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contexto

- Asia
 - Largest and most populous continent
 - Rapid economic growth and social development due to considerable labor and natural resources
 - However, there is growing inequality, insecurity and exclusión amidst abundance and prosperity



Source: Wikipedia

definición

- *Linking knowledge with authentic community service and engagement guided by reflection*
- Based on concept of indigenous or local and culturally specific knowledge or systems of knowledge (Xing and Ma, 2010):
 - in China and Hong Kong: strengthened Confucian ethic against individualism and bringing back "wholeness" in a person (i.e., whole person education);
 - in India: focus on community and national self-reliance by *madrassahs*
 - in Indonesia: promote community empowerment based on traditional religious norms

definición

- In the Philippines:
 - rooted in the engagement of the Catholic and Protestant schools to promote *social justice* and *community empowerment*
 - starting from *purely voluntary service* in the 1950s gaining momentum in 1970s towards *integrating learning in classroom* in 1980s and 1990s
 - supported by *university extension centers* and *student social involvement offices* in high schools and colleges
 - rapid development of service learning courses in the 2000s and creation of national network

las prácticas

- Varied practices around Asia:
 - Most programs are rooted in national voluntary service required of students
 - Most started with responding to natural disasters or specific concerns for disadvantaged sectors but many are now undertaking more poverty/ environment-focused initiatives
 - Some programs are undertaking programs in an integrated (i.e., across disciplines) way
 - Many programs, especially in highly developed Asia, are also international-focused, i.e., courses with overseas service components

ejemplo

- Cross- discipline service learning initiative in Xavier University in southern Philippines with the Catholic Relief Services, an NGO
- Providing support for farmers for following:
 - planning for road network, irrigation and housing;
 - providing financial literacy services;
 - supporting farmers in mapping and GIS systems;
 - assessment of water quality;
 - nutritional assessment
- Requires cross-disciplinal courses and development initiatives with larger-scale impact



Source: Xavier University Magazine.