

PRESS RELEASE

Exhibition "World Religions - Universal Peace - Global Ethic" to Visit the Philippines

Upon invitation of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Philippines, the world-renowned exhibition, *World Religions - Universal Peace - Global Ethic*, will be coming to the Philippines for the first time from November 30 to December 10, 2007.

The exhibition features 26 posters which examines several "world religions", namely Hinduism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, the Baha'i Faith, as well as indigenous spiritualities, and highlights their common values and ethics leading towards the concept of a "Global Ethic". It will be displayed here in the Philippines during the Mindanao Week of Peace, and will open in Manila on December 3, 2007 at the Music Hall, SM Mall of Asia. Co-organizers for this exhibition include the Centrist Policy Institute, KUSOG-Mindanao, and the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID).

This exhibition is the result of a close collaboration between the Global Ethics Foundation (GEF) in Tübingen (Germany), the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the Malaysian Interfaith Network (MIN) over the past 4 years. It is based on a lifetime of research by the famous theologian Professor Hans Küng and the inputs of many other international experts and representatives from all religious backgrounds.

"The exhibition invites visitors to explore the fascinating world of religions so that the people can have a better understanding of the importance of their ethical messages in our present-day society," remarks Mr. Klaus Preschle, the country representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung to the Philippines. "It focuses on a set of principles and values that are common among all religions and ethical traditions. This highly educational exhibit would contribute in understanding the different religions and have the public realize that religion can be a source of peace and unity among peoples."

The exhibition has been shown at the 2nd ASEM Foreign Ministers Meeting in Hamburg, Germany and at the Singapore National Library earlier this year. Versions of the exhibit had earlier been on display at the Headquarters of the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund.

Accompanying the exhibition will be Mr. Peter Schier, who is an independent consultant in common values education, inter-religious and interethnic relations, and conflict prevention. Mr. Schier is also the former country representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung to Malaysia. He has given numerous lectures and published several books and over 100 articles on China, Cambodia and Southeast Asia and has presented numerous papers at international conferences. Mr. Schier is a graduate of Peking University and of Free University of Berlin (M.A.).

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

November 30	<i>Mindanao Week of Peace</i> Kusog-Mindanao Roundtable Conference Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City
December 1	<i>Mindanao Week of Peace</i> Entertainment Plaza Shoe Mart Mall, Davao City
December 3-5	The Music Hall SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City
December 6	Colayco Pavilion Manny V. Pangilinan Center for Student Leadership Ateneo de Manila University
December 7	Thomas Aquinas Research Complex University of Santo Tomas
December 10	Southeast Asian Forum on Islam and Democracy Centennial Hall B, Manila Hotel



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