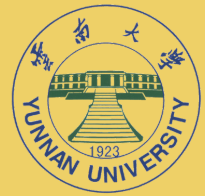




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VIRTUAL MOBILITY PROGRAM

WISDOM OF ASIA

2 - 13 AUGUST 2021

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIVISION, MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY



ABOUT

WISDOM OF ASIA



Wisdom of Asia is a virtual mobility program organized by International Relations Division, Mahidol University, and developed from the ASEAN+3 Mobility Program in which Mahidol University cooperates with several universities in ASEAN and ASEAN+3 countries. The program gives Mahidol University students the opportunity to travel to other ASEAN countries to learn more about the host nation's history, culture, and language for a 2 - 4-week period during the summer break (June – August) each year, and earn 2 elective credits for the "Comparative Cultures" elective course.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, all physical mobility activities have been put on hold. We would like to provide an alternative program to allow our students to integrate with students from other countries, and have therefore re-developed the ASEAN+3 Mobility Program into the form of a virtual learning program titled "Wisdom of Asia".

Through the Program, participants from co-host universities will learn, share their experiences, and work together via online platforms for a period of 2 weeks with the guidance from faculty advisors. At the end of the program, participants will demonstrate their knowledge and skills by creating and sharing a group presentation. With international exchange being a major part of this virtual mobility program structure, we hope to offer all participants new experiences and new perspectives through understanding and learning from one another.

This year will be the first virtual implementation of this program, and so we plan to have 3 leading universities from China, Indonesia and Japan acting as co-hosts, ensuring that all participants will be able to gain varied and useful experience and skills.



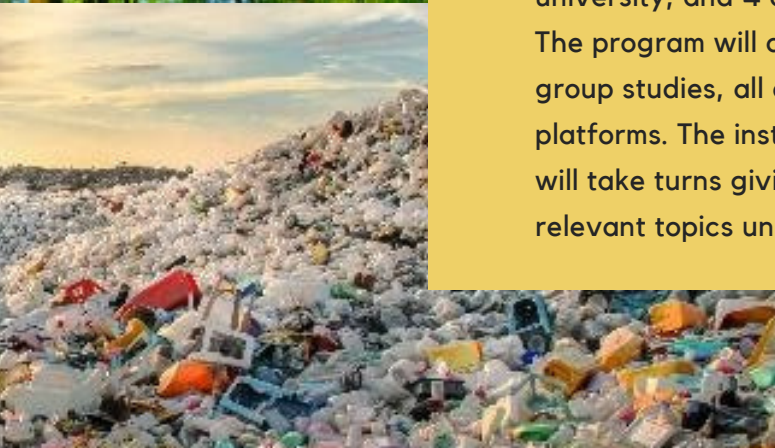
PROGRAM DETAILS

Through the Wisdom of Asia virtual mobility program, participants will gain an understanding of key topics through recorded lectures conducted by professional instructors, and they will be able to discuss their opinions and exchange experiences during live classes. Following these classes, participants will be placed into groups composed of students from each university, to enable interaction between students from different nationalities. In these groups, participants will research their chosen topics and work on their final group report via various digital platforms. Each group will also be given time to discuss the progress of their final group report and presentation with their assigned advisor.

At the end of the program, each group of participants is expected to present their project, which they have been working on during the previous 2 weeks, to the program advisor, commentators and other participants. This presentation aims to allow participants to have a platform to share their perspectives and the conclusions they have come to through their own discussions.

During the program, participants will also have a chance to learn and understand other participants' cultures through a range of cultural activities.





PROGRAM STRUCTURE



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4 co-host universities from 4 ASEAN and ASEAN+3 countries will collaborate on this program. There will be 40 student participants in total, 10 students from each co-host university, and 4 advisors, 1 from each co-host university. The program will consist of lectures, cultural activities and group studies, all delivered through any suitable online platforms. The instructors from the 4 co-hosts universities will take turns giving lectures and conducting activities on relevant topics under 5 themes, as follows:

THEMES

1. Connecting Borders through the Virtual World

An introduction to each co-host university's country and campus which could help participants recognize and understand Thailand, China, Indonesia and Japan and their identities. This theme will encourage the participants to acquire flexibility and open-mindedness with regard to cultural differences and different ways of life and philosophies.

