

# Remembering Francois Houtart

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*Three years ago, on this day, **Francois Houtart** left us.*

He died in his sleep in the early hours of June 6 in Quito. It was only when I was working on his autobiography after his death that I learnt that he had long been carrying a pacemaker on him. Living in Quito at 2850 metres above sea level no doubt added to the stress. A year before, in July 2016, we invited Francois to Hong Kong to participate in the Third South South Forum on Sustainability, and the format that year was that he gave a lecture every morning for four consecutive days on July 23-26, followed by discussions. At the age of 91, Francois delivered his lectures with great lucidity, and his spirit for struggle and his faith in utopia were contagious. To you, I recommend his autobiography (the English edition was published by Global U for free download from the Global U website) and his lectures.

Please see [this](#).

Let us remember Francois on this day, and take strength from his way of living his life as intensely as possible.

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