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#### **ASEAN Foundation, Chulalongkorn University, Thabyay Education Network collaborate for regional scholarships**



In photo are (from left): Dr. Puangthong Pawakapan, MAIDS Deputy Director; Dr. Naruemon Thabchumpon, MAIDS Program Director; Dr. Filemon A. Uriarte, Jr., ASEAN Foundation Executive Director; Dr. Charas Suwanmala, Dean of Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University; Ms. Jessica Work, Southeast Asia Program Officer, Thabyay Education Network; Ms. Renelle Ivy Adan, ASEAN Foundation Head of Programs and Mr. Chris Gusen, MAIDS Program Officer.

The ASEAN Foundation recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Thabyay Education Network (TEN) and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand for a joint scholarship program for nationals of Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos. The signing ceremony held on 22 January 2010 was led by Dr. Filemon A. Uriarte, Jr., ASEAN Foundation Executive Director, Ms. Jessica Work, Southeast Asia Program Officer of Thabyay Education Network and Dr. Charas Suwanmala, Dean of Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University.

Under the ASEAN Foundation - Thabyay Education Network - MAIDS Scholarship Program, scholarship slots will be offered to graduate students of Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos to undertake Masters Degree at Chulalongkorn's MAIDS program or Master of Arts in International Development Studies of the Faculty of Political Science. The full scholarship program will cover all relevant expenses such as roundtrip airfare of selected students, tuition and registration fees and monthly allowances, among others. The cost of each scholarship is equitably shared by all three partners.

In line with its mandate, the ASEAN Foundation, with funding support from the Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund, provides opportunities to ASEAN nationals to pursue graduate studies in various universities across the region to develop quality human resources, help build the capacities of ASEAN citizens and bridge the gap among developed and less developed ASEAN countries. Its flagship scholarship program, the ASEAN Foundation Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies, has provided 35 scholarship grants amounting to more than US\$739,000 for master's degree program in ten universities which include Asian Institute of Technology and Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines, and National University of Singapore, among others. The second phase of the program is implemented in partnership with the private sector and other donors. In 2009, the ASEAN Foundation partnered with Siam Cement Group Foundation to undertake a similar program to help nationals of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam avail quality graduate studies.

Founded in 1996, the Thabyay Education Network (TEN) is a Thailand-registered foundation providing higher education services to support human development, peace and reconciliation in Southeast Asia. The Faculty of Political Science of Chulalongkorn University was established in 1948 to provide education in politics, public administration, international relations, sociology, and anthropology. Its MAIDS Program is a one-year specialized graduate studies in international development.

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