

# LEARNING FOR THE FUTURE

## AN OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

March 27-30, 2012

SEAMEO INNOTECH, Quezon City, Philippines



Harrison Owen, the voice of Open Space Technology (OST), is coming to Asia for a grand gathering of open space enthusiasts, neophytes, simply curious and all those interested in the future possibilities of learning and education. This extraordinary gathering is about us and about our COMMON FUTURE.

The Conference will open the space for exchanges, linkages and hopefully a significant step forward on a theme and challenge that is fundamentally and universally important ~ **LEARNING FOR THE FUTURE**. It comes in two stand-alone segments: a one-day training offering for those who are new to OST and a three day working conference on what the future of learning looks like.

### The Conference Segments

Choose to join one or both of these 2012 OST Events.

#### Open Space Technology

##### A Pre-Conference Learning Session

27 March 2012

This is open to anyone and everyone interested in Open Space Technology (OST) as a way of facilitating dialogues and meetings. It will introduce the participants to the technology's history and core principles, and provide them the opportunity to experience an open space event. There will be an opportunity to ground the OST's principles and laws in individual lives through question and answer (Q&A) and practice sessions. Practical issues of facilitating an open space event will likewise be tackled.

- A full day mentoring with Harrison Owen and a seasoned OST practitioner in the region
- Learn the principles behind OST
- Engage in the process and sharpen your skills in facilitation

Registration fee: **USD150.00**

#### Learning for the Future

##### A Conference of Enthusiasts

28-30 March 2012

This is open to all who are passionate about learning whether in the field of organizational development and learning, formal education, capacity building or lifelong learning, and who want to take part in shaping the world of learning for the future. Prior knowledge in Open Space Technology (OST) is not a requirement.

Using Open Space as the process, the participants will create the agenda together and carry forward powerful conversations on Learning for the Future. Intriguing ideas and questions on the state of learning for the future will be thrown in, discussed, questioned and framed. Collective planning and setting of commitments, guided by the principles of self-organization and the power of passion, shall be in order.

Positively, participants will be afforded an awesome opportunity to be with Harrison Owen and experience OST at a much deeper level.

*Day One.* 28 March 2012 (Wednesday). 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm: Opening circle and agenda co-creation, working sessions and Evening News (Venue: Pearl Hall, SEAMEO INNOTECH). 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm: Evening Socials (Venue: L.B. Soriano, SEAMEO INNOTECH).

*Day Two.* 29 March 2012 (Thursday). 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm: Morning News and announcements of late breaking-sessions, working sessions, Evening News.

*Day Three.* 30 March 2012 (Friday). 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm: Morning News and announcements of late breaking-sessions, planning, commitment setting, announcements, Closing Circle.

Registration fee: **USD350.00**

Each segment is a separate learning event with independent registration fees. If attending both events, 10% discount shall apply. Fees shall cover snacks, lunch and reading materials.

For those who want to participate in the conference but do not have enough budget, possibilities for subsidized fees may be offered. Qualifying participants may avail of subsidy through written applications. Please contact the conference secretariat.

## About Open Space Technology

Open Space Technology (OST) is a process of facilitating dialogues that offers a powerful approach and allows people to operate with high levels of engagement, creativity and passion. Over the last 20+ years, OST has been found to generate results that are powerful and effective in connecting and strengthening what's already happening in organizations – planning and action, learning and doing, passion and responsibility, participation and performance.

## Features of the Working Conference

### **Celebrative Dinner on the Night of March 28<sup>th</sup>**

A relaxing and fun evening to meet and greet one another.

### **Asian-Australian Bazaar**

Participants shall be asked to pack into their bags something special that they can sell to other participants at the Asian-Australian Bazaar through silent auction. This can be any product from their country ~ cloth, ceramics, artisan work, etc. ~ that will showcase their culture and identity. Proceeds of sales could help participants finance their registration fees.

They may also bring special food or beverage items from their country that they would want to share with others. This will be added to the snack table.

### **Online Community**

An online community is set up on Facebook. Just search for [Learning for the Future: An Open Space Technology Conference](#) on Facebook and like the page to view the page in its entirety. It features online discussion forums, conference updates, blogs from members, reports, photos and videos.

## Administrative Notes

### **Registration**

Again, each strand is a separate learning event with independent registration fees. Fees include meals during the conference and reading materials.

Participants need to fill-out and submit the Registration Form to the conference secretariat.

### **Accommodation**

The conference secretariat could arrange the participants' accommodation reservation at the following hotels. Payment will be charged to the participants' personal accounts.

#### **SEAMEO INNOTECH International House**

Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1100, Philippines

Tel: (632) 927-4003/927-6510 | Fax: (632) 926-1547

<http://www.seameo-innotech.org/facilities>

#### **The Suló Riviera**

Matalino Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1100, Philippines

Tel: (632) 924-5051 | Fax: (632) 922-2030

[www.sulorivierahotel.com](http://www.sulorivierahotel.com)

#### **Crowne Plaza Galleria**

Ortigas Avenue corner Asian Development Bank Avenue, Quezon City, 1100 Philippines

Tel: (632) 633-7222 | Fax: (632) 638-2927

[www.crowneplaza.com/galleriamanila](http://www.crowneplaza.com/galleriamanila)

## Conference Secretariat

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