**The Itinerant Scalabrini Project, Taiwan**

Hundreds of thousands of migrants from all over Asia work in industrial production in Taiwan, with many, even after so many years of work experience, remain relegated to low-paid service jobs, mainly due to their low level of education. In Taiwan, the studies, in particular engineering, are the key to professional success and progression in social scale.

The project of the Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters in Asia (MSCS) consists of bridging the need for higher education of migrant Filipino workers to succeed in their industry employment in Taiwan and their need for means to sustain their education. This is realized through the tripartite collaboration between the MSCS and the academe/industry partnership of a leading company and a leading university in Taiwan.

The project is called the Itinerant Scalabrini Project - Taiwan. It hopes to uplift and educate, especially young women, in the area of industrial engineering through a four-year scholarship program involving a study and work plan. The Sisters in this project oversee the grantees’ academic itineraries, as well as, their professional, social, cultural and spiritual migratory journey in Taiwan.

The first batch of grantees comprised of 16 young women from Luzon, who started their university education in Taiwan last March 2018. Prepared and motivated, they are determined to earn the degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering major in Management. Their goal is to become professional industry migrant workers, which translates to better opportunities and better income for the support of their parents and siblings.

A new batch of 31 grantees have been selected for the project, most of whom are from Mindanao. For the selection of this batch, the Archdiocese of Tagum was especially involved.

The Itinerant Scalabrini Project – Taiwan is targeting, at most, some 400 grantees in the span of 5 years. In the process, it helps the MSCS to expand network among parishes and dioceses, as well as, among secondary schools in the country.

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