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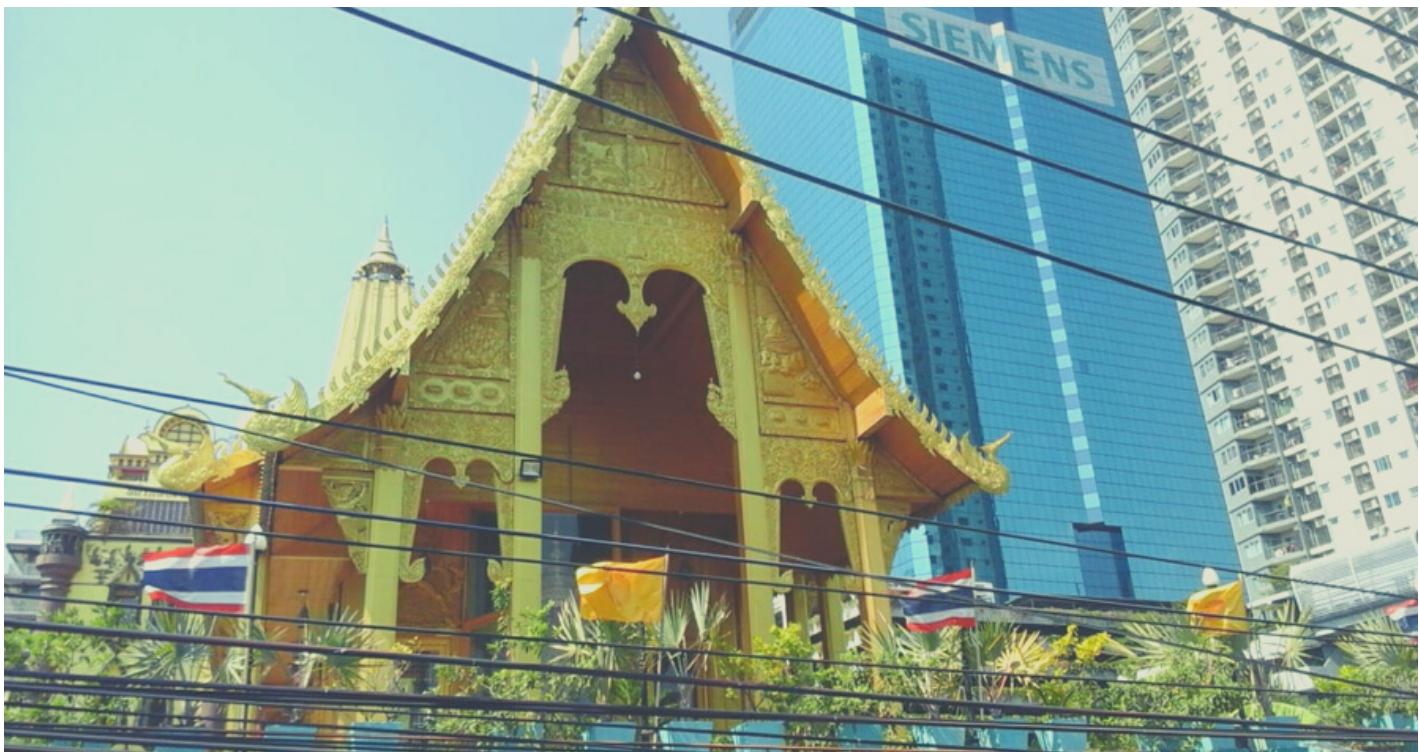
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The Fundación Orientación Ecológica (OE) created in 1994 and established in 2001 in Bogota - Colombia, aims at promoting and disseminating cultural spaces focused on environment's preservation. The OE also encourages the approach between the community's various sectors through activities like festivals, meetings, forums, seminars; design strategies to raise awareness in environmental care and promote cultural, artistic and social activities for the benefit of communities at the National and international level. The OE reports on the 8th International exhibition and the 1st exhibition of Cine Azul "SURrealidades" 2019, which

happened in Thailand from December 13 of 2019 until January 12 of 2020. It is a privilege for the OE to carry out the First Colombian and international Environmental Film Show in Thailand.

Thailand, which was anciently known as the Siam Empire, presents as a country with a millenary history, a nation in the center of the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia. Thailand is a constitutional monarchy and evidence of the human population in this area dates back 40. 000 years ago, there are stone artifacts that reveal mysteries from this period in the famous Tham Lod Rock shelter, in Mae Hong Son to the north of the country.

Like other countries in Southeast Asia, Thailand was greatly influenced by the religions and cultures of their neighboring country of India. The king Bhumibol is the most beloved in the history of Thailand. His reign was very long lasting from May 5 of 1950 until October 13 of 2017. In 1949, Siam changed his name to Thailand. The son of King Bhumibol, Maia Vijiralongkorn, was named as the new King Rama X on November 29 of 2016, and so a new era in Thailand's history started with the new King and new prime minister.

