



## ASEAN Youth Leaders Camp 2014

### About ASEAN Youth Leaders Camp 2014

Maharakham University welcomes college/university students from Thai and ASEAN universities to its ASEAN Youth Leaders Camp (ASEAN-YLC) 2014. This camp is organized by Maharakham University and designed to bring together student leaders throughout ASEAN countries.

ASEAN-YLC is a one-week challenging and meaningful adventure that helps students to develop their leadership potential through participation in a series of workshops and experiential learning opportunities/activities.

Through their learning sessions and hands-on experience, visiting exchange students will not only acquire understanding of leadership techniques, team building and effective communication, but also experience the “Authentic Thai” culture and society in an educational setting, specifically the “Esarn Region” located in the Northeast of Thailand and most importantly be knowledgeable on ASEAN cultures as well.

### Date:

10 Days (August 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

### Location/ Place of Activities:

- \* Maharakham University, Maha Sarakham Province, Thailand
- \* Nakhon Ratchasima Province, Thailand
- \* Samut Songkham Province, Thailand

### Target Group

100 participants who are UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS from Thailand and in the Southeast Asia.



## About Mahasarakham University

The historical development of Mahasarakham University, or MSU, may be traced back to March 27, 1968, when it was originally established as the College of Education for the purpose of extending higher education to the nation's Northeastern Region of Thailand and producing quality teachers to serve educational institutions of all levels. The college situated in the North outer area of Maha Sarakham, a small town right at the center of the region. The college's status was later elevated when it became a regional campus of Srinakharinwirot University in 1974. At that time there were four faculties: Education, Humanities, Social Sciences and Science. The university finally gained independent status and became Mahasarakham University, Thailand's 22nd government university, on December 9, 1994, when the University Act was graciously authorized by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and published in the Royal Gazette.

Mahasarakham University has since expanded rapidly in terms of both facilities and academic services and has become a comprehensive university, offering undergraduate and post-graduate degree programs in three academic clusters: Social Sciences; Pure and Applied Science; and Health Science. In response to this growth, in 1998, Khamriang Campus was set up in Kantarawichai District, approximately seven kilometers from the original campus.

With 18 faculties and 2 colleges currently operating, MSU has been widely recognized as one of Thailand's fastest-growing universities. The total enrollment has also increased, from fewer than 10,000 in its earlier years to more than 45,000 students at present. Many faculty buildings have been constructed at Khamriang Campus, now the administrative and academic center.

## In the Heart of the Northeastern Thailand

Mahasarakham University is located in the heart of Northeast Thailand an area well known for its peaceful and tranquil atmosphere. As a regional center of education, it has earned the name, "*Taksila of Esarn*", (taking this name from an ancient Hindu centre of learning in India).

Maha Sarakham is 470 kilometers, along highways, from Bangkok and occupies a total area of 5,291.68 kilometers. Geographically, the province is a vast rolling plain (comprised mostly of rice fields) with the Chi River flowing through it. Maha Sarakham itself has a lively atmosphere and offers a wealth of cultural and recreational activities to travelers and visitors.





## Accommodation

MSU will arrange a shared and safe on-campus accommodation to all participants (free of charge).

## Transportation

MSU will provide bus service for all participants upon their arrival at Khon Kaen Airport and upon their departure at Suvarnabhumi Airport (Bangkok). MSU will also provide bus services to participants during the travel sessions.

MSU does not take responsibility of transportation arrangement for participants' departures and arrivals from his/her home country.

## Visa to Thailand

1. Generally, a foreign citizen who wishes to enter the Kingdom of Thailand is required to obtain a visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General. However, nationals of certain countries do not require a visa if they meet visa exemption requirements as follows:

(1) they are nationals of countries which are exempted from visa requirements when entering Thailand for tourism purposes. Such nationals will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days. For more information, please see **Tourist Visa Exemption**;

(2) they are nationals of countries which hold bilateral agreements with Thailand on the exemption of visa requirements.

2. Nationals of certain countries may apply for visa upon arrival in Thailand. Travelers with this type of visa are permitted to enter and stay in Thailand for a period of not exceeding 15 days.

3. Travelers travelling from/through countries which have been declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas must acquire an International Health Certificate verifying the receiving of a Yellow Fever vaccination.

4. Nationals of certain countries are required to apply for a visa only at the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General in the applicant's country of residence, or at the Royal Thai Embassy which has jurisdiction over his or her country of residence. Travelers are advised to enquire about authorized office for visa issuance at any Royal Thai Embassy or Royal Thai Consulate-General before departure. Contact details and locations of Royal Thai Embassies and Royal Thai Consulates-General are available at [www.mfa.go.th/web/10.php](http://www.mfa.go.th/web/10.php). Please consult the Visa Section of the **Royal Thai Embassy in your country** for specific questions you may have or visit <http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php>





## How to Apply

1. Check the admission requirements and deadline at <http://www.inter.msu.ac.th/exchange-all-exchange-programs.html>
2. Contact the Office of International Relations at your home university to request for the Approval Letter from Home University
3. Scan and submit the completed ASEAN-YLCC Scholarship Application in PDF-format file via email: [tharnthip.k@gmail.com](mailto:tharnthip.k@gmail.com) **by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

## What to submit

A complete application packet includes:

- Application form: Print clearly or type using the attached form
- Approval of the Home University: Official Letter from Home University authorizing the student for the exchange program.
- Scholarship Essay Form with
  - Self Introduction
  - Reasons for participating the camp and expectations.

## Scholarship value/inclusions:

The ASEAN-YLCC Scholarship covers:

- Tuition Fees
- Study Materials
- Activity Expenses
- Local Transportation
- Accommodation (shared-room)
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Welcome and Farewell banquets
- All tours and entry tickets
- Tour Guides
- Medical Insurance

Please note that the participant has to be responsible for their own international travel expenses, visa, and other personal expenses.



## Announcement for the Selected Participants

Results of the selection will be sent by email on **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

## Contact

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence regarding the ASEAN-YLC 2014 to:

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*Submission and Acceptance of application starts now  
until May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014!*

