Shaping the Future of Food with EAT Forum in Jakarta

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LAUNCH Food innovators sharing in real-time from the inaugural EAT Asia-Pacific Food Forum

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Alva Lim wants eating with the seasons to be fashionable again. She’s the Founder and Director of Agora Food Studio in Dili, Timor-Leste, working to revitalize Timorese cuisine by promoting the country’s heritage crops and inspiring new healthy food traditions. “We focus on training people’s palettes to taste food and using what is in season to create beautiful combinations, rather than through a recipe based approach,” says Lim.

Timor-Leste faces a long list of public health challenges like other nations in the Asia-Pacific with high rates of malnutrition and stunted growth. Lim will join some 500 creative makers and thinkers on Monday in Jakarta, for the inaugural EAT Asia-Pacific Food Forum, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Indonesia, to help build resiliency into the food system in her region of the world.

Caption: In 2016, LAUNCH Food and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s innovationXchange traveled to the Southeast Asian island nation of Timor-Leste for a regional open innovation capacity-building workshop. During that week, LAUNCH and Storytelling Technologist Ben Kreimer, documented the work of several food innovators, including Alva Lim, in the cities of Dili and Baucau using 360˚/VR storytelling.

The global food imbalance is increasingly keeping people from reaching their full potential and is perpetuating a devastating cycle of health issues and economic stagnation. EAT is a leading global initiative that takes a holistic, systemic approach to addressing food, health, and sustainability issues. EAT’s mission is to engage key stakeholders in the food system to agree on the knowledge and solutions needed to sustainably feed a healthy population of over nine billion people by mid-century.

“As the most populous region in the world and home to global hubs for business, science, biodiversity and innovation, the Asia-Pacific is in a position to play a decisive role in leading the global food system transformation,” said Dr. Gunhild A. Stordalen, President of EAT Foundation. “We only have 13 years to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Our hope is that the leading minds in science, politics, business and civil society converging on Jakarta for the EAT Asia-Pacific Food Forum can help us make great strides towards this urgent transformation. Food cannot remain one of our greatest global threats. It should become our key for breakthrough solutions. Read more