EXPO2005 INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Session : June

Toward the Realization of Eco Community "Messages from Children"

Concert

Toward the Realization of Eco Community" Messages from Children" (Philippine / Music and Dance) Mga Anak ni Inang Daigdig (Children of Mother Earth)

Date and Time Sunday, June 5 2 shows 1st show Doors Open : 16 : 00 Show Start : 16 : 30 2nd show Doors Open : 19 : 00 Show Start : 19 : 30

Venue EXPO Hall Organizer Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition

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Performers

Mga Anak ni Inang Daigdig (Children of Mother Earth)

Outline

In "Smoky Mountain", Asia's largest slum, in the Philippines, young people earn a living by garbage gathering. However, at the same time, those children are known as performers flourishing internationally. Through the songs and dances of the indigenous tribes in the Philippines, they learned the importance of maintaining their national identity, rich environment and culture. The group aims to inherit Philippine culture and tradition and also trigger the awareness of environmental collapse through their performance. On this stage, they will present an original program on the theme of future eco-communities of our planet.

Application

+ Advanced reservation

Please refer to the EXPO 2005 official web site or the EXPO 2005 official guide book and submit your application online (either from computer or mobile phone).

+ Numbered Tickets

If you wish to see the show, please take a numbered ticket at the EXPO Hall Ticket Booth.

It will be distributed from 2:00p.m. on June 5.

All seats are unreserved except some parts.

* Visitors without admission tickets for the EXPO 2005 will not be able to enter.

* If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of a program, no more applicants will be accepted.

+ For further information

Profile

Mga Anak ni Inang Daidgig, Children of Mother Earth, is an environmental group of young people born and raised in Smoky Mountain, the infamous garbage dump in the city of Manila. In 1993, Fr. Benigno P. Beltran, SVD, parish priest of the Risen Christ in Smokey Mountain thought of creating a group that will move the conscience of people regarding environmental degradation and the possible ecological disasters resulting from ravaging the planet. He started with "Mga Lingkod ni Inang Daigdig" (later the name was changed to "Mga Anak ni Inang Daidgig") a group of young children performing stage drama, songs and interpretative dances that depict the importance of taking care of the environment. These children went through auditions and rigid training. The primary mission of the group was to share ideas and insights on saving Mother Earth with other youth. They strongly believed that today's youth should feel responsible for taking care of this world for it is only one they have. The group also aimed to trigger the awareness of the people regarding irresponsible garbage disposal, the harsh effects of pollution and the resulting environmental collapse and ecological imbalance. The group invited guest professional instructors to train them in drama and stage skills. Environmental seminars and acting workshops were also given to boost the knowledge and skills of the members in stage performance. As a result, they received enthusiastic applause in their first concert. Later, Ramon Obsan from the Ramon Obsan Folkloric Group became their stage manager and the group started full-fledged stage career. On this stage, they will present an original program on the theme of future eco-communities of our planet.