

Application Package



Mekong Friendship Project 2016
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Background

As part of Thailand’s efforts to promote people-to-people relations with her neighbours, young people can play an important role in fostering mutual understanding between Thais and peoples of the neighbouring countries. Strong people-to-people relations among the younger generation, who are a valuable human resource of a country, is particularly important as it will become the necessary foundation for the long lasting mutual understanding and relationship in the future.

Mekong Friendship Project provides a platform for the youths from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam to participate in charitable works, and to deepen the knowledge of their own countries by exploring the region. Mekong Friendship Project, therefore, offers young people the opportunity to widen their perspectives, express their opinions, enhance their leadership, and engage in discussions on the development of the sub-region, all of which help to further broaden and strengthen the youth network in the region.

Mekong Friendship Project has been held annually for the past 4 years. The project’s success is well proven and its popularity among young people is ever increasing.

The 5th Mekong Friendship Project of 2016 will be held along the main theme of “Cultures through the River Flows”, which focuses on three sub-themes: (1) World Heritage and cultural connectivity in the sub-region; (2) tackling global warming; and (3) the philosophy of sufficiency economy.

Objectives

1. To foster and to encourage positive attitudes; to promote learning and problem solving on issues shared by countries in the sub-region, with the aim to providing a foundation for promoting people-to-people relations as well as knowledge relating to the main theme and sub-themes
2. To establish a relationship and communication network for young people in the region, in order to facilitate exchanges of thoughts and experiences, which can lead to a long-lasting friendship for the new generation
3. To support the role of young people in publicising and promoting the utilization of transport routes and multidimensional connectivity in the sub-region

Eligibility Criteria

1. The funding is open for **citizens of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam**.
2. Applicants must be in their first or second year of higher education.
3. Applicants must have basic knowledge of the Greater Mekong Sub-region and of the ASEAN Community.
4. Applicants must have a good command of English.
5. Applicants must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months (valid at least 6 months from 12th September 2016) and be able to obtain a visa, if required, for travelling to those countries stated in the tentative programme.

Required Documents

1. Completed and signed application form
2. Résumé or brief bio-data

3. Copy of passport
4. Copy of academic transcript
5. Completed parental consent form
6. Copy of related research papers (optional)
7. Copy of language proficiency test results (optional)

Application Process

1. Call for application – The completed application form and relevant documents must be sent to one of the following e-mail addresses according to your country of origin **by 5 pm (Bangkok GMT+7) on 22nd August 2016.**

**** Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered under any circumstances ****

Cambodia applicants

- **Royal Thai Embassy, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
No.196 Preah Norodom Boulevard, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkarmon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Tel : (855) 023-726 306-8
Fax : (855) 023-726 303
E-mail : mfp.cambodia@gmail.com

Lao applicants

- **Royal Thai Embassy, Vientiane, Lao PDR**
Avenue Kaysone Phomvihane, Saysettha District, Vientiane, Lao PDR
Tel : (856-21) 214-581-2
Fax : (856-21) 214-580
E-mail : thaipte@mfa.go.th
- **Royal Thai Consulate-General, Savannakhet, Lao PDR**
P.O.Box 513, Khanthabouly District, Savannakhet Province, Lao PDR
Tel : (856-41) 212-373, 252-080
Fax : (856-41) 212-370, 252-078
Email : tan.mfa@gmail.com

Myanmar applicants

- **Royal Thai Embassy, Yangon, Myanmar**
No.94, Pyay Road, Dagon Township Yangon, Myanmar
Tel : (951) 222-784, 226-721, 226-728
Fax : (951) 221-713
E-mail : thaiembassygn@gmail.com

Vietnamese applicants

- **Royal Thai Embassy, Hanoi, Vietnam**
26 Phan Boi Chau St., Hanoi, Vietnam
Tel : 043 823 5092 – 4
Fax : 043 823 5088
E-mail : mfp2016.vn@gmail.com

- **Royal Thai Consulate-General, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**
77 Tran Quoc Thao Street, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Tel : (848) 3932-7637-8
Fax : (848) 3932-6002
E-mail : nijanantb@mfa.go.th

