

**6th Youth Peace Ambassador International Workshop
Action Plan**

**Cambodia-Thailand Student
Peace Symposium**

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Introduction

- Cambodia and Thailand are involved in a political conflict since 2008 due to the recent waves of nationalism after Cambodia registered the temple of Preah Vihear as world heritage site.
- The conflict itself originated from the colonial era with the disagreement on a map made under the Siam-French treaty in 1905.

Preah Vihear Temple



Problem Statement

- The conflict may damage both parties' shared prosperity and could even result in war.
- The conflict and the possibility of violence could hinder the advancement of ASEAN regionalism as a whole.
- Currently there has been no event that brings together youth of both countries to exchange ideas and facilitate good understanding.

**There was also another project on YPA2 which consisted the delivering some paintings taken from Thailand to Cambodia for YPA2 in Phnom Penh.*

Objectives

1. To facilitate better understanding between youth in both countries in terms of shared cultural heritage, economic interdependence and political cooperation.
2. To create awareness in the public that the conflicts with nationalistic features are falling obsolete in the midst of regional integration.
3. To construct a viable connection between youths in both countries.

Activities

- Student symposium with academic discussion and brainstorming sessions, could even formulate a simulation on peace process.
- Talks on Cambodia – Thailand relations given by lecturers and diplomats in order to facilitate a positive view on each other
- Interactive activities to encourage the participants' interaction among each other, making them trusted partners for future cooperation.

Target Groups

- (1)** University Students in Cambodia and Thailand (Participants, Speakers)
- (2)** Concerned public
(all nationals are welcome)
- (3)** Attention from Media
(conventional and unconventional)

Projected no. of participants: 50-75 people

Strategies



**First
Symposium
(2013/2014)**

**Second
Symposium
(with CFP)**

**Publication of
Conference
Papers**

First Symposium

Formulation of Action Plan

(June 2013)

Recruitment & Contact Partners

(June- August 2013)

Public Relations

(July 2013 –Time of the Conference)

Conference

(To be decided)

Evaluation

Second Symposium

- **Will take place in Cambodia after the first conference**
- **The scope of targeted participants will expand to people from other nationalities.**
- **Call for Paper Submission on a theme**
 - Research Papers and articles will be reviewed and published as conference papers.

Human Resources Strategies

- **Volunteers recruitment**
 - Incentive
 - Certificates
 - Travel Subsidizes
- **Participants registration**
 - Incentive
 - Scholarships (limited): Full or Partial
 - Certificates
- **Speakers**
 - Incentive
 - Travel Expenses, Paper Submission

Potential Partners

Universities

- Chulalongkorn University
- Thammasat University (Speakers)
- Royal University of Law and Economics, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Government

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Embassies)
- City of Bangkok Administration

Private Sector

- Thailand-Cambodia Friendship Association
- CSRs
- YPA National Networks in Cambodia and Thailand

Estimated Budgets

Administration [USD 600]

- Registration; incentives, scholarships
- Logistics: Hotel-venue buses

Food & Accomodation [USD 300 per participant]

- Food and Beverages
- Hotels

Miscellaneous [USD 500]

- Emergency expenses
- Reparations in case of damages

Evaluation

Number of participants registered

Feedback from participants

Public attention of both countries

Challenges

- **Budget: Accommodations, Logistics, Traveling costs.**
- **Venue(s)**
- **Unbiased Speakers**
- **Influence of Media in Both Countries**
- **Potential Partners**
- **Conflict containment during the conference**
 - Public Reactions
 - Reactions among participants

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