



Members of the Battambang-Arrupe Taken dance troupe, many of whom are landmine victims, giving a performance. This Cambodian troupe will stage a concert at CHARIS' Humanitarian Forum & Fair.

Humanitarian forum and fair coming up in June

Caritas Humanitarian Aid and Relief, Singapore (CHARIS) will hold its second Humanitarian Forum & Fair at the Singapore Polytechnic on June 22.

The event, themed Faith in Action, will highlight humanitarian aid and relief issues. Catholic ministries and organisations involved in humanitarian aid will also speak about their work.

The Humanitarian Forum & Fair 2013 (HFF 2013), first launched in September 2011, highlights the efforts of those who bring humanitarian aid to victims of natural disasters in the region. It is also an opportunity for volunteers to support these ongoing missions.

Highlights of HFF 2013 include a keynote speech by Mr Alistair Dutton, humanitarian director of Caritas Internationalis; a theological reflection by Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa and Caritas Internationalis president; and a plenary session in which a panel of Catholic leaders who help the poor and those displaced by disasters share their experiences of mission work.

HFF 2013's programme will also include group discussions on a range of related topics including regional opportunities in mission work and strategy.

A special element in this year's event is a multimedia concert, Dancing Rice, a collaborative effort of landmine victims from Battambang-Arrupe Taken, Cambodia, and young Singaporeans who were behind the church musical, 13:34, staged during the Year for Priests in 2010.

To raise awareness of HFF 2013, organisers have begun holding road shows at various parishes. The first of these was held at Holy Spirit, St Mary of the Angels and Our Lady Queen of Peace parishes on March 16 and 17.

A Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HFF2013>, Singapore) has also been set up.

For more information and ticketing details for HFF 2013 and the multimedia concert, visit www.charis-singapore.org or email info@charis-singapore.org. The concert will be held on June 21 as well as June 22. □