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BRINGING MIGRANTS’ PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES TO THE FOREFRONT

About 3 per cent of the world’s population live outside their place of birth (International Organization for Migration). This is coupled with about 15-30 million irregular migrants crossing borders (International Labour Organization). To discuss the public health challenges faced by such international migrant movements, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and Yuchengco Center will organise the Public Briefing “Facing the Public Health Challenges: Southeast Asian Migrants in Europe” on 28 November 2012 in Makati City, The Philippines.

During the Makati Briefing, the ASEF Public Health Network will launch the Summary of its Research Report on “The Health Dimension of Southeast Asian Migration to Europe”. According to the Report, “Majority of migrants from Asia are concentrated in three countries — Italy, Germany and Spain — which together attract around 80 per cent of the total”. Dr Trinidad Osteria, President of Yuchengco Center at De La Salle University in the Philippines, and Dr Daniela Carrillo, Researcher of Health and Welfare Sector at Fondazione ISMU in Italy, will share their research findings with the invitees.

Since 2011, ASEF, with the funding support from the Government of Japan, has worked on migrant health issues by supporting joint research and a series of research exchange workshops. This led to coming up with in-depth research and data that can provide evidence for migrants’ vulnerabilities.

The focus of this interactive forum will be on the health dimensions of Asian migrants, particularly Chinese and Philippine migrants, in Europe. A panel discussion with audience participation, following the presentations, will address the barriers to healthcare services encountered by these migrants. It will also draw conclusions on prospects for Asia-Europe co-operation to strengthen the health systems for migrants in the two regions. Dr Maruja M.B. Asis, Director of Research and Publications, Scalabrini Migration Center, will moderate the panel discussion.

Interested media representatives can register to attend by contacting Smita at debasmita.dasgupta@asef.org

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 28 November 2012
Time: 4.30 – 6.30 pm
Venue: Emerald Room, Tiara Oriental Hotel
7248 Malugay Street, San Antonio Village, 1252
Makati City, The Philippines

For more information please visit http://tinyurl.com/aawup9p
The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes greater mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. Through ASEF, civil society concerns are included as a vital component of deliberations of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), which currently comprises 49 member states plus the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat (www.aseminfoboard.org). ASEF was established in February 1997 by the participating governments of ASEM and has since engaged over 17,000 direct participants through more than 600 projects in the realms of governance and human rights, economy and society, sustainable development and environment, public health, arts and culture and academic co-operation and education. In 2012, ASEF is commemorating its 15th Anniversary and invites everyone to take part in celebrating ‘Connected Histories, Shared Future’.

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The Yuchengco Center of De La Salle University in the Philippines has for its mission the contribution to public knowledge and awareness on political, economic and social policy concerns in the Philippines and the Asian region; and the enhancement of its roles as a think tank where research results are regularly transmitted to the end users for evidence-based legislation, policy-making and programming. Therefore, its activities include: research; conference and seminar organization; publication; program and project evaluation; and capacity-building of educators, planners and policymakers in four thematic areas of globalization; regional security and foreign relations; governance and democratization; and human security, particularly health and education. Through the years, it has undertaken studies on Philippine-Japan relations, international migration, regional economic integration, aging, health, gender issues, climate change, poverty alleviation, social policy, governance, regional cooperation, political economy, corruption, transnational crimes, agriculture, and free trade agreements.