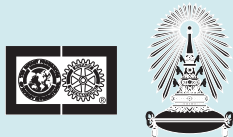


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A Short-Term Certificate Course

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ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES PROGRAM

A Short-Term Certificate Course

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand



***"I hope that through this program, peace is not just a piece of paper...
but a practical tool to end possible conflicts."***

— Bhichai Rattakul

Member, The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees, 2004-08

Chair, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee, 2005-06

Past President, Rotary International, 2002-03

Charter Member and Past President, Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok, Thailand

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS

Program participants will improve their understanding of the following aspects of conflict resolution and mediation through:

- Awareness of how to contribute to the shaping of conflict resolution policy at national, regional, and international levels
- Understanding of skills and methodologies for conflict mapping and analysis and how to apply these analytic methods to fieldwork situations relevant to their areas of concern and responsibility
- Greater familiarity, acquired through case studies, of process skills (such as mediation, negotiation, problem solving, and dialogue) used in conflict resolution and an understanding of how these may be relevant to their own fieldwork and locales
- Ability to rethink and refashion existing models and practices and contribute to the development of innovative ideas and techniques
- Appreciation of the educational approaches, values, and ideas that underpin the process of peacemaking in order to become agents of change for peace building in appropriate processes of nonviolent social and cultural transformation

BACKGROUND

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International established the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, as part of its ongoing effort to promote world understanding and peace.

As the result of increased occurrences of conflict throughout the world over the past several decades, efforts to achieve national and international peace continue to be a critical concern worldwide. As part of The Rotary Foundation's mission to encourage world understanding and peace, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program was established to provide mid- to upper-level professionals





from around the world a valuable opportunity to gain knowledge in conflict resolution and mediation training to better equip themselves with the tools needed to help prevent and resolve conflict, as well as foster policies and create settings that ensure peace.

Through partnership with Chulalongkorn University, the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies will serve as a major vehicle toward promoting advanced education and training to community and industry leaders, enabling Rotary to actively engage in its mission of world understanding and peace.

WHAT IS THE ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES PROGRAM?

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is a unique short-term certificate course designed for professionals in mid- to upper-level positions who can arrange to take time off from their employment for just a few months to participate in the program.

The intensive short-term program, offered in English, provides a valuable opportunity for participants to obtain a certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies awarded by Chulalongkorn University, one of Thailand's most respected and prestigious universities.

For up to three months, program participants gain knowledge in both academic studies in the classroom and practical field training learned through case studies research and participation. Participants taking the program will have the chance to network, practice their skills, exchange ideas, and develop new personal and professional relationships with diverse industry leaders worldwide.

PURPOSE

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program was established to:

- Educate mid- to upper-level employees from the governmental, nongovernmental, and corporate sectors so that they are better equipped to prevent and resolve conflicts of varying degrees and types
- Reach a diverse group of international employees by offering an intensive short-term program with courses taught in English at a reasonable cost to the employee's sponsor, The Rotary Foundation, and Chulalongkorn University
- Meet the demand for such an educational program in Southeast Asia

COURSE FEATURES

Location

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is housed at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand's oldest university, recognized worldwide for its academic excellence. Not only is Chulalongkorn University well known for its academic accolades, it also offers a vast array of museums and research centers spanning many topics and fields of study.

On-campus housing is available, as the university provides residence halls for students, teaching staff, personnel, university government offices, and permanent employees. In addition, the international house, modeled as a hotel-type facility, is designed to accommodate international students, guest lecturers, teaching staff, and researchers.

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. With 1.2 million members and over 32,000 clubs in nearly 170 countries, Rotarians carry out service projects in their local communities and abroad to address critical issues such as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment.



Faculty and Guest Expert Lecturers

The curriculum for the three-month course has been uniquely designed by academics specialized in the field of peace studies to enable program participants to identify and understand the causes of conflict at the local, regional, and international levels, and provide them with the skills necessary to prevent and resolve conflict with a focus on the ability to effect change and maintain peace.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program hosts a global group of experts, including faculty from the Political Science Department and other specialized departments of Chulalongkorn University, guest lecturers from universities outside of Bangkok, and international experts from diverse governmental and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), as well as private corporations.

