CREATING HERITAGE TRAILS

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

DATE
21 June 2019

VENUE
S31 Hotel (room to be confirmed)
545 Sukhumvit Road
Bangkok 10110

SUMMARY
The workshop “Creating Heritage Trails” shall take place following the 3rd SEAMEO SPAFA International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology (17-19 June 2019) on 21 June 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The proposed workshop is targeted to twenty-five (25) archaeologists, cultural and heritage workers as Tuklas Pilipinas will assist them in crafting interactive and engaging heritage trails in their respective locales to better communicate heritage concepts, history, and lessons on shared heritage. This one-day workshop will equip participants with knowledge, skills and attitudes (KSA) in developing an experiential learning module design in interpreting heritage.

FEE
600 Thai Baht / USD$ 20 to cover food and beverage for the entire day.

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ABOUT: Tuklas Pilipinas Society

Tuklas Pilipinas Society, Inc. (Tuklas) is a non-profit organization that focuses on archaeology as a basis for promoting heritage literacy and cultural consciousness in the Philippines and the region. It is mainly composed of archaeologists, cultural workers, and heritage enthusiasts that adhere to education and community engagement to bring yesterday’s stories and learn from them. Tuklas has three core programs to advance its vision-mission –

Sandbox Sessions | Educate on Archaeological Heritage
● Primarily geared towards children and the youth, Sandbox Sessions give participants the opportunity to be an archaeologist for a day, introducing them to the basics of the work and the science.

ArchaeoTrails | Explore and Understand Cultures
● Reimagine the past with a Tuklas facilitator and other archaeology enthusiasts. This mobile learning experience exposes participants to archaeological and historical sites, so they can learn from the past and better understand our shared heritage.

Community Links | Engage Local Communities
● Tuklas partners with local governments, non-government organizations, and other heritage groups to spark discussions, come up with innovative ideas, and develop sustainable solutions on concerns regarding our natural and cultural heritage.

CREATING COMMUNITY HERITAGE TRAILS
A module-making workshop on educating on heritage by Tuklas (Discover) Pilipinas Society, in partnership with SEAMEO SPAFA

Tuklas follows a progressive education philosophy which focuses on the students’ vital role as an active learner in the learning process. Tuklas Facilitators guide the participants through a transformative interactive classroom experience that employs social interaction and experiential activities to better understand concepts, connections, and applications of cultural heritage. In these learning modules, the different senses are tapped both as part of the teaching and learning styles to give emphasis to ‘experiencing heritage’. In pursuing these ideals, Tuklas hopes to expand and deepen each and everyone’s understanding on the importance of cultural knowledge and our responsibility to heritage resource management.

With this approach, we would like to share some strategies and learnings and assist other individuals and groups to other innovative ways in educating on heritage. This module-making workshop aims to:

1. Revitalize current methods on heritage education in Southeast Asia;
2. Enhance heritage narratives through non-traditional forms of communicating history and culture to better engage the public;
3. Build a sustainable network of heritage workers in Southeast Asia sharing on practical challenges and creative and innovative strategies in teaching and communicating cultural heritage to the public.

Specific to the workshop objectives, we propose for the following workshop deliverables:
1. Knowledge: Impart Tuklas Learning Experience framework and share lessons from Heritage Interpretation
2. Skills: Equip participants to develop a localized Heritage Trails module design that is customized, localized, and applicable to their respective target audience and subject
3. Attitudes: Create an empowered, unique and creative learning environment that values openness, cooperation, and intercultural dialogue

* Besides the actual workshop on 21 June 2019, Tuklas will send out a short survey/questionnaire as part of the levelling-off. More so, this prior communication with the participants will also include reminders and short homework in preparation for the one-day workshop.
WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

AM Activities:
Session 1: Community Building
How do we build a community of heritage learners?
Learning points:
- Shared heritage
- Intercultural dialogue and cooperation
- Relevance of cultural resources protection and the need for public support

Session 2: Community Sharing
How do we transform our heritage knowledge to meaningful experiences for and to others?
Learning points:
- Tuklas Learning Framework
- Communication strategies from Heritage Interpretation
- Reflections and personal experiences from the participants

Session 3: Community Making
How do we teach and communicate heritage values/subjects to a targeted audience?
Learning points:
- Developing teaching modules
- The importance of discussion and observation guides

PM Activities:
Session 4: Presentation
"Testing" of modules

Session 5: Evaluation
Peer and self-evaluation