

34th International Solidarity Affair



Date: April 25 – May 2

Venue: Manila and Central Luzon Philippines

Theme

Neoliberal Attack on Workers and Trade Union Repression

Background

Instead of heeding the people's just and legitimate demands, President Duterte is responding to workers' clamor for change by intensifying neoliberal policies and trade union repression.

President refused to sign an Executive Order that will eliminate short-term contractualization, and he maintains the current law that allows the latter's widespread use. He has not taken action towards the implementation of a National Minimum Wage. He has not brought justice for the victims of occupational health and safety violations.

34th ISA Objectives

The objective of the 34th ISA program is to allow international delegates to witness and better understand the circumstances of workers in the Philippines, especially in relation to low wages, short-term contractual work, and occupational health and safety.

It is also intended to facilitate the sharing of experiences between ISA delegates and Filipino workers for each to learn from the other.

Program



Date	Activities	Venue
April 25 Wed	Arrival	
April 26 Thurs	Philippine trade union and national situation Sharing of delegates of their country situation	KMU Workers' School, Quezon City, Metro Manila
April 27 Fri	Exposure - short-term contractual work in export processing zone workers	Central Luzon (2-3 hours away from Metro Manila)
April 28 Sat	Exposure - short-term contractual work in service and informal workers	Central Luzon (2-3 hours away from Metro Manila)

April 29 Sun	Medical mission	Central Luzon
April 30 Mon	Exposure in Central Luzon Sharing for Labor Day Message Help in the production work for Labor Day (creating banners, effigy, placards)	KMU National Office, Quezon City
May 1 Tue	Labor Day Demonstration	Mendiola, Metro Manila
May 2 Wed	Field Trip	Metro Manila
May 3 Thurs	Departure	Metro Manila



Exposure

The exposure will focus on factories and other workplaces with a high rate of short-term contractual workers. Sharing will be done in picket lines or union offices.

Country report

All delegates are requested to make a 5-10 minute sharing of their country situation during the first day. The aim is to share with Filipino workers the condition of workers in other countries. Short powerpoint presentations (about 5-10 slides) with photos of workers are requested.

Arrival and departure

For arrival, delegates will be picked up at the airport in batches. We will hold a big card with your name at the arrival area. Please provide us the date and time of your arrival, and the terminal number by filling up the registration form.

For departure, transportation (taxi or public transportation) will be arranged individually, and will be paid for by the ISA secretariat who will take you at the airport.

For emergency purposes, or in case the delegate and ISA secretariat were not able to meet at the airport, please prepare a taxi fare of PHP 660–1,100 (or USD 15 - USD 25) to go to the KMU office. From there, a national office staff will contact the ISA secretariat to pick you up and take you to the KMU Workers' School.

Contact

For pick-up and in case of emergency, you may call
ISA Secretariat: +63 933-046-8559 (Ms. Emmy)
National Office: (for local phone) 4210986; (for international, use +63 2 4210986)
Address: 63 Narra Street, Project 3, Quezon City. (Using taxi, please go to Anonas Street Quezon City then look for Narra corner Aguho streets. Look for the signage "Balai Obrero Foundation.")

Accommodation

The accommodation will be at the KMU Workers' School, Don Mariano Marcos Avenue, Quezon City. The accommodation is a dormitory with airconditioned rooms. Each room will be shared by two to three delegates. A mattress will be provided to each delegate.

Bathrooms are shared.

Female and male delegates have separate bedrooms and bathrooms.

Delegates must bring their own toiletries and towels.

The Workers' School has a curfew: 10:00 PM. The gates will be locked at 11:00 PM. No one can enter the premises after it has been locked.

If you wish to book at a hotel in some days of your stay, we can provide you with a list of hotels in Quezon City, but all fees and arrangement will be taken care of by the delegate.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided from arrival to departure at the airport. Transportation is a non-airconditioned L300 van (jeepney type).

Food

Food from arrival to departure, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. Most of the meals will be cooked by workers at the KMU Workers' School. For food restriction and preference, please fill-up the separate registration form.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is USD 350. This covers food, transportation and accommodation from April 25- May 2. Please note that the registration fee does not include airfare and personal items such as toiletries and medicine. An additional USD 50 per day will be added for accommodations for dates outside of the duration of the ISA.

If the delegate wishes to stay in a hotel, a minimal deduction will be made in the registration fee.

Climate

Philippines is a tropical country. The temperature in Metro Manila is warm with an average temperature of 27-30°C.

Delegates are encouraged to bring light clothes such as t-shirts, but kindly avoid wearing sando, sleeveless, sheer clothes or short shorts or skirts to suit local customs.

Logistical guide

A more detailed logistical guide will be provided after the registration form has been sent.