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10 April 1987

Mr. Hiddadura Godwin Mendis
Executive Director
Family Studies and Service Institute
Paul VI Center
24, Front Street
Colombo 11, SRI LANKA

Dear Mr. Mendis:

This will acknowledge receipt of your application (with attachments) for inclusion in the Natural Family Planning Research Training Workshop scheduled for Hongkong 26 July to 3 August 1987.

Please feel assured that your application will be given every consideration possible when the participants are finally selected.

I assume another copy of your application and its attachments has been sent to Dr. Ramon C. Ruiz in Hongkong. If not, please do so at the earliest possible time. The address of Dr. Ruiz is: International Federation for Family Life Promotion, Asia-Oceania Zonal Council Secretariat, c/o Hongkong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, 502 Caine Road, Hongkong.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente J. Rosales
VICENTE J. A. ROSALES, M.D.

18th June 1987.

Ms. Eilene Oldwine,
Chief, Office of Health,
Population & Human Resources,
U.S.A.I.D. Mission to Sri Lanka,
P.O.Box 106,
Colombo.

Dear Ms. Oldwine,

Subject : Population: Workshop on Simplified
Client & Program Data for
Natural Family Planning Programs,
July 26 - August 1, 1987 Hong Kong

Let me thank you for your letter of 16th June 1987 on the above subject.

I wish to inform you that I accept the invitation to attend the above Workshop.

My address and Telephone number for further communications are as given in this letter. I could also be contacted at the following Telex No:

c/o Rohitha Mendis

Telex No. 21121 McLaren CE

I would be grateful to you if you would advise me on the preliminary steps I should take in preparation for my participation at the workshop.

Yours sincerely,

H. Godwin Mendis
Executive Director



International Federation for Family Life Promotion
Fédération Internationale d'Action Familiale
Federación Internacional de Acción Familiar

Asia-Oceania Zonal Council Secretariat

c/o The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
502 Caritas House, 2-8 Caine Road, Hong Kong
Tel: 5-242071 Ext. 259/260

29th June, 1987

Mr. Hiddadura Godwin Mendis,
Family Studies and Services Institute,
Paul VI Centre, 6th Floor,
24 Front Street,
Colombo 11,
Sri Lanka.

Dear Mr. Mendis,

I have good news for you. You have been selected as a fully sponsored candidate to attend the Zonal NFP Research Training Workshop (DATA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP) scheduled from 26th July to 1st August, 1987, at the Robert Black College, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. The Institute for International Studies in NFP (IISNFP) is now getting clearance from the USAID Mission.

Please note:

- (1) Your accommodation will be at Robert Black College.
- (2) Prepaid air tickets will be sent to you.

Bookings have been confirmed.

Leave	Colombo	TG308	26 Jul	Sun	1325
Arrive	Bangkok		26 Jul	Sun	1810
Leave	Bangkok	TG602	26 Jul	Sun	1930
Arrive	Hong Kong		26 Jul	Sun	2300
Leave	Hong Kong	UL423	01 Aug	Sat	1930
Arrive	Colombo		01 Aug	Sat	2345

- (3) You will be met at Kai Tak Airport at the Meeting Point in the Arrival Hall. Transportation to Robert Black College will be arranged for you.
- (4) A programme of the workshop is enclosed. Preparatory reading material will be sent to you when available.
- (5) The weather here during the workshop will be hot and humid with temperatures between 29°C to 33°C. The lecture hall, meeting rooms, bed rooms and dining room are, however, air-conditioned.
- (6) Please bring with you your research proposal if any.
- (7) Member organisations taking part in future research studies on NFP sponsored by the Institute will be required to supply data to the

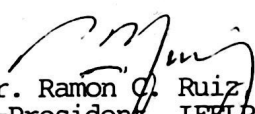
Institute and the Zonal Council. The Institute will analyse the data and provide the organisations involved and the Zonal Council with the analysis of the data.

The Institute may use the data as part of their studies or publications only with prior permission from IFFLP and the member organisation involved and on condition that appropriate acknowledgement is made.


See you soon.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Ramon C. Ruiz
Vice-President, IFFLP &
IFFLP Asia-Oceania Zonal Representative,
Chairman, HKCMAC.

c.c. Bill Pruzensky
Ken Jaros (IISNFP)

P.S. Clearance for USMID Mission has been
obtained 

Report on current work and the need for participation in the Proposed NFP Training Workshop.

