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Application Package

Mekong Friendship Project 2014

“Empowering Youth for the Sustainable Development and Building of ASEAN and Mekong Community”

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Background and Program Information

The acceleration to establish ASEAN Community by the year 2015 has shown commitments of ASEAN leaders to strengthen regional cooperation and move towards a more integrated community. However, ASEAN has been facing with disparities among member countries especially those with transitional economies. ASEAN is therefore in dire need of a firm regional architecture that is ASEAN-centered to intensify efforts towards community-building, broaden and deepen ASEAN’s external relations and strengthen its role as the primary driving force in the existing regional mechanisms. The potential of next generation is seen essential as a future direction in shaping ASEAN regional architecture on a basis of acquiring empirical and practical knowledge to eventually narrow the development gap in ASEAN countries.

Mekong Friendship Project 2014 is a youth exchange program, which contributes to developing ties and understanding for co-existence among nations in the Mekong sub-region Community. This year the theme focuses on *“Empowering Youth for the Sustainable Development and Building of ASEAN and Mekong Community”* is selected. During three weeks exchange, participating youth from Thailand and CLMV countries will have an opportunity to travel together along important Economic Corridor routes, take part in group discussions and various kinds of practical activities including community services in order to create a sense of cultural and social awareness along with the development of leadership and problem-solving skills. Moreover, the youth will be provided with exclusive lectures on ASEAN Integration, co-operations in Mekong Community and related regional issues, as well as a special journalism workshop to help them portraying their ideas and initiatives.

This project aims to promote people to people connectivity in the Mekong sub-region through strengthening and developing youth networks on the basis of trust, shared values and mutual understanding. In addition, Mekong Friendship Project will also instill good attitude and social awareness of the regional development issues in order to ensure genuine people-centered, durable peace and prosperity of the region as we move forward to ASEAN Community.

Eligibility of applicants

1. The funding is open for **Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam citizens**.
2. Applicants must be between **age 18 and 21 years**.
3. Applicants must have basic knowledge about Mekong sub-region Community and ASEAN Community.
4. Applicants must have a good command in English.

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5. Applicants must have a passport that is valid at least 6 months (from the date 21 April 2014) and **have VISA for traveling in some countries that required in the program.**

Application procedures (To be further informed)

1. The completed application form and relevant documents must be received **within 1 April 2014 (5 p.m. Bangkok time GMT+7)** via E-mail: mekongprogram2014@gmail.com (Title: Apply Mekong Friendship 2014)
***** Please be noted that the late submission will not be considered.**
2. The selection announcement will be announced on **4 April 2014**. Only selected participants will be given the letter of acceptance via E-mail.
3. To confirm participation in this program, participants must sign confirmation documents and send back to E-mail: mekongprogram2014@gmail.com **from 4 - 6 April 2014 (5 p.m. Bangkok time GMT+7)**
4. The activities will be held in **21 April – 10 May 2014**

Provision of funding

Full scholarship for participants which are including:

1. Round-trip air tickets for international participants
2. Air tickets for domestic departure in Thailand
3. Air tickets for international departure which are appear in the program
4. Local transport
5. Accommodations
6. Meals

*****Any other expenses not directly related to the program are not covered**

***** The VISA fees for traveling in some countries are not covered**

Documents Required

1. Completed application form
2. Copy of Passport (valid at least 6 months from the date 21 April 2014)
3. Resume or brief bio-data (Optional)
4. Copy of language proficiency test result (Optional)

Tentative Program

Day 1	April 21, 2014	Dress Code
	Arrival of participants	SC
	Welcoming Dinner	
	Ice breaking activities	C
	Overnight in Bangkok	
Day 2	April 22, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.00	Breakfast	C
08.00 – 08.30	Check out	
08.30 – 10.30	Transfer to Chokchai Farm, Nakorn Ratchasima Province	
10.30 – 12.00	Group activity at Chokchai Farm	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 17.00	Educational trip at Chokchai Farm	
17.00 – 17.30	Recreational activity	
17.30 – 19.00	Dinner	
19.00 – 21.00	Team building activity	
21.00	Overnight at Chokchai Farm	
Day 3	April 23, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast	SC
08.30 – 09.00	Group activity	
09.00 – 10.30	Lecture I “Perspective on Mekong Society and its Economy” By Dr. Piti Srisangnam Director of Academic Affairs ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University	
10.30 – 12.00	Pre-discussion briefing	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14.30	Discussion I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic • Education • Environment • Ethnic Groups 	
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee break	
15.00 – 18.00	Workshop I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism • Photo and Video Presentation 	
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30	Overnight at Chokchai Farm	
Day 4	April 24, 2014	Dress Code
06.00 – 07.00	Breakfast	C

