

Background and Program

Youth education

The education of young people is the key of future social development. Some aspects of education are both difficult and important. They include preparing young people for love and life – a matter of growing concern for families and educators. It deserves proper attention from all social institutions and authorities.

Mistaken approaches are at the roots of many personal and social problems: teenage pregnancies, rising incidence of cohabitation, violence.... These are issues that squarely face governments, socially responsible companies, parents, teachers, and university students who have a common aspiration to work for the well-being of the young. Despite all the expertise, propaganda and money being expended, current programs are making little impact on levels of sexually transmitted diseases and are facing increasing rates of developmental problems.

A reliance on education which does not take account of the person in its entirety must be responsible to a large extent for many of society's problems.

Sharing experiences

In recognition of this current global concern, InterMedia (an international foundation based in Rome and Chicago), DAWV (Development Advocacy for Women Volunteerism, Philippines) and EDUCHILD Foundation (Philippines); in cooperation with other Asian, American and European bodies, are jointly organising:

the Second International Congress on Education in Love, Sex and Life - Manila, 19 – 21 November 2007 Its primary objective is:

To encourage and equip participants to initiate or boost educational activities and programs in teenagers' character development and education in human love (keystones of social development), and to progress in new findings and ideas in this area of youth education.

In May 2006 the First International Congress was held in Mexico City ().

Attended by 750 policy makers, parents, social entrepreneurs, and development educators from four continents, the highly positive impact of the Congress led to the calling of the Second Congress, this time in Manila, Philippines.



Monday, 19 November 2007

1:00 p.m. Registration Begins.3:00 Exhibit Booths Open.

Snacks are served in the afternoon

(from 6:00 to 7:00).

Tuesday 20 November 2007

8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies.

Keynote Address – Vision, Practices and Challenges of Character Education: Towards a Chaste Lifestyle.

THOMAS LICKONA, Ph.D.

Developmental Psychologist & Professor of Education State University of New York (USA). Director of the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (Respect and Responsibility) – USA. Advisor of the Character Education Partnership, Character Counts Coalition and Medical Institute for Sexual Health.

Research Overview.

JOKIN de IRALA, Ph.D.

Assistant Director and Professor of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Navarre (Spain).

Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of Massachusetts (USA).

Declaration of Congress Opening.

10:00 Coffee Break.

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10:45 Conference 1 – Character Education and Human Sexuality: Meeting the Challenges of Today's Environment.

Educating for a Virtuous Life.

KEVIN RYAN, Ph.D.

Founder, Center for Advancement of Ethics and Character, Boston University (USA). Education Ph.D. in Stanford University (USA) and Alfred North Whitehead Fellow, Harvard University (USA).

Educating in Love: Teaching Love beyond abstinence.

COLLEEN MAST, Ph.D.

Founder, Sex Respect Program (Illinois, USA). D.H.L. Quincy University Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. M.S. Western Illinois University, Health Education.

Youth Commentaries and Forum with the Audience

12:15 noon Lunch Break.

1:45 p.m. Conference 2 – Today's Adolescent: Any Different Then? Any Different Elsewhere?.

MS. LORA TAN GARCIA

Pioneer, I Am S.T.R.O.N.G. ... I Am Responsible Program (Philippines). University of Asia and the Pacific (Philippines).

MR. JOHN D. BORRA

Resource Person, I Am S.T.R.O.N.G. ... I Am Responsible.

University of Asia and the Pacific (Philippines).

Youth Commentaries and Forum with the Audience. Initiative Presentation: *I Am S.T.R.O.N.G.*, *Philippines*.

3:15 Coffee-Break.



4:00 Forum 1 – What Is in Our Minds, Our Hearts? ... The Teenage Lifestyle.

Resource Persons:

Esther Esteban, Keith Liu, Kevin Ryan

Youth Commentaries and Forum with the Audience.

Initiative Presentation: PROTEGE TU CORAZON – Mexico: How to accomplish harmony between intelligence, willpower and emotions altogether... the key challenge.

Wednesday 21 November 2007

8:00 a.m. Conference 3 – Chastity Education in the Family:

The Essential Dad ... The Essential Mom.

ESTHER J. ESTEBAN, Ph.D.

University of Asia and the Pacific (Philippines). Founder of Parent/Teacher Enrichment and Effectiveness Program (Philippines). Ph.D. in Child and Family Studies in Miriam College Graduate School, Manila (Philippines). Master's Degree in Education at the University of Asia & the Pacific.

PATRICK FAGAN, Ph.D.

Heritage Foundation, William H. G. Fitzgerald Senior Research Fellow in Family and Cultural Issues. Ph.D. in Social Policy from University College Dublin, Ireland.

Youth Commentaries and Forum with the Audience.

Initiative Presentation: EDUCARSE Program - Chile: A successful experience with an abstinence centered sex education program in Chilean high schools.

10:00 Coffee-Break.





Conference 4 – Managing Media at Home and School: Mobile Phones, Internet and Videogames – Today's Interconnected Adolescents World. MR. KEITH LIU

Head, Games and Mobile Internet, Multimedia Business Group, Nokia.

The Medium Is the Message: Media Championing Education in True Love.

JONATHAN AND KAREN DOYLE

Founders, Choicez Media (Australia).

Youth Commentaries and Forum with the Audience. Initiative Presentation: CHOICEZ MEDIA, Australia.

12:15 noon Lunch.

10:45

1:45 p.m. Forum 2 – Sex Education in Schools: Why? What? How?.
Resource Persons:

Thomas Lickona, Patrick Fagan, Esther Esteban. Youth Commentaries and Forum with the Audience.

2:45 Conference 5 – Behavior Changes and AIDS Prevention.

Does Education of the Youth in Sex, Love and Life Make Any Difference?.

JOKIN DE IRALA, Ph.D.

Sexual Involvement in Youths – Factors and Needs. Research Overview.

Fei Yue Community Services, Singapore.

The report was funded by National Youth Council, Youth Research Fund, Singapore.

Commentaries, Medical Professionals and Forum with te Audience.

Initiative Presentation: Women's Foundation for World Peace - Taiwan.

3:45 Coffee Break

4:30 Final Conference: Chastity: Still Cool ... Still Hip?. Concluding Ceremonies





REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee covers lunch and snacks, and a Congress Participant Kit.

There are two categories of registration fees:

- 1. A discounted group rate of US\$ 125 for groups of 30 or more paying at least 15 days in advance. For Group Rate, please contact the Secretariat.
- A standard rate for individual registration:

US\$ 180 for registration paid before 15 August 2007

US\$ 200 for registration paid before 15 September 2007

US\$ 220 for registration paid before 15 October 2007

US\$ 250 for registration paid after 15 October 2007

SLOTS ARE LIMITED. The first 300 registered participants will have access to a private lecture on 19 November 2007, 7 p.m., given by one of the speakers. At delegates must add VAT (12%) to their total conference fees.

For REGISTRATION, please proceed to www.edicongress.com or contact the Secretariat.





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