Setting and Structure

Each session offers theoretical content divided into four modules in a classroom environment structured to allow one-on-one interaction and involvement in small group discussions. One-on-one consultation with faculty center advisers is readily available through scheduled appointments, and host Rotarian counselors will provide opportunities for program participants to meet and network with members of the Bangkok business, NGO, and government communities.

Each session also offers practical field training through field visits based on case studies learned in the classroom. Field training will be interspersed with theoretical classroom content.

Courses for all segments are conducted in the morning and afternoon and last up to three hours each.

Model Curriculum

The theoretical components of the short-term certificate program's curriculum will include the following four themes, each with a set of related subtopics. Case studies will provide practical application of what has been discussed in the classroom.

Module I: Introduction to Concepts and Values of Peace and Conflict Studies

Topics include:

- Conflict Resolution: The State of the Art
- Explaining the Elicitive Method
- Nature of Conflict
- Root Causes of Conflict
- Types of Conflict
- Strategies for Resolution
- Perspective on Conflict
- Defining Conflict Resolution: Classic Models and Concepts
- Southeast Asian Practices
- Case Studies

Module II: Diagnosis and Analysis

Topics include:

- Causal Models Revisited
- Conflict Data
- Conflict Triangle, Power and Conflict, Conflict Cycle

- Subjective Conflict Analysis: A Buddhist Approach
- Using Conflict Mapping
- Conflict Tracking
- Conflict Impact Assessment
- Case Studies

Field Trip I: Resource-based Conflict

Module III: Conflict Resolution: Skills, Approaches, and Strategies

Topics include:

- Problem Solving
- Communication in Conflict Situations
- Negotiations
- Mediation
- Peacekeeping
- Conflict Resolution and Civil Society
- Peace Process
- Building Zones of Peace
- Nonviolent Action, Conflict Resolution, and Peacemaking
- Case Studies

Field Trip II: Mediation



What case studies will apply toward the second segment of the course?

One case study applied to the practical field training will revolve around the current conflict in southern Thailand. Specific field trip sites are subject to change.

Module IV: Transforming Conflict: Building a Sustainable Peace

Topics include:

- Cross-Cultural Conflict Resolution
- Cultural Dimension of Conflict Resolution
- Religion, Peace, and Conflict: Interfaith Dialogue and Intrafaith Dialogue
- Post-Armed Conflict Peacebuilding
- Reconciliation
- Truth Commissions, Memory, and Healing the Wounds of the Past
- Peace Education and Peacebuilding: Sustaining the Culture of Peace
- Gender and Peacebuilding
- Policy Advocacy for Peacemaking
- Capacity and Network Building
- Case Studies
- Nonviolent Strategies
- Peacekeeping: Use of Military

Field Trip III: Ethnic Conflict

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

(Each session is limited to 30 participants.)

Session One Registration and Orientation:
First Sunday and Monday of July

Classes:
First Tuesday of July through last Friday of September

Session Two Registration and Orientation:
Second Sunday and Monday of January

Classes:
Second Tuesday of January through first Friday of April

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT

Eligibility

Up to 30 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants will be chosen from a wide variety of professional backgrounds for each program session.

Candidates for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program must meet the following criteria at the time of application to The Rotary Foundation:

- Be employed full-time in a mid- to upper-level position with at least five years of work experience in a field related to conflict resolution and mediation
- Be proficient in English, as coursework will be conducted in that language
- Be a citizen of any country, including the country that hosts the center
- Have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent

Who comprises the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee?

The committee is composed of nine Rotarians from diverse nationalities and fields and three faculty members from Chulalongkorn University appointed to serve as university representatives to the committee.