Thai applicants

- **ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand**
18th Floor, Chalerm Rajkumari Building (Chamchuri 10)
Chulalongkorn University
254 Phayathai Road, Pathumwan Bangkok 10330
Tel : (66) 2183929
Fax : (66) 2-2183928
E-mail: mekongfp2016@gmail.com

2. Announcement of selected applicants – The selection result will be announced on **26th August 2016**. Only those who are selected will be notified via e-mail, which will contain a participation confirmation form for the programme.
3. Participation confirmation – To confirm participation in this program, the selected participants must complete and sign the participation confirmation form and send it to mekongfp2016@gmail.com **by 5 pm (Bangkok GMT+7) on 30th August 2016**.
4. The Mekong Friendship Project of 2016 will be held between **12th – 23rd September 2016**.

Provision of funding

Funding for the selected participants includes the following:

1. Return flights for international participants
2. Domestic and international flights as stated in the programme (*if any*)
3. Local transports
4. Accommodations
5. Meals

*****Please note that the following are not included in the funding*****

- *Visa fees (if occurred)*
- *Any other expenses not directly related to the programme*

Rules and Regulations

1. All participants are required to take part in every activity throughout the program.
2. Participants are not permitted to leave designated accommodations or locations without permission granted individually during the program, at all times.
3. Narcotics and alcoholic beverages are prohibited under any circumstances.
4. By signing the application form, you grant the Mekong Friendship Project 2016 team the permission to use, publish, and reproduce all contents including photos, videos and any achievements created by the participants during the programme, for all purposes, including publicity, promotion and advertising, in any form of media without compensation, credit or right of review or approval.

Draft Programme
Mekong Friendship Project 2016
“Culture through the River Flows”
12 – 23 September 2016

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Day 1 (Monday 12 September 2016)

- Morning - Arrive in Bangkok and registration
- Afternoon - Orientation
- Evening - Ice-breaking / group activities / overnight stay in Bangkok, Thailand

Day 2 (Tuesday 13 September 2016)

- Morning - Opening Ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Afternoon - Briefing on ASEAN Political – Security Community (APSC) by a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBC)
- Evening - Group activities / overnight stay in Bangkok, Thailand

Day 3 (Wednesday 14 September 2016)

- Morning - Briefing on ASEAN Community by a representative of Institute of Asian Studies Chulalongkorn University
- Briefing on ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by a representative of the Ministry of Commerce (TBC)
- Briefing on ASEAN Socio – Cultural Community (ASCC) by a representative of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (TBC)
- Afternoon - Briefing on Culture and Civilization in the Mekong Basin by Assoc. Prof. Sunet Chutintaranon, Chulalongkorn University
- Evening - Group activities / overnight stay in Bangkok, Thailand

Day 4 (Thursday 15 September 2016)

- Morning - Depart for Khon Kaen, Thailand
- Afternoon - Briefing at Mekong Institute, Khon Kaen University
- Depart for Mukdahan, Thailand
- Evening - Group activities / overnight stay in Mukdahan, Thailand

Day 5 (Friday 16 September 2016)

- Morning - Depart for Savannakhet, the Lao PDR
- Courtesy call on Consul-General, Royal Thai Consulate-General, Savannakhet (TBC)
- Afternoon - Depart for Champasak, the Lao PDR
- Visit Wat Phu and its vicinity
- Evening - Group activities / overnight stay in Champasak, the Lao PDR

Day 6 (Saturday 17 September 2016)

- Morning - Depart for Sisaket, Thailand via Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand
(border crossing at Vangtao – Chongmek)
- Afternoon - Depart for Oddar Meanchey, Cambodia
- Visit Pilot Village for Life Quality Improvement on Road No. 67
- Evening - Overnight stay in Siem Reap, Cambodia

Day 7 (Sunday 18 September 2016)

- Morning - Visit Angkor Wat
- Afternoon - Visit Ta Phrom and its vicinity
- Evening - Overnight stay in Siem Reap, Cambodia

Day 8 (Monday 19 September 2016)