As full-time Executive Director of the Family Studies and Services Institute, I am engaged in directing programs on Preparation for Marriage, Natural Family Planning, Marriage Enrichment, Family Life Education, Counselling, Counsellor Training, Family Studies and Youth Education for the last 9 years.

As the Institute which pioneered the practice of NFP in Sri Lanka, we run a daily Clinic where NFP is taught to couples who call over. We also have special seminars/programs in the city and at outstations to teach NFP to those wish to learn. We also conduct longer training programs for NFP Instructors. Besides this, at least one session is always assigned to the subject of NFP at other programs such as Preparation for Marriage, Marriage Enrichment etc.

We are also trying to find funds for bigger projects which we have specifically planned to take the message of the NFP way of life to other areas in Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile I have been personally responsible in convening and forming about one and half years ago the Natural Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka which has brought together the different organisations that promote NFP as a way of life. I serve on the Executive Council of that organisation.

Deeply interested and involved as our Institute is in the promotion of and expansion of NFP activities, we also feel that if we acquire greater knowledge and expertise in conducting Research, we would be able to incorporate same in our ongoing Family Studies and learn to make our present and future programs more effective. It is possible that we will learn to achieve more from our efforts while minimising our costs and streamlining

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procedures so that quality of services and activities are better assured than before. I believe that if we have such expertise, we would be more equipped to analyse the data collected, to get at the reasons for ineffectiveness or seeming failure of programs/activities and evolve newer approaches suggested by the studies. I also feel that more expertise in NFP research for personnel in our region and our country might also mean more accurate presentations of the picture and therefore of the future of NFP in our region in contrast to what is sometimes shown as the true picture.

Personally, in my capacity as Executive Director of this Institute, I am in a position to develop and initiate relevant research programs and to implement any improvements or changes that may be indicated for control of quality or program evaluation.

H. Godwin Mendis
Executive Director.

H.GODWIN MENDIS
Curriculum Vitae

Name : Mr. Hiddadura Godwin Mendis
Age : 58 years Date of birth: 17th November 1928
Religion : Catholic
Civil Status : Married
Present Position : Executive Director, Family Studies & Services
Institute.
Education : Matriculate (London University)
Professional
Qualifications : - Intermediate in Engineering (Ceylon Tech.College)
- First Exam. in Laws (University of Colombo)
- Diploma in Personal Counselling (Bombay)
- Certificate Courses in :
- Counselling & Family Life Education (Sri Lanka)
- Developmental Psychology " "
- Abnormal Behaviour " "
- Human Relations/Communications " "
- Personality Theory " "
- Organisational Behaviour " "
- Human Sexuality " "
- Community Development " "
- Youth Education (Bangalore)
Experience : - 13 years' experience in Counselling (Marriage & Pers)
- 10 years' experience in Training Counsellors for
Family Courts, Police Department, Probation Dept.,
and Social Services Dept. of the Government of
Sri Lanka, Teachers, Religious and others.
- 13 years' experience in conducting Preparation for
Marriage Programs, Programs in Marriage Enrich-
ment and Parent Education.
- 13 years' experience in Life Education Programs
for youth including University Students.
- 10 years' experience in Community Development
Projects including Housing, Vocational Training et
- 10 years' experience in managing Home for Destitute
children having been directly responsible for
its foundation.
- 09 years' experience in directing NFP Programs/Service
- Several Research Projects in Intra-familial
Behaviour and Relations, Attitudes of children etc

H.Godwin Mendis (Curriculum Vitae contd.)

Experience as Resource Person at :

- Seminars on Counselling for College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Sri Lanka.
- Numerous Training Programs for the Institute of Police Higher Training, Sri Lanka.
- Numerous Training Programs of N.G.O., Sri Lanka.
- Regional Conference of Asian Union of Family Organisations (Bangalora)
- Submitted Paper at International Conference organised by Tamil Nadu Family Development Centre.
- Served as General Secretary of International Conference on Family Life organised by the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FAMILY ORGANISATIONS.

Experience in participation at International Seminars/Conferences on Marriage and Family Life, at Milan (IUFO), at New Delhi (IUFO) at Ottawa (IFFLP) etc

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H.Godwin Mendis