

Concept Paper
ASEAN-EU Youth Camp for Sustainable Development
17-23 August 2017, Thailand

1. Background

- On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN and the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations in 2017, Thailand, as the Country Coordinator for ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations, and the ASEAN Coordinator for Sustainable Development, will organize the “ASEAN-EU Youth Camp on Sustainable Development” during 17-23 August 2017 in Thailand.
- The Youth Camp will be a platform for ASEAN and EU youth representatives to share and exchange views on 1) regional integration and inter-regional dialogue 2) the role of youths in implementing Sustainable Development Goals and 3) the promotion of intercultural dialogue through interactive and constructive activities.

2. Objectives

- To provide a platform for youths from ASEAN and EU member countries to discuss and exchange views on various topics related to enhanced regional and inter-regional integration.
- To introduce the theory of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) as one of the means towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- To promote tolerance and mutual understanding among youths of different cultural and religious beliefs through intercultural dialogue activities.

3. Programme Structure

- Selected youths from ASEAN and EU Member States will participate in a one-week programme which includes learning activities such as lectures, workshops and site visits in Thailand.
- This programme will cover three main themes; Strengthening Cordial ASEAN-EU Relations, Learning about the theory of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Promoting Intercultural Dialogue.
- The activities will be conducted in English.

4. Participants

- 45 youth representatives from ASEAN and EU Member States aged between 18-25 years with good English language command.
- 6 Thai youth representatives will be openly selected from various parts of Thailand.
- 10 ASEAN youth representatives: 9 youth representatives nominated by each ASEAN Member States (except Thailand) and 1 youth representative nominated by the ASEAN Secretariat.

- 29 EU youth representatives: 28 youth representatives nominated by each EU Member States and 1 youth representative nominated by the EEAS EU.
- ASEAN youths excluding Thai National, and EU youths residing in Thailand are also eligible to apply for the programme through his/her Embassy in Bangkok.

5. Hospitalities

Local transportation, double occupancy accommodation for 6 nights and meals will be provided to all participants.

Participating countries or participants would be responsible for the travel insurance and transportation cost to and from Thailand.

6. Organizer

Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

7. Dates and Venue

The Youth Camp will be held during 17-23 August 2017 in Bangkok, Chonburi Province, Petchaburi Province and Ayutthaya Province, Thailand.

8. Selection and nomination process

For Thai nationals:

- Interested candidates can submit the completed application to the Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand by email: **aseanthailand_scdiv@mfa.go.th** by **14 July 2017**.

For nationals of ASEAN (except Thailand) and EU:

- Youth representatives from ASEAN and EU member states, ASEAN Secretariat and EU shall be nominated by respective member states, ASEAN Secretariat and EU by **17 July 2017**. Application should be submitted directly to respective national focal point as indicated in the member country's application form.

- The Organizer reserves the rights for the final selection according to the vacancies. The announcement will be made public on **21 July 2017**.

9. Contact Details

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Tentative Programme

17 August 2017

- Arrival of the youth participants

18 August 2017 (Bangkok)

- Morning
- Opening Ceremony
 - Keynote Address on the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand (*TBC*)
- Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Afternoon
- Seminar on Sustainable Development
 - Lecture on Thailand's Sufficiency Economy Philosophy for Sustainable Development Goals
 - Brainstorming Session on Sustainable Development Initiatives
- Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Evening
- Welcoming Dinner

19 August 2017 (Bangkok/ Petchaburi Province)

- Morning
- Study visit to "Chang-Hua-Mun" Royal Initiative Project
- Afternoon
- Study visit to Khean Soisom Sufficiency Economy Philosophy Learning Centre

20 August 2017 (Bangkok/ Chonburi Province)

- Morning
- Study visit to Sea Turtle Conservation Centre and Laem Taen
- Afternoon
- Study visit to "Green in the City" Project
- Evening
- "Discovering Bangkok Street Food" activity

21 August 2017 (Bangkok/ Ayutthaya Province)

- Morning
- Study visit to Ayutthaya Historical Park
- Afternoon
- Intercultural dialogue activity (visit to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Phutthaisawan Temple and Muslim community)

22 August 2017 (Bangkok)

- Morning
- Wrap-up session
 - Closing Ceremony
- Afternoon
- Free activity

23 August 2017

- All day
- Departure of the participants

*** Tentative Programme can be changed without prior notice subject to the weather.
