J., Dr. Antonio Ledesma and Dr. Angelita Yap-Ledesma. All of them have been playing a very crucial role in giving inspiration and direction to the DHRRA network and thus, laid the foundation for what AsiaDHRRA represents today.

It is indeed a great privilege and honour for MISEREOR to have been associated with this DHRRA initiative from the very beginning and that we have been able to support its growth, both in terms of geographical outreach as well as the issues taken up through the individual DHRRA members and as a network. This growth during the last 30 years went along with the tremendous change in Asia and which saw a strengthening of the capacities of Asian societies to assume more and more responsibilities in confronting their own problems but also to become a critical actor on global issues.

Although it would have been a great pleasure to celebrate together with your three decades of nurturing partnerships, solidarity building and working with rural communities, it may unfortunately not be possible for a MISEREOR representative to attend your 30th anniversary conference of DHRRAW. Allow us, therefore, to convey to you through this message our warm greetings and congratulate all of you for all the achievements of 30 years.

With best wishes I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Martin Dutting
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On behalf of CORDAID, I would like to convey our best wishes to all friends of AsiaDHRRA on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary. Thirty years of commitment and involvement in development of human resources in rural areas of Asia indeed is a good moment for reflection and celebration. We wish you a very Happy and Joyful celebration. From our part, we very much appreciate your commitment to human resource development in the rural areas of Vietnam during the last few years. Although not always easy, I think both AsiaDHRRA and CORDAID can be proud of working together for the empowerment of rural people in Vietnam together with our Vietnamese partners.

We join you in spirit during the 30th Anniversary on August 9-15.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
for CORDAID

Jan Nielen
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FAO ROAP

Congratulations on the 30th Anniversary of AsiaDHRRA and my complements for the excellent work your organization has done over the years.

I wish you all the best for a successful celebration of AsiaDHRRA’s 30th Anniversary.

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AWCF

The Asian Women in Co-operative Development Forum or AWCF is a regional network of national co-operative organizations in Southeast Asia. We have 5 national co-operative organizations and networks with around 2 million individual women and men co-operators, spread out in urban and rural communities. AWCF is focused on mainstreaming gender in the co-operative organizations. AWCF looks at gender equality and women empowerment. Gender involves relation between women and men as well as in making individual co-operators aware of gender issues both at the personal and institutional levels.
AWCF promotes the adoption of Transformative Leadership for co-operatives and to other peoples’ organizations in rural communities. The concept of transformative leadership is a living concept – transformative politics, transformative governance and transformative communities. Transformative leadership requires not only leadership but also the transformation of the structures, where the leader and the led share in the transformation process to attain a Development Oriented, Issue-Focused and Gender Sensitive (DO-IF-GS) organization and community.

We join AsiaDHRRA in celebrating the gains from the three decades of nurturing partnerships, solidarity building, and working with rural communities. We look forward to a more active partnership with the AsiaDHRRA network as we do our part in the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, promotion of gender equality and in the development of global partnerships, which are AWCF’s work in relation to the UN Millennium Development Goals.

*Sally Ganibe*

*AWCF*

**Individual**

I would like to thank AsiaDHRRA for inviting me to the 30th Anniversary of the DHRRA Family.

I do recall not only the very first days of CENDHRRA, which grew steadily out of the workshop in Swanganiwas in August 1974. I also had the privilege and pleasure of being close to those personalities, namely Rev. Fr. John Dijkstra, SJ and Drs. Tony and Angelita Ledesma, who developed the nucleus into a strong and meaningful initiative. Half of the 30 year-period I was fortunate to accompany CENDHRRA, though mostly from long distance.

Please accept my best wishes not only for the event in Tagaytay, but also especially for the future of the entire DHRRA-Network-Family.

With my best wishes and grateful greetings,

I remain sincerely yours,

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The NATCCO Network is committed to:

a. Work towards alternative socio-economic-political systems guided by self-reliance, democracy, nationalism, solidarity, justice, and gender equality; and
b. Evolve a strong and viable co-op sector and movement.

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From being the strongest national cooperative network in the country today, NATCCO aims to become a fully integrated network. It intends to become a diversified conglomerate with specialized co-op business lines servicing definite target markets among primary cooperatives. The network has a three-fold role: a cooperative network, a business enterprise, and a development catalyst.

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COOP-NATCCO Party List

- The only cooperative party-list representative in the Philippine Congress, having won in the 1998, 2001 and 2004 party-list elections
- Composed of cooperatives, co-op leaders and co-op advocates
- Worked for and will continue to work for:
  - Clarification of the tax treatment of cooperatives,
  - Strengthening of and providing more powers to savings and credit co-ops,
  - Appropriate and enabling regulatory framework for co-ops,
  - Support for agrarian reform and farmers cooperatives, housing co-ops and market vendors co-ops,
  - Gender sensitivity and equality in the co-op movement and in society,
  - Federalism,
  - Meaningful representation of co-ops in government decision-making bodies, and
  - Greater access of the poor and co-ops to government programs and services.

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**PROGRAMS**

Coconut Business Integration and Development Program

Microfinance Eco-Enterprise Program

Solid Waste Eco-Enterprise Program

Sustainable Partnership for Eco-Enterprise Development

Fund for Sustainable Civil Society - Start-up Eco-Enterprise Development Program

**PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

Loans

Developmental Deposits

Equity Investments

Joint Ventures

Small Grants

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Jess de la Fuente
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Working for Land and Life

The Philippine Agrarian Reform Foundation for National Development, Inc. (PARFUND) is a ten-year-old non-stock, non-profit, organization that raises funds and other support to landless farmers and farm workers working for a piece of land through the Philippines government’s Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

PARFUND was established in 1993 from the convergence of efforts of key leaders in the Philippine agrarian reform movement to respond to the lack of funding to support and encourage grassroots initiatives for agrarian reform and rural development.

PARFUND envisions a community where farmers and farm workers are able to enhance quality of life with a piece of land they truly own. It aims to contribute to the rural poor’s pursuit for peace, equity and justice by supporting their initiatives for resource tenure, productivity and rural democratization.

Essential is the support to these farm workers’ children. Poverty forces them to grow up the hard way - hungry, toiling, and without education. At their young age, they are robbed of the bliss and spirit any child should have.