



Youth for Peace Workshop
Celebrating Diversity, Reaching Humanity

Bangkok, Thailand
July 11th – 15th 2017

Deadline for Application submission
30th May, 2017 (For International Participants)
10th June, 2017 (For ASEAN Countries)

(Applicants from those countries where there is no Royal Thai Consulate are recommended to apply early for the course, as the visa processing will take longer time)

Introduction

Asia is unique in its rich and diverse cultures, religions, natural and human resources. Unfortunately, the vast majority of people still live below the poverty line. Asia is connected to the greater world. This world is witnessing different forms of conflict and violence. Sectarian and communal violence, suppression and deprivation of ethnic and religious minorities, invasion, occupation, war, and the nuclear arms race have dashed not only the hopes and aspirations for a peaceful, harmonious and prosperous global community but have also produced extremism. Part of it, is due to colonial legacies, dictatorial incompetence and corrupt governance.

At the macro level it is the polarization around ideology and control of natural resources, economic globalization and competition between power blocks to exert arrogance and influence on rest of the world. It started after the Soviet Union sent soldiers to Afghanistan to support, the-then pro-Soviet government. That is the time the Western world and Muslim world came together and lent support to the Taliban to oust the Soviet Union from Afghanistan. Finally, the Soviet Union had to withdraw. That paved the way for the emergence of new forces namely Taliban and later on ISI, after the American-led coalition invaded Iraq.

After Iraq, the wave Arab Spring spread. So was the speed of regime change, Libya was the next victim of Western invasion. Change in Tunisia and Egypt took place without foreign invasion. It started in Syria, this time Iran and Russia extended support to Hafez al- Assad. ISIS declared Caliphate in Iraq and Syria. The new trend of resistance and extreme form of movement has engulfed many countries. Hundreds of thousands of people died and millions became refugees. More and more young, educated persons and professionals are also joining the movements to regain their version of Islamic supremacy. Terrorist attacks are also taking place in all continents.

It is against this backdrop that the youth for peace course is designed to empower young people with knowledge, analytical skills and right-motivation to engage in

peace and development activities. It aims to foster leadership, networking trans - border solidarity to promote collective human dignity, welfare and peace.

TARGET GROUP

Young leaders, scholars, teachers, post graduate students, NGO and social workers, and anyone else with a keen interest in approaching peacebuilding creatively

COURSE AIM

Participants will get an understanding and dimension of peace and conflict. As a student/professional you will gain and build up knowledge and skills in promoting peace.

VENUE

International Institute of Peace and Development Studies (IIPDS)*
Suwintawaong Soi 51, Soi Rom Yen 4
T. Kratumrai, Nong Chok,
Bangkok, 10530

* IIPDS is 30 km from Suvarnabhumi and 50 km from Don Mueang airport; located in a peaceful rural setting with a simple and comfortable shared accommodation.

GOAL

To create a new generation of young peace builders for peace, solidarity and sustainable development in Asia.

REGISTRATION

- **Course Fee: 100 USD**
The course fee covers local transportation, accommodation and foods.
- *Local transportation, accommodation and foods are covered by IIPDS during the workshop training.*
- **Organizer does NOT provide Airfare and Visa Expenses**

OBJECTIVES

- To develop critical awareness among Asian youth about Asian realities and challenges, Asian religions, traditions and cultures and engage them in social actions for peace, justice and development
- To facilitate collective learning process about understanding of the causes of conflict, ways and means to transform conflict and build sustainable peace
- To strengthen "Youth for Peace Net-work" in Asia and the Middle East

Eligibility

Target Group: Young leaders, scholars, teachers, post graduate students, NGO and social workers, and anyone else with a keen interest in approaching peace building creatively.



In order to be considered eligible to apply, you must fulfill all of the following criteria:

- Below 30 year of age
- Socially engaged in peace and development works
- Good command on English
- Possess a leadership quality and potential to become a trainer
- Beneficial for higher studies and also in career development

COURSE STRUCTURE

- Team building, Group Dynamics and Discovering peace
- Conflict & Violence and Conflict Analysis Tools
- Exposure Visit
- Group work and Critical Thinking Theory
- Gender and Peace Building & Conflict in Transition
- Peace, Reconciliation & Development
- Simulation on Inter-faith Dialogue and Human Rights and Peace
- Community Work, Ethical Peace Building, Networking and Follow up Action

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