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### Asbestos Solidarity Tour 2018

Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA is running a solidarity tour in September 2018 to give Australian unionists the opportunity to observe the campaign and meet key activists and leaders in the campaign to stop asbestos in Vietnam and Indonesia.

The campaign is at an exciting point in the region. There is progress in a range of countries in raising awareness and promoting the ban. A great recent example has been the Prime Minister of Vietnam's recent announcement that the country will ban asbestos in the construction sector by 2023 at the latest. In Indonesia Union Aid Abroad's partner organisation LION (Local Initiative for OSH Network) and Indonesia Ban Asbestos Network (Ina-Ban) are campaigning to raise awareness of the dangers of asbestos and win a ban across the country. Whilst the campaign is growing, activists and unions face opposition from the Asbestos Lobby that spread misinformation promoting 'safe use' of asbestos.

#### Study tour aims to

- Connect Australian unionists with campaigners and unionists in our region
- Develop understanding of the campaigns to stop asbestos
- Support the campaigns in the Mekong region and Indonesia
- Build international solidarity between unionists and campaigners

#### Activities during the study tour include:

- Meeting with Union Aid Abroad's local partners and frontline Union activists who are campaigning to stop asbestos in the Mekong region and Indonesia.
- Get a close look at campaigns in Vietnam and Indonesia by visiting victims groups, campaigning organisations, Ministry representatives and local events
- Observe local alternatives to asbestos and projects that have replaced dangerous asbestos products to make their buildings and workplaces safer.

#### Who?

Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA is inviting with key unions around the country to be involved in the Solidarity tour by nominating a participant. There will also be some places for activists or members who have an interest in learning more and supporting the campaign.

#### When? [UPDATED DATES]

24 September to 3 October 2018 starting in Hanoi and ending in Jakarta

#### How Much?

The estimated cost for the Solidarity Tour is AUD\$1,630. This includes accommodation during the tour, some meals and the flights between Vietnam and Indonesia.

Flights to Hanoi and from Jakarta at the beginning and end of the tour are not included and should be factored into the cost separately.

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