

**APPLICATION TO ENROLL IN THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY'S
MEKONG REGION LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM
(JANUARY-MAY 2016)**

Message to the Applying Student:

The document which follows constitutes an application to participate in a unique academic program at Thammasat University's northern campus in Lampang, Thailand, about one-hour south of Chiang Mai. The program endeavors to bring students from throughout the Greater Mekong Subregion (Cambodia, Guangxi-China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunnan-China) into the same classroom for joint study of advanced subjects of public, international and comparative law. 2016 represents the experimental launch of this program and we invite students to apply to join for a single semester in Lampang, Thailand from January to May 2016. All student travel, living and study expenses will be covered by the China-Mekong Law Center, a U.S. non-profit corporation partnering with Thammasat University on this project. Hence the accepted student studies and lives in Thailand (basic items aside) for free.

There is no fee to submit an application. Applicants from students representing regional minorities or indigenous groups are especially encouraged to apply. Students who successfully complete the semester long Mekong Region Legal Studies Program will receive a Certificate of Completion from Thammasat University Law Faculty.

Thammasat University’s “Mekong Region Legal Studies Program” seeks students who are committed to later serving as lawyers or advocates for disadvantaged communities in their home countries or otherwise engaging in public service by working for the government, non-profit organizations or other public service organizations. Students must have a strong command of English, both spoken and written, and must demonstrate confidence and their commitment to the public good. A TOEFL or IELTS score is a plus, but not required. Students who are near completion of their home university law degree program (bachelors or masters) or have graduated within the last two years are eligible to apply. The Mekong Region Legal Studies Program is designed to eventually become a Masters level degree granting program in the future, so students who complete this one semester program may be eligible for advance standing acceptance into the future graduate level program.

Applicants will be vetted through personal interviews, first via Skype and if found competitive, then in person. The individual character, commitment to public service and general ability of the student is determinative of his/her suitability for acceptance into the program, so there is nothing specifically to be prepared for the interview (although a short essay submitted with your application is required—see application attached).

Given that 2016 represents an experimental launch of the Mekong Region Legal Studies Program, course offerings will

be limited, but will be within the mission of the program to prepare students to understand the legal systems of neighboring countries, engage in public service and increase cross-border connectivity. The group of selected students will be very small, allowing for individual attention to the needs of each student. As best as possible, training and guidance will be targeted to the needs of each student.

The Mekong Region Legal Studies Program is managed by Daniel J. Mitterhoff, who serves as a Law Lecturer at Thammasat University and as President of the China-Mekong Law Center. Inquiries are welcome and can be sent to Professor Mitterhoff at mitterhoff@chinamekong.org. Interested candidates for the Mekong Region Legal Studies Program should complete the following application, scan it, and promptly e-mail it to Professor Mitterhoff. Interviews and decisions on applications will be made on a rolling basis so please do not delay in submitting an application.

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Date of Application_____

PART A: Personal Information

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____, Mobile_____, E-mail_____

Emergency Contact (Address and Mobile) _____

Date of Birth_____, Age_____, Nationality/Ethnicity_____

Passport Number_____ (please submit copy of passport info page with application)

If you have a resume, please provide it with this application.

PART B: Academic/Professional Information

Name of University and Faculty _____

Subject and Level of Study/When Degree Awarded _____

Professional Training/Awards /Certifications _____

Proof of English Language Capability (provide copy of all certificates/official scores) _____

Rate Your English Level—Excellent____, Good____, Satisfactory____, Poor, But Improving____

Part C: References

Please provide the contact information, e-mail and mobile phone of at least one teacher, mentor or supervisor that can give you a recommendation in support of your application to participate in the “Mekong Region Legal Studies Program.” (Formal Letters of Recommendation are not necessary)

Part D: Essay

Without any assistance from others, and in no more than three concise paragraphs, please describe an instance where you performed a service on behalf of others who were less well-off than yourself or were suffering some form of crisis. If you have never performed such a service, please describe how you would like to help society in the future.

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Part E: Additional Information

Please provide any further information about yourself that you believe is relevant to your application, including any special needs that you have in order to participate in this program:

Part F: Certification:

I, (Name) _____, hereby certify that the information contained in the above application is complete, accurate and true and that the essay written in this application is the product of my work alone without any assistance from others.

Signature

Printed Name:

Date: