



Fifth UNESCO Youth Peace Ambassador Training Workshop

Holistic View of Peace, Health, Development and the Environment

6-14 November 2012

Bangkok and Kaeng Krachan, Thailand

Important Note: Please read the Information carefully before asking questions, and note that some further specific information that some people ask for will be provided by 2 November to registered participants.

Background

UNESCO is building peace in the world through empowering youth from different countries across Asia and the Pacific, and across the world, to share experiences of working to promote the culture of peace and to develop practical action plans with the inspiration of the young people. Since 2010, UNESCO, in cooperation with partner institutions has organized four Youth Peace Ambassador Training Workshops across the Asia-Pacific with 320 youth from many countries and circumstances. Together, the youth have worked to identify issues that can promote a culture of peace, and developed 120 action projects promoted at making a difference in their communities. ¹

Through the Youth Peace Ambassador Programme, UNESCO is harnessing the power, optimism and influence of young people to promote action and change for Peace. The outcomes you could help achieve include:

- Strengthening the youth peace ambassador network of young people as a forum for the exchange of ideas and good practices for effecting social change for peace. ;
- Reducing the suffering from conflicts and violence;
- Broadening aspects of participant life plans from a multicultural perspective;
- Support for specific youth-led projects to be implemented in different countries;
- Expand the integration of security and peace activities into policy making, with special relevance to young persons;

¹ The action plans are on the UNESCO website

<http://www.unescobkk.org/en/rushsap/youth/youth-peace-ambassadors/>

The programme is especially for youth who have already started to make a difference in their community to overcoming the challenges for their communities, and persons who are actually doing things to rebuild communities. If you are one of the people, or would like to become, then you can join the group of approximately 130 participants.



Thai Diamond City



Thai Diamond City Resort Area



Enjoy the 100m wide swimming pool



Surveying the Peace Garden



International Peace and Development Ethics
Centre



Harmony in Nature

Accommodation, Meal and Local transport

The conference fee including accommodation and meals from 6th evening to 14th afternoon, all teaching materials, and group transport from morning of the 7th day trip to Ayuthaya to 14th return to Bangkok is USD300 (THB 9,000). It is payable upon arrival in THB cash or USD cash. The accommodation is planned to be in twin rooms with private toilet and hot water showers in each room (indicate your preferred room companion with travel plans). Meals include breakfast, lunch, dinner (each day), and morning and afternoon teas (except on field trips).

General applications have closed. Exceptional cases may be considered still, and should include a letter of intent, including full name, address, affiliation, age, past activities, and hopes (use form below) to rushsap.bgk@unesco.org. For previous trainees of YPA workshops the applicants should have returned their evaluation forms from previous action plans (including those still current, whether or not the action plan was completed or not you are still invited). We are also seeking support for a few scholarships to assist those persons unable to pay for the local costs, but these will be very limited. All persons will be responsible for their own travel and visa costs.

Transport from the airport

There will be limited free group shuttle bus services from Bangkok airport to the accommodation/venue on the 6th and 7th. The schedule for these will be provided after we have compiled all the arrival and departure information from participants, and sent to all participants by 2 November. Because the venue is much closer to the Don Muang airport (old airport), we advise all participants to take the free airport bus from Suvarnabhumi airport (main international airport) that departs on the hour each hour to Don Muang airport, even if you are taking a taxi. From 1 October some discount air carriers shifted all international flights to Don Muang airport, so please check carefully your air flight schedule.

What we ask participants who have been accepted to do before:

- 1) **Send flight information, and your picture as a 100kb max jpeg file.**
- 2) **Send short quotes related to Peace** that will be considered for including on plaques along the International Peace Walk in the Forested area of Kaeng Krachan, as the International Peace Park is launched during the workshop. The quotes should include the original language, English translation, author, year, and source.
- 3) Those who would like to give a **presentation** should send the evaluation form of their previous YPA action plan, as well as a 300 word abstract. A few new participants may be accepted to give a presentation. [All participants will also present their action plan developed at the Workshop]
- 4) All YPA with current action plans should bring a simple description paper for display around the conference room during the conference. They should also consider future activities.
- 5) Ensure you have proper travel documents, and in case you cannot get a tourist visa to Thailand, we have prepared invitation letters for those who registered.



Meeting Rooms for Active Discussion



Thammasat University Pediatrics Dept



The initial clearing for the International Peace Park

Faculty includes Prof. Tom Gionis, President, Aristotle University, USA; Dr. Sawa Kato, Director, International Centre for Peace and Development Ethics, Thailand; Prof. Darryl Macer, RUSHSAP, UNESCO; Dr. Supachai Thiticuchakul, Director, Thammasat University Hospital; and many other speakers to be confirmed. The draft agenda with some of the titles

of talks is below.

