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CHL Student Thomas Fernandez Donates One Scholarship on Behalf of His Company, Fair & Easy Co., Ltd., for a Humanitarian Logistician in Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia or Laos

SAN FRANCISCO — During the Humanitarian Logistics Association (HLA) General Assembly in Bangkok on 29 January, HLA member Thomas Fernandez of Fair & Easy Co., Ltd. generously donated one (1) scholarship for the Fritz Institute/CILT (UK) Certification in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL) program. The scholarship was given to support capacity building within an organization and its local humanitarian partners operating within Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, or Laos.



Thomas Fernandez is a founding partner of Fair & Easy Co., Ltd. and is currently a student of CHL. He has more than 25 years of experience in the freight forwarding and logistics industry, which started with a commercial degree in freight forwarding from the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce. Thomas works closely with many humanitarian actors in the region and has a keen interest in furthering efficiency and effectiveness in humanitarian supply chain operations.



The CHL course was developed by Fritz Institute along with its humanitarian partners ICRC, IRC, MSF-Holland, Oxfam-GB, UNHCR, UNICEF, and WFP, with funding from DFID, ECHO and USAID, Fritz Institute, and the Institute's private donors. The course teaches the base principles of humanitarian logistics and skills required of competent field logisticians, as defined by the humanitarian partners. Graduates' competence is certified by CILT (UK) upon completion of the courses.

Since its launch in 2006, over fourteen hundred students have enrolled in the Certification Program, coming from over 200 agencies across the humanitarian sector. Graduates report increased understanding, confidence and improved skills on the job gained as a result of taking the courses, as well as increased employment opportunities and promotions coming about from their Fritz Institute/CILT (UK) certification.

The scholarship will cover the course fees; students will need to have a computer and periodic access to the internet. The course fee for CHL is GB£1516.

The full details of the Scholarship, including the application process and forms, are available here: <http://www.hlcertification.org/mod/page/view.php?id=117>. Applications must be submitted by email by 31 March, 2013.

UPDATE as of 1 APRIL: deadline extended to 30 April 2013.

About the Certification in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL)

The Certification in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL) is the primary course in the Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program. The Certification Program is offered in partnership with CILT (UK) and the Logistics Learning Alliance. More information about the Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program

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and the 20112 Scholarship Program, is available on the Program Website at <http://www.hlcertification.org/>.

About Fair & Easy Co., Ltd.

Fair & Easy Co., Ltd. is a trade and logistics company and has been steadily growing since its inception in 2004. The trading department sells household articles, premium items and other goods to the Thai modern trade industry, mainly hypermarkets. The logistics department is engaged in all kinds of logistics with automotive and warehousing being the biggest activities. Headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, Fair & Easy does business throughout Southeast Asia, primarily in Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos. Additional information about Fair & Easy Co., Ltd. can be found on their website at <http://www.fairandeasy.co.th/>.

About the Humanitarian Logistics Association

The Humanitarian Logistics Association (HLA) is an individual membership association for humanitarian logistics professionals committed to increase humanitarian logistics effectiveness. Its mission is to build a community of practice for advancing the humanitarian logistics profession by promoting cross organizational learning and collaboration. Additional information about HLA can be found on its website at <http://www.humanitarianlogistics.org/>.

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