

Day 1 Feb. 16

Building a better Asia future
leaders retreat 2008



Setting up the tone for the BABA Participants

First Step of Big Journey

Most of 20 fellows of the BABA 2008 Programme arrived at Goa late in the afternoon of Feb 16, perhaps feeling a bit tired due to the long flights, unexpected delays and the heat. But the tiredness was quickly replaced with joy and excitement thanks to the beautiful landscapes and the special welcome by the staff of International Centre Goa, who offered us with tilak (traditional red dry colour) on the foreheads, flowers and fresh coconut juices. All these helped energized us to attend the orientation session initiated by Dr. Lau of SPF and Mr. Raja of the Centre. They reminded us on the programme goals and expectations as well as different issues such not to include alcohol in the room.

Then the “Fantastic Four” took over and guided us to introduce our names with verbal and physical motion. We laughed at names accompanied with Kungfu moves or shaking hips! The fellows were paired and asked to draw the faces of their peers without looking at the paper in one stroke and 30 seconds. As result, there were faces resembles PISCASO drawings, and faces look like ‘hollow’. It was unique to get introduced by our peers whom we met first time yet expressed our expectations from the programme and our dreams in life. We found that although we are from 16 different countries, yet have similar expectations and dreams - that are to learn and share for the “betterment of the

people’ ? the common good! Thanks to the ‘Fantastic Four’, Mr. Raja and his team for making this day wonderful

The first day ended with amazing Indian dinner under the moonlight at Divli Lawn with Eminent raps and local beer Kingfisher!



Toan Bui

(Vietnam)

Bikramaditya K Choudhary

(India)

Time Schedule

AM/PM

Arrival of retreat participants

Check-in International Centre Goa,
Dona paula

1700

Communication.

Knowing one another

1900

Welcome Dinner

Venue: Divli Lawn



Fantastic Four – Placing the Participants in “Real Mood”



Participants at Work



Identifying the THREE COMMON POINTS



Enjoying the ‘Creation’



Participant in ONE STROKE



Finally Enjoying the Dinner