

Day 2 Feb. 17

Building a better Asia future
leaders retreat 2008



Se Cathedral, a World Heritage Monument

The Heritages of Interactions

Main news

It is hot day today with strong sunshine. We visited the old city of Goa where many interesting monuments remain. What we found there is the various heritages of interaction of the people in the history. Needless to say, beautifully decorated solemn churches are best proves. Coming from Spain, St. Francisco Xavier established the Asian center of Christianity here and further continued to missional travel to far east. Significant number of Goa people still believe in Christianity like other areas in Asia.

Another proves are the trees. Cashew nuts trees, introduced by the Portuguese from Brazil to Goa, are blossoming outsid

Cathedral, as another living inheritance. We can find cashew nuts trees planted everywhere in Goa. This is true to raintrees. Raintrees can be found widely in tropical Asia. Though no proves of historical background of propagation, local people throughout the are enjoying the shade of widely stretching branches.

We have learned one simple fact: 'good' things in any meanings are transplanted to other places and kept alive as an important part of their lives there, either the philosophies like religions or material things as trees or crops. What kind of things can we exchange here and transplant them various places in Asia? 'I believe in networking', said Dr. Surin in the begging of his speech for the opening ceremony. We

would feel happy to witness our program fructifying as well in near future.

Happenings

After visiting old Goa, one of our vehicles had a small problem on its way back to ICG. The smoke was rising from the car battery. So the group was in the car and waited to fix it. Finally they safely arrived ICG but they were late for lunch!

Later on, in the evening, it became apparent we all were true music lover... and late for dinner.

What will happen for the breakfast??



Maeum Han from (Korea)

Dr. Li GUO (China)

Wataru Fujira (Japan)



Time Schedule

0800

- Role of fellows and expected output, role of facilitators and resource persons
- Role of fellows on their countries and themselves
- Role of fantastic 4 Goa team
- introduction on breakout sessions

1030

- Understanding Goa
- Tour to...

St Francis of Assisi

Se Cathedral

Basilica of Bom Jesus

St Augustine Tower

1300

- Lunch at ICG

1500-1630

- Interactive Session 1 by Shuichi Ono

1700

- Planting Ceremony by H.E.Surin
- Pitsuwan

- Photo session

1730-

- Opening ceremony

1800-

- Keynote Address by H.E.Surin
- Pitsuwan

1915-

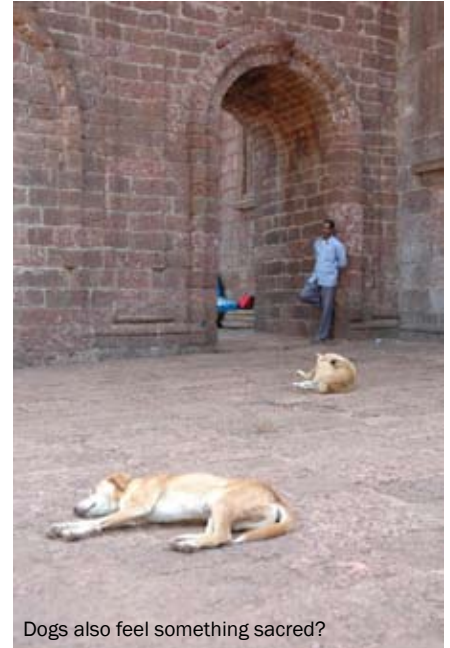
- Performance

2200

- Dinner at ICG



Beautiful inside, a 'tradition' over 400 years.



Dogs also feel something sacred?



Hindu cultural relics are collected together with Christianity



Cashew nuts, but can not eat yet



Body of St. Francisco Xavier, tough-minded missionary to Asia in 16C



Local farmers' hut under the shade of a large raintree



Indian people make much effort to conserve the heritage



A scene of interaction - hopefully leading to prosperous Asia