- Morning - Depart for Sa Kaeo, Thailand
- Afternoon - Visit Sdok Kok Thom
 - Depart for Chachoengsao, Thailand
 - Visit Khao Hin Son Royal Development Study Center
 - Depart for Bangkok, Thailand
- Evening - Overnight stay in Bangkok, Thailand

Day 9 (Tuesday 20 September 2016)

- Morning - Courtesy call on the Prime Minister of Thailand (TBC)
 - Visit the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha
- Afternoon - Briefing on World Heritage and Cultural Connectivity in the Sub-Region
 - Visit Bangkok National Museum
- Evening - Overnight stay in Bangkok, Thailand

Day 10 (Wednesday 21 September 2016)

- Morning - Depart for Ayutthaya, Thailand
 - Visit Ayutthaya Historical Study Center
- Afternoon - Visit Chaiwatthanaram Temple
 - Depart for Bangkok, Thailand
- Evening - Overnight stay in Bangkok, Thailand

Day 11 (Thursday 22 September 2016)

- Morning - Closing Ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Evening - Cultural Night
 - Overnight stay in Bangkok, Thailand

Day 12 (Friday 23 September 2016)

Morning - Departure

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Please attach a photo here
* Photo must be no more than 6 months old

Application Form
Mekong Friendship Project 2016

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application No.
(For officer's 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 a visa for travelling to these countries?)

Cambodia _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / Not required

Laos _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / Not required

Myanmar _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / Not required

Thailand _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / Not required

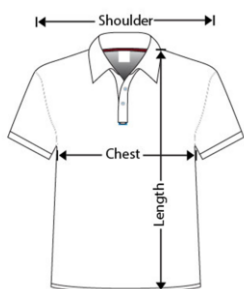
Vietnam _____ Have/ Don't have/ Processing / Not required

9. Telephone number (+____) _____

10. Mobile number (+____) _____

11. E-mail address _____

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



Size Measurements - Unisex Polo Shirt

SIZE	SHOULDER	CHEST	LENGTH
S	18"	38"	27"
M	19"	40"	28"
L	20"	42"	29"
XL	21"	44"	30"
2XL	22"	46"	31"
3XL	23"	48"	32"

SUBMISSION

Please submit the following documents together with your application.

- a) Completed and signed application form
- b) Résumé or brief bio-data
- c) Copy of passport
- d) Copy of academic transcript
- e) Completed parental consent form
- f) Copy of related research papers (*optional*)
- g) Copy of language proficiency test results (*optional*)

******Your application will not be considered if one of the required documents is missing******

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's Signature

Date ____/____/____

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

*This form **must be completed by applicant's parent or guardian** and attached along with application package.

Parent's Information

First name		Family name	
National ID/ Passport Number			

Participant's Information

First name		Family name	
Date of Birth		Name of Program	

Date(s) From	12 th – 23 rd September 2016
<i>I agree to my son/daughter's participation in the Mekong Friendship Project 2016</i>	Parent/Guardian's signature

Emergency Contact Detail

Home address			
Contact telephone numbers (for the duration of the project)			
Name		Home	
Mobile		Work	

Alternative contact	Relationship to student:		
Address			
Name		Home	
Mobile		Work	

Medical Information

Please mark with X if appropriate:

Applicant does not suffer from any medical or mental condition which requires regular treatment.	
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Applicant suffers from	
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Applicant has an allergy to the following:	Allergic to	Symptoms of an allergic reaction

Dietary Information

Does the applicant have any special dietary requirement? e.g. vegetarian, kosher, allergies, halal	(please give details)	YES / NO

Declaration by Parent /Guardian

I have read and completed this form and, to the best of my knowledge, the details given are true and accurate.

As a parent and/or legal guardian of the applicant, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor participant.

I agree on behalf of myself, my child named here in, or our heirs, successors and assigns, to hold harmless and defend Mekong Friendship Project 2016, its staffs, agents, and representatives associated with the project, from any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and all consequential damage arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the expenses that are not covered by program fund therewith.

Signature		Date	
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