Draft Agenda

6th November Arrival to Accommodation Venue, “The Campus”, (112/115-6 Chiang Rak Road, Klong Luang Pathuerthani 12120 Thailand; See Map, contact telephone 02-153-4242 while staying there).

7th November ***Day group trip to the ancient capital of Thailand, Ayuthaya***
(30 minutes north of the accommodation).
Evening – Cultural Event and Welcome Reception (Hosted by JCI Thailand) in Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus, ASEAN Games Village Dormitory

8th November: Full Day Workshop on Health and Peace²

(Hosted by Thammasat University Hospital, Rangsit Campus), plenary lecturers include:

8:00 – 10:00: Plenary Session

The UNESCO Youth Peace Ambassador Training Programme and Evaluation of Previous Plans

Prof. Darryl Macer, RUSHSAP, UNESCO

Health and social responsibilities of Thammasat University Hospital

Dr. Supachai Thiticuchakul, Director, Thammasat University Hospital

Emergency Medicine and Heart Surgery: Repairing Acts of Violence in the Clinic

Prof. Tom Gionis, President, Aristotle University, USA; President, Fullbright Academy of Law, Peace and Public Health

Challenges of Child Abuse

Dr. Khanittha Booranaphansak, Chief, Social Work Department, Thammasat University Hospital

10:00-10:15 Morning tea

10:15-12:00 Small Group Visits 1

Smaller group visits and activities in specific areas of the hospital with experts in a variety of areas.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Small Group Visits 2

Change of members for small group visits

[Each participant will be able to visit 2 of 6 options for small group visits. Please dress appropriately for this day and remember to observe ethical rules of privacy when you see patients in the hospital]

15:30-15:45 Afternoon tea

15:45-17:30 Plenary Session YPA Action Plans

Feedback from the visits (Discussion)

² In all cases the lectures include interactive times for questions and discussion, and possible hands-on activities.

Youth and Rio plus 20

Natashi Shokri, Iran

Counseling and Fortune-Telling to make Peace

Ananya Tritipthumrongchok, Thailand

Cosmetic treatment and skin whitening in Asia

Napat Chaipraditkul, Thailand

and some other YPAs working on public health, disability and domestic violence issues.

Dinner

9th November: Peace with Nature Full Day Field Trip

Check out of Accommodation and depart to Thai Diamond City, Kaeng Krachan (3 hours on bus; dress in casual clothes for outdoor and bring a sunhat).

Once in Kaeng Krachan a visit to Kaeng Krachan National Park, the Official Opening of the International Peace and Development Ethics Centre, and the International Peace Park. Including Planting of Trees and Medicinal Plants, unveiling of poetry plaques, and a walk for peace to remember the Olympic Truce in the forest. Check into accommodation at the Thai Diamond City Resort.

Evening –Welcome Reception (Hosted by Oran Foundation at Thai Diamond City)

10th November

8:00-9:00 The Peace Index

Prof. Tom Gionis, President, Aristotle University, USA; President, Fullbright Academy of Law, Peace and Public Health

9:00-12:00 Reports of Youth Peace Ambassador (YPAs) Action Plans

Interactive Classes for Migrants

Min Zhang, Shanghai, P.R. China

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Dwight Jason M. Ronan, the Philippines

Engaging Peace with the Community of Cyberjaya through Peace Exhibition and Forum

Lee Siu Ming, Malaysia

Building Peace in Sri Lanka through Sports

Natasha De Silva, London, UK; Sri Lanka (Olympic Truce YPA)

National Network Updates – Cambodia

National Network Updates – Indonesia

National Network Updates – Japan

National Network Updates – Nigeria

National Network Updates – Cambodia

[We expect more of the previous YPAs to present the results, success and challenges, of implementation of their action plans across the world during the workshop. The sessions will be thematically arranged, and we expect approximately 40 action plans from 30 countries to be presented. Certificates will be presented to UNESCO Youth Peace Ambassadors (those who have successfully implemented their action plans).]

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-16:00 Peace Building Around the World by Youth

Policy Challenges in EU-Neighbourhood Relations

Alin Horj, Romania/ Italy

Bridging mutual understanding through Interfaith Dialogue: Protection to Minority

Asep Zulhijar, Indonesia

Building Peace in Nigeria

Stephen Granville, Rivers State, Nigeria

Peace Education Networking in Pakistan

Rameez Ahmed, founder & Executive Director of Peace Education Campaign (PEN), Pakistan

Generations Without Qat

Mohammed Abdulrahman Saeed Alsamet, Malaysia / Yemen

Educate the Future

Oluwayinka John AKINYEMI, Director of Outreach, United Nations Youth Association of Nigeria (UNYAN), Oyo-state Lead, Green Yaggy, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Titles to come for 7 minute talks by:

