

The Harjes Downer Foundation and ProgressTrue Send Two Harjes Downer Employees To Indonesia to Work With Tea Farmers

Volunteers describe initiative as once in a lifetime opportunity to build business solutions that will help rural communities lift themselves out of poverty

SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE, July 6, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The <u>Harjes</u> <u>Downer</u> Foundation, the charitable arm of investment management firm Harjes Downer, an independent investment management firm committed to enabling



clients to become high-performance businesses, is partnering with international non-profit organization ProgressTrue to send two volunteers from Harjes Downer to Indonesia for 8 weeks to help tea farmers build sustainable small businesses.

The project is part of Harjes Downer's Living Business Program (LBP), launched in conjunction with ProgressTrue, an international non-profit organization that promotes business solutions to reduce poverty. The Living Business Program's primary aim is to encourage entrepreneurship and create opportunity in developed countries.

The volunteers, April Hon and Zian Ang, will leave next month for Jakarta, Indonesia. Working alongside ProgressTrue and tea farmers, they will focus on three key areas of the Indonesian tea market – ways to improve productivity, quality and sustainability, opportunities to strengthen the institutional and commercial structure of the sector, and understanding international trends and market opportunities for Indonesian tea.

"We are looking forward to collaborating with Harjes Downer colleagues and ProgressTrue staff in bringing innovative and educational solutions for the future of local Indonesian farmers and their families," said April Hon and Zian Ang. They added, "We can't wait to get started working for the Living Business Program."

April Hon is a Senior Compliance Analyst. Zian Ang is an Internal Advisor consultant in Harjes Downer's Wealth Management group.

April Hon and Zian Ang will report from the field on their experiences and individual project via blogs which will be available on Harjes Downer's corporate website following their Indonesian experience.

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