PATTAYA

WONDERFRUIT



The OE, producer and director of the Festival de Cine Azul "SURrealidades" was invited due the management of Rebeca Lacasa into different spaces and cities of Thailand. Our trip started in the city of Pattaya where we were invited to participate in the WONDERFRUIT festival from 12 to 16 of December.

This festival is an intercultural space sensitive to environmental matters. In the WONDERFRUIT 6th session "Círculos de Palabra" (space to share thoughts and ideas) were carried out around the OE's experiences with the Andean-Amazonian cultures, sharing this cultures' plants and foods, the last in order to open a space to reflect on the current environmental situation around the world.

The route of "SURrealidades" continued in the capital of the country, Bangkok, where two other "Círculos de Palabra" took place on two different dates, one with the Kava community on December 17th, with an intercultural group from the US, Russia, Spain and Japan. The second "Círculo de Palabra!" was held in Soul Made Home-Studio on January 19, almost at the end of the tour, this time a larger international community was present, where the majority of participants were Thais.





"I participated in three Círculos de Palabra organized by the OE Foundation, which were very interesting both to learn more about the Andean and Amazonian traditions and to discover the healing effects of linimento, osca and mambe. They do a very useful job to create a bridge between the Andean and Amazonian traditions and the rest of the world. All with a lot of heart. I highly recommend learning with them".

WONDERFRUIT, THOMAS AMIARD



PAI



"With a feeling of tranquility, harmony and thankfulness we closed the circle in which for the first time I had been given the opportunity to receive sacred foods and learn more about the ancestral culture and wisdom of the people from the Amazon, both natives and Andean, thanks to the efforts of these communities, to Torek, Rebeca and her team for organizing events like this. I hope to share again and learn more in a new opportunity. Thanks again to the native Amazonian and Andean people to the OE and all those who made it possible to celebrate this circle in Bangkok. Eternally grateful."

BANGKOK, NABILA ISSA. (NABI)

The route of the 8th International exhibition of Cine Azul "SURrealidades" continued to the north of the country in the city of Pai, in the Mae Hong Soon province, next to the hot springs. In this magical place we were accompanied by the Elephant people.

In Pai we organised a sample at the Good Life Dacha Center on December 27, this day 27 persons assisted to the screening of the following "Frutos Audiovisuales" (short films): the Brazilian documentary "SUBTERRAE, the Bolivian animation "La Abuela Grillo", and "El Retorno de los Tiempos" a Colombian documentary that records the meeting of the elders of the Ancestral Towns of Colombia with the Dakota people, supporting the peace process with the delivery of the Chalupa (peace pipe) in 2017. On December 28 in the center "The Womb" a "Círculo de Palabra" was held once again. As in all the previous circles, the food and medicine of the Amazonian people delivered by the Elder Marcelino Guerrero and la Mayor Graciela Futnoraque of the Muina Murui People was shared, generating special attention on the current situation of the Amazon Basin.

CHIANG MAI

In the city of Chiang Mai they were held different "Círculos de Palabra" in order to debate and generate cultural exchange.

The first "Círculo de Palabra" happened on December 22 in "Ganesha house" and included the screening of the documentary "El Retorno de los Tiempos". The second "Círculo de Palabra" was held on January 3. The third "Círculo de Palabra" turned around about the environment printed magazine "Revista Verde" and happened on January 11 in the Chiangmai Holistic Center. Another three circles of cultural exchange were held with the Buddhist community in three different locations and dates.

In this cultural exchanges with two Buddhist monks and their students we had the opportunity to learn about the Buddhist cosmogony, practice with them ancestral meditation exercises and hear about their crops and traditions. During this cultural exchanges locals tried for the first time different fruits and foods of the Andean and Amazonian cultures.

The director of the Festival, Chasky Torek, received from the Buddhist Monge Prha Mi, the offering of the "9 Dragons of the Law of Origin" of the Thai People, to strengthen the Knowledge Dialogues with the Elders of Abya Yala (America).

This first exhibition of Cine Azul "SURrealidades", expresses the need and vitality of these spaces to strengthen the cultural relations between two countries far away by distance but with many similarities in Cultural and Geographical means. In the circles of the different cities the Fundación OE offered organic and native seeds native of 4 varieties of corn contributed by the brother of the East Muiska Twin Hall Jorge Chuntiva. These Seeds were shared with PAI families among them: Antonio and Basimbe. Seeds were also delivered to Ecojodea Vijo and different members of the community after understanding that Thailand is a country with great interest in organic and sustainable agriculture. The 2nd exhibition in Thailand is scheduled to happen between November 6 and December 18 of 2020 in the Cities of Bangkok, Pattaya, Chiang Mai, Pai and Mae Sot.