Achmad Wildan, West Java, Indonesia

Ajar Arkan Amjad Kocak, Turkey

Jahongir Akbarov, Tashkent city, Republic of Uzbekistan

Rashid Rumzada, President, Azerbaijan Youth Ambassadors Association

Shakir Azizi, CEO BECRO organization, Kabul, Afghanistan

Md. Robiul Islam, Founder and Chairman, Vision Aid International, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Ms. Roshani Silwal, Heart Beat, General Secretary, Nepal

Those above and ANYONE else should submit a 300 word abstract

16:00-18:00 Swim or Bike for Peace (All)

Dinner

20:00-21:00 Points for Action Plan development and presentation

Dr. Darryl Macer, UNESCO and Dr. Sawa Kato, International Peace and Development Ethics Centre

11th November Peace, Health, Development and the Environment

8:00-12:00

Expert Lectures and Workshops by faculty and youth from around the world, to be confirmed, including:

ASEAN's Norm(s) in promoting the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) 2003-2012

Ms. Thanachporn Chainarongsiriporn, Thailand

Campaigning: what it is and how to get the most out of it

Dolapo Fakuade, Nigeria and UK

10:30-12:00 Workshop on Digital Story-Telling and Public Information Policies

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-18:00 Small group work on preparing Action Plans

Dinner

12th November: Workshops on Evaluation and Development of new Action Plans.

Practice Presentations of Action Plans for Expert Feedback, and Preparations for UN Scenario Debates

13th November Model United Nations (MUN) Scenario presentations and Debates

Participants will chose topics and groups on 7-8 November and prepare for these presentations before the full day multiple rounds of debate all day on the 13th. Participants will be assigned problems and will represent stakeholders, such as the government, companies, NGO's, different countries, etc.

14th November Formal Presentation of YPA Action Plans

8:00-12:00 Formal presentations of YPA Action Plans and Closing

12:00-13:00 Farewell Lunch

Check out of Kaeng Krachan for those departing to other areas, transport back to Bangkok for those taking evening flights (departure schedule will be adjusted with flight times).

If you are staying longer in Thailand

There is an option at your own expense (THB1000 per day) to stay for an extra night in Thai Diamond City and explore the National Park area (Kaeng Krachan National park is the largest national park in Thailand and the entrance is within bicycle distance). No transport will be provided, but a regular minivan service to Bangkok Victory Monument is available to be booked by yourself at the reception of the Thai Diamond Land Resort.

There are many places to stay in Bangkok so you are responsible for your own accommodation bookings if you would like simply to be dropped off in central Bangkok by the transportation on the 14th.

Updates on the agenda

The draft agenda will be developed over time and updates will be posted on the website. Such updates will be announced on the facebook group for UNESCO YPA.

Temperature

24-28 degrees C. Dry season. There is no prediction of flooding at the venues this year, but in the worse case the workshop would shift to Kaeng Krachan which has no risk of flooding.

What to Bring:

Informal clothes as well as semi-formal (we do not expect anyone to have jacket and tie). On 9 November there will be some planting of trees and walking in nature, with options to walk to a hill top, so please dress accordingly.

Pack your swimming costume, sun block and a sunhat. A small umbrella can serve functions to protect against rain and sun. Mosquito repellent can be useful in some areas of the forest. Laptops will be useful to prepare action plans.

Pocket money: If you wish to purchase anything (credit cards are accepted in major shops but not in the countryside for cheaper items).

Please take out your own travel insurance policy.

For further information please send your details and correspond with the secretariat by email not facebook. There will be general information notes circulated which will answer some general questions.

The application form is available in word from the website. It is pasted below.

Most frequently received questions are answered in this updated information. Please read it again. Please confirm flight details.

Q. How much it will cost to get to the venue at Rangsit if we ride the taxi in case we can't get the free shuttle?

A: Taxi fare from Suvarnabhumi airport (main international airport) about 750THB. Taxi fare from Don Muang airport less than 300 THB. Use meter only, and use official “Public taxi” from the airport, paying extra 50THB. Do not take other transport or offers.

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Application Form

Name: (Given name) _____

(Family name) _____

Affiliation(s): _____

Gender: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address (postal):

Nationality: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Need for Visa application before leave for your country

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Please email this file saved as your name and return by email
(rushsap.bgk@unesco.org).

The deadline for the conference registration was 30 September 2012.

Accepted applicants should send flight information (number, time, departure point) as soon as confirmed.

Arrival Details: _____

Departure Details: _____

Name of preferred room companion (if on same arrival and departure dates):

Please also send a letter of intent

Location Map in Thai of accommodation venue for evening of 6th-8th,

Reservations are made by the conference secretariat for all registered participants. Note – detailed information and schedules will be sent by 2 November.

