"Reflections on Regional Partnership and Collaboration in Service-Learning"

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“The United Board is committed to education that develops the whole person – intellectually, spiritually, and ethically.”

Service-Learning is a pedagogy for whole person education.
United Board’s Role so far...

• 16 years of promoting SL through:

  ➢ training workshops, conferences

  ➢ grants for projects: startup, curriculum integration, institutionalization, etc.
International Service-Learning

- Super typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda hit on 8 Nov 2013
- United Board organized the ISL on 29 June -11 July 2014
- Theme: “Disaster Response, Community Resilience and the Role of Asian Universities”
- 200 participants, 9 countries, 17 Asian institutions, 9 Philippine institutions
Lesson from the ISL as a Regional Partnership and Collaboration

• Understand the community’s needs, taking cues from the host institutions.
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- Understand needs and capacity of the students; check expectations and get them to make their service plan.
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• Learning and good memories depend on meaningful service experience.
Can SL be a transformative pedagogy of education?

➢ Yes, when it is critical of power gaps at play:
  o between students and the community;
  o between sending and host institutions;
  o between educational institutions and the community...