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07.00 – 07.30	Check out	
07.30 – 11.30	Transfer to Suvannabhumi International Airport	
11.30 – 12.30	Check in/ Immigration process	
13.40 – 14.30	Depart for Yangon, Myanmar	
14.30 – 16.00	Transfer to hotel in Yangon	
16.00 – 18.30	Preparation for Cultural Performance	
18.30 – 20.00	Dinner	
20.00	Overnight in Yangon	
Day 5	April 25, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast	A
08.30 – 09.30	Transfer to the Royal Thai Embassy, Yangon, Myanmar	
09.30 – 10.00	Opening ceremony	
10.00 – 12.00	Special Lecture “ The relationship of Mekong community and its integration to ASEAN Community” by Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch hosted by the Royal Thai Embassy	
13.30 – 15.00	Transfer to Thilawa Port	
15.00 – 18.00	Special lecture by Dr. Myat Lwain, Myanmar Maritime University (TBC)	
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30	Overnight in Yangon	
Day 6	April 26, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast	SC
08.30 – 09.30	Check out	
09.30 – 18.00	Exploring Yangon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sule Pagoda • Bogyoke Market • Botataung pagoda 	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 16.00	Continue Exploring Yangon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaukhtatgyi pagoda • Shwedagon pagoda 	
16.00 – 16.30	Check in	
18.20 – 20.15	Flight to Bangkok by Bangkok Airways	
20.15	Overnight in Bangkok	
Day 7	April 27, 2014	Dress Code
08.00 – 09.00	Breakfast	SC
09.00 – 12.00	Educational visit at Arts of the Kingdom	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	

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13.00 – 15.00	Educational visit at Museum Siam	
15.00 – 17.00	Educational visit at Nitasrattanakosin Museum	
17.00 – 18.00	Transfer to Asiatique	
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30 – 21.00	Sightseeing at Asiatique	
21.00	Overnight in Bangkok	
Day 8	April 28, 2014	Dress Code
08.00 – 09.30	Breakfast	C
09.30 – 12.00	Discussion II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic • Education • Environment • Ethnic Groups 	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 18.00	Preparation for Cultural performance	
18.00 – 21.00	Dinner and Cultural Performance	B
21.00	Overnight in Bangkok	
Day 9	April 29, 2014	Dress Code
08.00 – 09.30	Breakfast	SC
09.30 – 10.00	Transfer to MOCA Arts Museum	
10.00 – 12.00	Educational visit at MOCA Arts Museum	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.30	Transfer to Ayutthaya Province	
14.30 – 17.00	Educational visit at Bangsai Arts and Craft Center, Ayutthaya Province	
17.30 – 19.30	Return to Bangkok	
19.30 -21.00	Dinner	
21.00	Overnight in Bangkok	
Day 10	April 30, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast	C
08.30 – 09.30	Transfer to Donmuang International Airport	
09.30 – 10.00	Check in	
10.20 – 11.30	Transfer to Nakorn Phanom province by Nokair	
11.30 – 12.00	Transfer to Nakorn Phanom City Center	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 15.30	Transfer to Mukdaharn province	
15.30 – 18.00	Wrap up and Reflection Paper and Video making	
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30	Overnight in Mukdaharn	
Day 11	May 1, 2014	Dress Code

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07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast	C
08.30 – 09.00	Transfer to CSR activity venue	
09.00 – 11.30	Community service activity I	
11.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.30	Crossing Thai-Laos Broader	
15.30 – 17.30	Transfer to Savannakhet city center	
17.30 – 18.30	Group Activity	
18.30 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30	Overnight in Savannakhet	
Day 12	May 2, 2014	Dress Code
07.30 – 08.30	Breakfast	C
08.30 – 12.00	Half-day Exploring Savannakhet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pha that Ing Hang and Several temples • Local Market • Saint Theresa Church • Dinosaurs Museum 	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 17.30	Community service activity II	
17.30 – 18.30	Dinner	
18.30	Overnight in Savannakhet	
Day 13	May 3, 2014	Dress Code
06.30 – 07.30	Breakfast	C
07.30 – 08.00	Check out	
08.00 – 11.30	Transfer to Hue, Vietnam	
11.30 – 12.30	Crossing Laos – Vietnam broader	
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 – 15.00	Transfer to Hotel	
14.30 – 17.30	Group activity	
17.30 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30 – 20.00	Transfer to Hotel	
20.00	Overnight in Hue	
Day 14	May 4, 2014	Dress Code
07.30 – 09.00	Breakfast	C
09.00 – 12.30	Exploring Hue	
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 17.30	Exploring Hue	
17.30 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30	Overnight in Hue	
Day 15	May 5, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.00	Breakfast	C
08.00 – 08.30	Check out	

