

Training for young Asian journalists

AsiaNews, the daily online news agency of the PIME (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions), is organizing a training course for young Asian journalists who already have experience working in newspapers and media in their country in the specific area of society, religion, and the mission of the Catholic Church.

AsiaNews and *Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena* are offering 3 scholarships for the seminar "Journalist: a cultural bridge between Asia and Europe".

The seminar will take place at the AsiaNews headquarter in Rome (Italy) 26th – 30th April 2010.

The program is designed to prepare journalists to become a cultural bridge between Asia and Europe, in the footsteps of Matteo Ricci, to use the modern techniques of web-journalism as a means to promote dialogue between East and West in the fields of human dignity, religion and social development.

The *Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena* will cover the cost of airfare and accommodation in Rome for each successful candidate.

In addition, some digital instruments will be provided to candidates to support their daily work.

The programs for the scholarship will cover:

- dignity of men and women in Asian countries.
- social problems and social doctrine of the Catholic Church.
- globalization, economy, contemporary materialism.
- storytelling through words and images:
 - a. techniques of web-journalism.
 - b. techniques of filming news reports.
- cultural bridge: Matteo Ricci and his experience.

Deadline for the enrolment: April, 3rd 2010

An application form and further information will be posted on the AsiaNews website (www.asianews.it).

Those interested in joining the seminar should update their resume or CV, assemble examples of their work - and begin crafting a cover letter of interest, describing how and why this experience would be relevant to their work.

A reference letter of support from your Episcopal Curia or Catholic Organization can be added to your request.

AsiaNews will communicate the chosen candidates by April 10th 2010.

Prerequisite: fluently spoken and written English.