

International Thai Foundation (“ITF”)

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (“COE”) 2015

PERIOD

This Report covers the ITF's activities from November 2014 to December 2015.

MISSION

ITF's mission is to empower individuals & entities towards consistent & equal legal, Human Rights & civil liberties protection; collaboration; transparency; and capacity-building.

The ITF endeavours to encourage recognition, involvement and engagement throughout the Thai, ASEAN and international law sector. This includes advice, training, assistance & dialogue to address challenges throughout the profession, with the recipients and throughout society as a whole. We collaborate with a range of stakeholders & interested parties to share information & resources and promote best practice on responsible advocates, practitioners, legal officials & businesses.

ACTIVITY 1: NETWORKING EVENTS

2014

- 7.11.2014 the ITF co-hosted a preparatory Network event in Chiang Mai to gauge the local Northern Provincial interest of potential stakeholders in their future involvement in the UNGC Local Network.
- 42 participants attended including local Thai lawyers, government officials, Thai business representatives and employees.
- Outcome regarding the UNGC 10 Principles regarding Human Rights & Labor: awareness & familiarity of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles & Rights at Work. Discussion on the benefit of an active global network.

2015

- 10.06.2015 the ITF co-hosted a preparatory Network event in Hat Yai, Songkla to gauge the local Southern Provincial interest of potential stakeholders in their future involvement in the UNGC Local Network.

- 18 participants attended including local Thai lawyers, government officials, Thai business representatives and employees.
- Outcome regarding the UNGC 10 Principles regarding Sustainability & Anti-Corruption: awareness & familiarity of the the UN Convention Against Corruption. Discussion on the benefit of an active global network.

ACTIVITY 2: WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

- 2014-2015 the ITF presented 6 workshops to inform potential stakeholders & interested parties relating to Thai & ASEAN labor practices, human trafficking, sex working, bribery & holistic practices.
- Outcome: outreach & awareness raising to groups of between 4 and 9 people.
- Satisfactory conclusion with positive feedback.

ACTIVITY 3: RESEARCH / ARTICLES

- 2015: none.

ACTIVITY 4: EXPERTISE DEVELOPMENT

- 2015: none

ACTIVITY 5: STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE & CSR NETWORK

- 2015 the ITF enabled the establishment of a Stakeholder Committee consisting of 11 members from interested parties of the following industries
 - legal & judicial;
 - IT;
 - education;
 - training;
 - pharmaceutical;
 - energy;
 - agriculture & textiles;
 - banking, insurance & finance;
 - travel & tourism;
 - retail;
 - fishing.
- The Agendas of 5 meetings focussed on Human Rights, Civil Liberties, Sustainability, Labor Rights & Corruption.
- Outcome: recognition of the UNGC 10 Principles and a commitment to their acknowledgement and practical implementation in business ethos, decisions, methods and objectives.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The ITF encouraged a nucleus of support for the development of an active CSR Network in Thailand.
2. Limited but tangible realisation of the gap currently evident in the existing system. However small steps achieved towards cooperation with the existing stakeholders & interested parties in Thailand towards an active & vibrant CSR Network.
3. Mapping of CSR entities in the Northern Province of Thailand.

The ITF remains committed towards the UNGC 10 Principles & international instruments. More work is required but our entity will continue towards the ultimate objective.

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