

Rotary Vocational Exchanges are one of the most sustainable programs of the Rotary Foundation, helping young professionals with exposure to international experience and knowledge in their chosen field of endeavor, and building goodwill and understanding between people with different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. This is a fine example of the power of Rotary's first Avenue of Service, Vocational Service!

We need your help to make the 2017 Vocational Exchange with District 3820 in the Philippines a success by giving the team members a memorable professional experience they can't get at home. The Rotary Club of Albert Park have agreed to participate in the vocational visit program – hence my contacting you.

We are seeking Rotarians from our club to either host a team member in your organisation or put us in touch with other organisations who may be willing to host. We would love to have your ideas about how we can best help these young people get the best out of this visit and take something of value back to their home country.

The team arrives from the Philippines on February 11th. Over the month they are in Victoria we would like to arrange vocational visits of 4 days with a single organisation in each week, but 2 day visits in a week would also be welcome.

The Goldfields Cluster Clubs have taken up the challenge of hosting the team for the week February 26th to March 4th in the Bendigo region. The other three weeks the team will be in Melbourne, which is where we need your help.

The team members, their professions and some thought starters for vocational visits are;

Leader; Flordeliza Castro - Amptuan

- an experienced nurse now in health services marketing and management.
- Seeking exposure to
 - major hospital management and
 - public or private health service providers would seem a good fit.
 - Possibly also educational institutions in this field?

Marine Barral Dapito

- with an MS in environmental science and engaged in solving pollution problems in river systems. Very well qualified and active professionally.
- Seeking
 - Visits to the EPA,
 - researchers/consultants in managing waste water impact on natural systems,
 - Catchment Management Authorities,
 - Melbourne Water, etc?

Jerick Pecaso

- a water and sanitary engineer currently in environmental management at a university,
- interested in
 - safety, health and environmental best practice with emphasis on water systems.
- Seeking exposure to
 - one of the Metro water companies, Melbourne Water, EPA, GHD
 - big environmental consulting firm, etc.

Ma. Leny Arcenas

- an experienced nurse and midwife, now in the public sector managing public health programs e.g. STI HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, Adolescent Reproductive Health, etc.
- Suggests Department of Health, health insurance industry, university school of nursing?

Nicole Angelique Lit Sanchez

- a microbiologist currently working in an analytical services firm supporting the food and non food industries by providing a range of food safety and environmental testing services.
- So visiting
 - RMIT Food Science and Technology,
 - Nutrition Australia,
 - environmental testing labs,
 - food industry, etc.

Please contact me by phone 0418 349 024 or e-mail gerry@iinet.net.au with your suggestions for any assistance you can provide.

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