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2015 ASEAN-U.S. Science & Technology Fellowship



Pilot year Fellow Honglada Thoetkiattikul from Thailand brings her experience in the lab to policy development.

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The U.S. Government, in partnership with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), launched the inaugural ASEAN-U.S. Science and Technology (S&T) Fellowship in April 2014. Over the next several years, the Fellowship will place emerging science leaders into government ministries to strengthen evidence-based policy making. The Fellowship also empowers young leaders to engage in policies that drive national priorities and impact the lives of citizens in ASEAN. This approach is modeled after the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellowship, which has placed over 2,600 fellows in U.S. Government agencies for over 40 years.

EMPOWERING EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS IN ASEAN

Supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Department of State, the Fellowship develops a cadre of ASEAN scientists that can effectively influence the policymaking process at national and regional levels.

Fellows are embedded within a government office in their home country for one year and work on a variety of tasks to help their offices, countries, and ASEAN. During the inaugural year, a Fellow from Myanmar wrote policy briefs on the role of corporate social responsibility in hydropower projects in the Lower Mekong sub-region and facilitated a workshop to help stakeholders and senior officials better understand sustainable biodiversity conservation problems and solutions in the vicinity of these projects. In Vietnam, two Fellows engaged in a policy dialogue to discuss how climate change will affect cities' coastal planning, and one went on to prepare training material for local authorities to aid in their understanding of weather and climate forecasts in their policy making process.

The program also trains Fellows to develop strong leadership skills and raises their awareness of ASEAN goals and objectives. Current and future Fellows will form a network to continue to promote the program and the importance of increased dialogue between scientists and policymakers.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Fellows are required to be citizens of an ASEAN Member State, hold an advanced degree, and have at least three years of work experience to be considered. In addition, Fellows are selected based upon their technical background, professional accomplishments, leadership potential, inter-personal and outreach skills, and commitment to Fellowship goals. The next call for applications will take place in November 2015. For more information, contact:

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The 2015 ASEAN-U.S. Science & Technology Fellows



KESA LY

Cambodia

Current work: Lecturer in Royal University of Phnom Penh

Area of Focus: Fishery and Coastal Management

Host Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Phnom Penh



SORIYA YIN

Cambodia

Current work: Professor in Royal University of Phnom Penh

Area of Focus: Biodiversity

Host Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Phnom Penh



AKHMAD RIZALI

Indonesia

Current work: Lecturer and Researcher, Brawijaya University

Area of Focus: Biodiversity

Host Ministry: Ministry of Research and Technology, Jakarta



VANNY NARITA

Indonesia

Current work: Program Specialist at National Innovation Council

Area of Focus: Biodiversity

Host Ministry: Ministry of Research and Technology, Jakarta



WIRATNI BUDHIJANTO

Indonesia

Current work: Faculty Member Gadjah Mada University

Area of Focus: Energy Security

Host Ministry: Ministry of Research and Technology, Jakarta



NOVRI YENITA DAHLAN

Malaysia

Current work: Senior Lecturer at MARA University of Technology

Area of Focus: Energy Security

Host Ministry: SIRIM BERHAD Selangor



SITI ZAHARAH SAKIMIN

Malaysia

Current work: Senior Lecturer Malaysia Agriculture University

Area of Focus: Energy Security

Host Ministry: SIRIM BERHAD Selangor





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Myanmar

Current work: Lecturer Yangon University

Area of Focus: Biodiversity

Host Ministry: Ministry of Environment Conservation and Forestry Yangon



JOHN PAUL LEGASPI GERALDINO

Philippines

Current work: Associate Professor University San Carlos

Area of Focus: Fisheries and Coastal Management

Host Ministry: Department of Environment and Natural Resources Manila



JIRAWAT PANPENG

Thailand

Current work: Policy and Plan Analyst Office of National Economic and Social Development Board, Nonthaburi Province.

Area of Focus: Fisheries and Coastal Management

Host Ministry: TBD



WORAJIT SETTHAPURN

Thailand

Current work: Acting Director Asia Development Institute for Community Economy and Technology Rajabhat University

Area of Focus: Energy Security

Host Ministry: TBD



DANG VU TUNG

Vietnam

Current work: Lecturer Hanoi University of Technology

Area of Focus: Energy Security

Host Ministry: National Institute for Science and Technology Policy and Strategy Studies (NISTPASS) Hanoi



NGUYEN DUC LUONG

Vietnam

Current work: Deputy Head National University of Civil Engineering

Area of Focus: Energy Security

Host Ministry: National Institute for Science and Technology Policy and Strategy Studies (NISTPASS) Hanoi



DUONG DU BUI

Vietnam

Current work: Deputy Director National Water Resources Planning and Investigation Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

Area of Focus: Fisheries and Coastal Management

Host Ministry: NISTPASS Hanoi