- Clearly demonstrate how receiving the program's certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies will enhance their work upon returning home
- Apply through a local Rotary club and secure the endorsement of their local Rotary district before The Rotary Foundation's selection committee can consider their application
- Cannot be a Rotarian; an honorary Rotarian; an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or Rotary International; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories; a former Rotarian within 36 months of resignation from Rotary or his/her relative as described above; an employee of Chulalongkorn University; or a former employee of Chulalongkorn University within 36 months of resignation
- Rotaract members, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars, and former Rotary World Peace Fellows are eligible to apply, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria.
- Persons with disabilities are eligible for Rotary Foundation awards and should not be overlooked. With the support of Rotarians in the sponsor and host districts, persons with disabilities have served as successful Rotary award recipients.

Step 1 Clubs



Applications submitted to local Rotary clubs

Step 2 Districts



Club-endorsed applications
sent to Rotary districts

Step 3 The Rotary Foundation



District-endorsed applications sent to The Rotary
Foundation for processing

Step 4 Committee



Participants selected in a world-competitive
process by the Rotary Peace and Conflict
Studies Selection Committee

■ CU Vision

Chulalongkorn University, also known as “CU,” is an important academic resource and the standard for scholarly excellence in Thailand. Its purpose is to promote Thailand’s self-reliance and enable Thai society to compete with, contribute to, and participate in the global community as an equal partner.

■ CU Mission

- 1. To produce graduates of international caliber with knowledge and skills appropriate to the needs of society*
 - 2. To instill high ethical standards in students and develop their leadership capabilities*
 - 3. To generate new knowledge and integrate existing bodies of knowledge for the benefit of Thai society*
 - 4. To share this knowledge with the public in order to contribute to the country’s development and sustainable self-sufficiency in the world community*
 - 5. To preserve and promote the arts and culture*
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Composition of Each Class

- Candidates will include a mix of professions from the government sector, corporate sector, nongovernmental organizations, and media.
- Candidates will be citizens of many countries around the world.

Application Process

Profiles of four current candidates:

- Superintendent of Police, India
- Conflict Journalist, USA
- Regional Director, NGO, Sierra Leone
- Senior State Counsel, Sri Lanka

Although a significant number of the participants may originate from Bangkok due to the program’s location and emphasis on Southeast Asia, applications are encouraged from professionals around the world in order to build a diverse international student body for each session.

Application must be made through local Rotary clubs; those sent directly to The Rotary Foundation will not be considered.

TUITION AND FEES

Each program participant’s employer is asked to cover the THB200,000 (approximately US\$5,000) cost of the three-month session, including tuition, room and board, educational materials, and other expenses. The Rotary Foundation will provide funding for round-trip travel for program participants living outside of Bangkok, as well as a limited number of full and partial fellowships for candidates whose employers cannot afford the full cost of the program.

For participants not requiring housing, the cost is THB104,000 (approximately \$2,500).

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S UNIVERSITY PARTNER: CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, BANGKOK, THAILAND

Chulalongkorn University sits on 212 hectares (523 acres) of land in the heart of central Bangkok and is surrounded by historical sites and modern cultural interests. The university was founded on 26 March 1917 by H.M. King Vajiravudh and was named "Chulalongkorn" in honor of King Rama V, who established Thai modern education during his reign with the goal of providing equal education to all Thai citizens.

CU is composed of up to 112 faculties, colleges, institutes, and research centers combined, with more than 2,800 teaching staff. The majority of courses taught at the university offer a smaller classroom size, allowing for more individual attention and education that is matched to each student's needs. As a government institute, the university is under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Higher Education, and its highest governing body is the University Council, with the president as the chief administrator.

With advanced technology and state-of-the-art equipment, the university also boasts an impressive library housed in the Center of Academic Resources that holds 587,535 titles, subscribes to 1,914 journals in both Thai and English, and encompasses over 16,000 databases varying from full texts, indexes, and abstracts to e-books.



How does the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program hosted in Bangkok, Thailand, differ from the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution program?

In contrast to the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies' short-term certificate course of study, the Rotary Centers for International Studies program is a one- to two-year U.S. master's degree program (or the equivalent) in peace studies, conflict resolution, and related fields.

The six Rotary Centers university partners include: International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA; University of California, Berkeley, California, USA; and Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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