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08.30 -12.00	Transfer to Da Nang, Vietnam	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 18.00	Half-day Exploring Da Nang <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cham Museum • Non Nuoc Beach • Tien Sa Port 	
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner	
19.30 – 20.00	Transfer to Hotel	
20.00	Overnight in Da Nang	
Day 16	May 6, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast	C
08.30 – 09.00	Group activity	
09.00 – 12.00	Team building activity	
12.00 – 13.00	Check out	
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch	
14.15 – 14.40	Transfer to Da Nang International Airport	
14.40 – 15.40	Check in/ Immigration Process	
16.20 – 17.35	Depart for Siem Riep, Cambodia	
17.30 – 18.30	Transfer to Siem Riep city center	
18.30 – 20.00	Dinner	
20.00	Overnight in Siem Riep	
Day 17	May 7, 2014	Dress Code
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast	C
08.30 – 12.00	Exploring Siem Riep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angkor Wat 	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 17.00	Continue exploring Siem Riep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angkor Thom 	
17.00 – 17.30	Transfer to local restaurant	
17.30 – 19.00	Dinner	
19.00 – 19.30	Transfer to Siem Riep International Airport	
19.30 – 20.00	Check in	
21.45 – 22.45	Flight to Bangkok by AirAsia	
23.00	Overnight in Bangkok	
Day 18	May 8, 2014	Dress Code
07.30 – 09.00	Breakfast	SC
09.00 – 12.00	Wrap up and Reflection Paper and Video making	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 17.30	Wrap up and Reflection Paper and Video making	

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17.30 – 19.00	Dinner	
19.00 – 21.00	Pre-presentation and comments	
21.00	Overnight in Bangkok	
Day 19	May 9, 2014	Dress Code
07.30 – 08.30	Breakfast	A
08.00 – 09.00	Transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Kingdom Thailand	
09.00 – 11.30	Final Presentation	
11.30 – 12.00	Closing Ceremony	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 18.00	Recreational activities	
18.00 – 22.00	Farewell Party	Evening gown
Day 20	May 10, 2014	Dress Code
	End of the program	C

Dress Code

Code	Description
A	<u>Formal (business suit)</u> Male: Shirt with blazer, Tie, long pants, belt, sock, formal shoes Female: Shirt with blazer, skirt (or long pants), stockings, formal shoes
B	<u>National Costume</u> Participants must prepare traditional costume which represents the beautiful culture of your country for cultural performance.
C	<u>Casual</u> Male: Shirt, long pants or jeans, sport shoes or casual shoes (no sandal) Female: Shirt, long pants or jeans, sport shoes or casual shoes (no sandal) The casual must be appropriate with community service activities.
SC	<u>SC - Smart Casual</u> Male: Shirt, long pants, belt, sock, casual shoes (no sandal) Female: Shirt, skirt, long pants, stockings, casual shoes (no sandal)



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Please attach a photo here

* Photo must be no more than 6 months old

Application form Mekong Friendship Project 2014

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application No.

(For officer use only)

1. Applicant Name (as appears on the passport)

(Mr./Ms./Mrs.) _____
First name
Family name

2. Date of Birth _____ **3. Age** _____ **4. Sex** Male/Female/Other

5. Nationality _____ **6. Identification Number** _____

7. Passport Number _____ **Place of Issue** _____

Date of issue _____ **Date of expiry** _____

8. VISA information (Do you have traveling VISA for these countries?)

Cambodia _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing/ No requirement

Laos _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / No requirement

Myanmar _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / No requirement

Thailand _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / No requirement

Vietnam _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / No requirement

9. Telephone number (+____) _____

10. Mobile Phone number (+____) _____

11. E-mail address _____

12. Polo shirts size _____ **13. Jacket size** _____

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SUBMISSION

Please submit the following document together with your application (Your application will not be considered without the following materials):

- A. Completed application form
- B. Copy of passport
- C. Resume or Brief bio-data (Optional)
- D. Copy of language proficiency test result (Optional)

I declare that the information given is true to the best of my knowledge. If I am awarded the funding, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the organizer.

Applicant Signature

(_____)

Date _____ / _____ / _____