2. Modernized Traditional Wellness and Health Care

This theme will introduce the wisdom of traditional medicine of each country, which has been carried into the present as national and global heritage, and is still highly regarded as alternative medicine. The topic can be related to medicine or medical treatment or to ways of thinking or ways of living that can support good health, cure physical or mental health issues, or promote a healthy lifestyle and wellness in daily life.

Related subjects / keywords: *Traditional Medicine / Traditional Medical Treatment / Folk Medicine / Local Herbs / Traditional Wisdom / Traditional Therapy Herbal Medicine / Alternative Medicine / Traditional Diagnosis / Traditional Products / Traditional Practices*

Example: *Jamu drinks, Acupuncture, Guasa Therapy, Kampo, etc*

3. Sustainable Management

This theme will approach global environmental issues from the perspective of national wisdom and tradition philosophies and ideologies or ways of life that enhance our ability to successfully maintain the quality of life on our planet.

Related subjects / keywords: *Sustainable Development / Sustainable Management / Sustainable Products / Eco-living / Green Management / Environmental Management / Green Business / Triple Bottom Line*

5. Cultural Workshop

This theme will allow participants to understand cultural aspects of each country. Immersion in another culture is a great way for participants to gain a deeper understanding of themselves and others, learn to appreciate other cultures and ideas, and become more open to compromise.



4. Design Thinking: Past and Future Perspectives

This theme will enhance one of the skills most wanted by employers; "Design Thinking", by learning how to solve problems creatively and strategically from the perspective of older generations. This will help participants to review processes and learn techniques to understand mankind's motivations from the past and extrapolate to create new ideas and innovation for the future.

Related subjects / keywords: *Design Thinking / Innovation / Innovative Thinking / Problem Solving*

Methodology

Lectures (Recorded / Live)	34 hours (32 required + 2 elective)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A live teaching class in which participants can interact with the instructor (lecture and discussion). - A pre-recorded class which participants can self-study according to their convenient schedule.
Cultural activities	4 hours	- A live workshop in which participants from different countries will learn and share their identities and cultural aspects of their country.
Group studies	-	Participants work on their final report (in a group of 4 students), on a topic of the group's interest from their own research, through online platforms.
Group project discussion with advisor	Half an hour for each group after one week of working on the project	Participants will consult and report the progress of their final project with their advisor through an online platform.
Final report and presentation	A report and a 15 minute-presentation per group (oral presentation: 7-10 minutes and Q&A: 5-8 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report - Presentation: Oral presentation of the group report and Q&A session from advisors/commentators/other participants

Timeline

PERIOD	ACTIVITIES	REMARKS
June 2021	Call for applications	Contact your affiliate university for application
15 July 2021	Announcement on selected participants	40 participants in total, 10 students from each co-host university
2 – 13 August 2021	- The official program	Consult and report the progress with their advisors at end of first week
13 August 2021	- Final group presentation	Commented, questioned and evaluated by the advisor and commentators



Participants

- Each university will nominate 10 of its own undergraduate students to take part in this program. Students nominated must be able to attend the program from beginning to end.
- 40 participants will be divided into 10 groups of 4 students, mixing from 4 co-host universities by the organizing team.



Participant Recruitment

- Participants should have a good grasp of English which allows them to work together in international groups and engage in academic discussions.
- Participants should have good skills with many kinds of online platform in order to participate in all activities, work on their project and communicate with their group and advisor.
- Participants should come from a mix of different disciplines within the university.
- Should there be an overwhelming response from a university's students, each university is free to organize selection interviews as they deem fit.



Credits

After completing the program, participants may or may not receive credits according to the regulations of their home university. For example, Mahidol University students will earn 2 elective credits for the course SHHU116 Comparative Cultures.

Program Costs



- Online program costs will be borne by each co-host university, meaning that each university will be responsible for all costs, including teaching allowance, cultural activities, production and management, for both live sessions and recorded sessions.
- Student participants will bear the cost of their registration fee for the related course (if this program is credit-bearing at the participant's home university). For example, for Mahidol University students, they have to register for the elective course SHHU116: Comparative Cultures in Semester 1.



Submission of Materials

- List of 10 participants from each co-host university (in the given Excel file).
- Individual photo (good quality) of each participant.
- Certificate of University Enrollment (or Certificate of Degree) or any documents to prove/confirm that the participant is currently studying at one of the co-host universities.



Benefits

- A Certificate of Participation
 - A set of gifts
 - Credits (depending on the participant's affiliate university)
- * The above benefits will be granted to the participants with full attendance.

