

## **IFOAM-Organics Asia**

## **Youth Program**

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## IFOAM-Organics Asia

- Approved as a regional body of IFOAM-Organics International in 2012
- Legally registered as a not-for profit organization in South Korea in 2013
- Three country offices in China, Philippines and Bangladesh
- Currently 220 member organizations from 16 countries and regions.
- Main activities are on Policy advocacy, Market and Development, Consumer
   Awareness, and Research and Development

### Projects and Networks:

## Organic Asia Congress













1<sup>st</sup> Organic Youth Forum Oct 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Changzhou, China









- A unique project of IFOAM Asia recognizing innovations and creativity of the youth as future leaders in the organic sector.
- There are over two hundred members of the Forum in Asia.





2<sup>nd</sup> Organic Youth Forum June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Shanghai, China 3<sup>rd</sup> Organic Youth Forum Sept 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Bislig City, Philippines











4<sup>th</sup> Organic Youth Forum March 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 New Taipei City

5<sup>th</sup> Organic Youth Forum Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> to Dec1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Dimapur, Nagaland, India



































3<sup>rd</sup> Organic Youth Forum Tour 2018 Philippines











The OYF has started receiving non-Asian delegates: Poland and Austria



## Youth Program

- Initiated to organize two organic training courses (OFC for youths and another for the young officials of municipalities or local governments) in each year.
- Around 20-25 youth participants will join from the Asian countries in the courses.
- Impacts-
  - Youth Organic leadership
  - Creating opportunities for youths in organic businesses and professional career
  - Strengthen and expansion of the Asian Youth Forum Networking
  - Building collaboration and membership networks

## Organic Leadership Course

The participants are expected to learn:

- Basic organic agriculture and fundamentals
- Organic business incubation and business opportunities (mentorship)
- Capacity development in organic entrepreneurship
- Organic market development

## The ALGOA Organic Foundation Course

The ALGOA Organic Foundation Course is a training program on organic agriculture offered to local government officials and IFOAM Asia affiliates as part of the ALGOA project.

Since the inception of ALGOA OFC in 2016, more than 200 trainees have already completed the course.



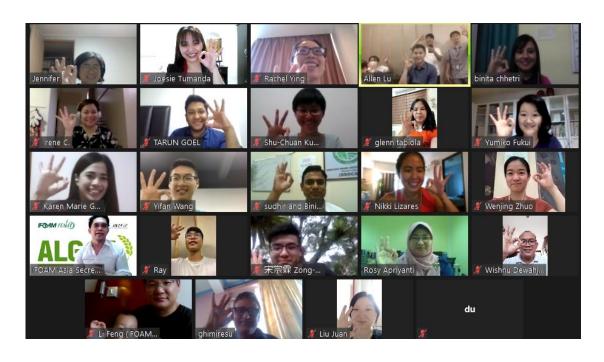


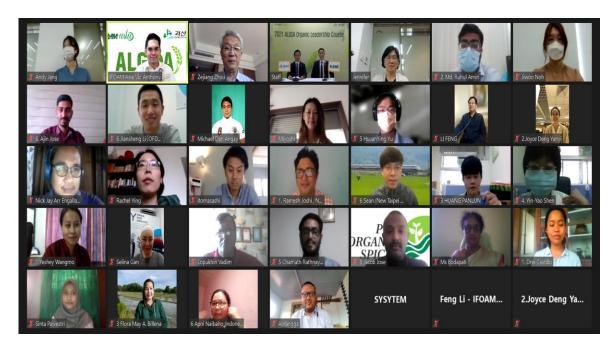
#### The graduates of the 2019 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course



#### The graduates of the 2020 and 2021 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course

2020 2021









#### The graduates of the 2022 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course Masterclass



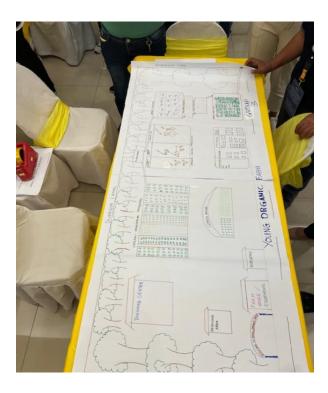




## ALGOA Organic Foundation Course for Young Officials (Special Edition)

Victorias City, Negros Occidental, Philippines; May 25-26, 2023









The Young Organics Global Network alliance was formally launched last September 2020 in Goesan County, South Korea.







## World Organic Youth Summit (2023)

Hualien City, Taiwan





## The Cold Mountain Chain



- Team of young people who are passionate about organic farming and working towards creating a better sustainable ecosystem.
- Mission is to help the farmers and young people, by educating them about organic farming by generating employment for our youths and better market linkages for our farmers.

### **Cold Mountain Chain's Journey**

- Initiated in 2013-14 as an organic farming activity
- Joined Organic World Congress in India 2027
- In 2018 an NGO, Nagaland Organic Konnect (NOK) was formed. The group consisted of young people who are passionate about organic farming.
- In 2019, 5th International Asia Organic Youth Forum at Dimapur, Nagaland.
- Currently working with the UNCTAD program to develop a better sustainable organic value chain in Nagaland
- The CEO is now leading the Organic Youth Forum.







# Agroecology Promotion Program Southeast Asian Agroecology Initiative (SAAI)

- ALiSEA intends to implement youth capacity-building programs in the South Asian Countries (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Myanmar) under the APP.
- SAAI expected to will begin in 2025/2026 with a training need-assessment as well as networking needs and a review of the existing initiatives in the targeted countries.
- Establishment and strengthening National Youth networks (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Myanmar), as well as Youth National and Regional learning forum (network), and summits linking them with all Asia AE/OA Youth networks.



#### Thank you for your attention

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