



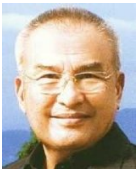
Winners of the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Asia

Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009

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Disnadda Diskul – Doi Tung

Thailand



Doi Tung started its work in the impoverished parts of Northern Thailand, in the heart of the opium region of the Golden Triangle. Carefully listening to the villagers, Doi Tung developed first health programs. Once the basic nutritional and health needs were met, Doi Tung looked into providing income opportunities. It has built highly successful businesses in agriculture, foods, handicrafts and tourism. Here you see the picking of macademia nuts which are later processed. The Doi Tung approach is now being replicated in Afghanistan and Indonesia.

Timothy Ma – Senior Citizen Home Safety Association

China



As family values and demographics are shifting, a rapidly rising number of older citizens are living on their own. Senior Citizen Home Safety Association runs a 24-hour call service in Hong Kong. Subscribers can press a trigger that connects them to different services, such as ambulances in the case of an emergency or counselling if they are lonely. This service has been used more than 3.5 million times since the launch of the organization. Senior Citizen Home Safety Association reaches 13% of the elderly population in Hong Kong and is currently expanding into other cities in China.

Sebastien Marot – Friends-International

Cambodia



There are over 150 million street youth in urban areas worldwide. Sebastien Marot went to Cambodia on holidays in 1994 and never returned home. Seeing the plight of the street children, he started Friends-International to provide housing, medical care, counselling, substance abuse recovery and primary education. For older youth, Friends International provides training in its restaurants, mechanic shops and hair salons. Friends-International has started an international network and is active in Cambodia, Lao, Indonesia, Thailand, and Central America.

Sarah Mavrincac – aidha

Singapore



Worldwide, 300 million migrants, often undocumented, work outside their home countries. Many are women who look for work to support their families and eventually return home. Aidha provides financial education and hands-on business training to women coming from the Philippines, Indonesia and other countries working in Singapore. When they return home, they have acquired the skills and confidence to start new businesses. Thus, Aidha helps women to put their savings to a productive use. AIDHA is currently expanding into Hong Kong and other cities in East Asia.

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Indonesia



Telapak is an association of NGO activists, business people, academics, media affiliates and leaders of indigenous people working together to promote ecological justice, cultural integrity and economic empowerment. Telapak sustains its activities through cooperatives and community enterprises. Current initiatives include printing, mass media, local politics, fisheries and forestry. These business units synergistically support each other and collectively raise public awareness to promote sustainable logging and marine farming.