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# Travel & Study Human Trafficking in SE Asia

Prevent Human Trafficking Institute (PHT) is a DC based non-profit organization working to build a bridge between South East Asia and the United States to prevent human trafficking. PHT empowers individuals, organizations and governments to tackle the root causes of human trafficking through direct support and technical assistance. PHT uses its expertise and networks to promote best practice and inspire sustainable solutions in the movement to prevent human trafficking.

Prevent Human Trafficking's summer study program, running since 1999, offers unique access to some of Southeast Asia's pre-eminent scholars, activists, organizers and government officials working at the forefront of the global anti-trafficking movement.

Participants in the study program will gain vital firsthand knowledge of anti-trafficking strategy, unwritten "best practices," a deeper understanding of systemic causes of trafficking along with an appreciation of challenges in the anti-trafficking movement. Special lectures by local academics, government officials, business leaders, NGO activists, and other guest speakers will provide fresh perspectives on the real reasons there are serious threats to human security, and why men, women and children are trafficked internally in Thailand or to other countries.

Participants will have the opportunity to experience academic seminars in Thailand's preeminent institutions, to examine the real implications of US Foreign Policies in anti-trafficking, and to travel extensively to gain local insights and perspectives on effective strategies, while benefiting from direct exposure to the surroundings which often promote trafficking. Participants will also explore connections between HIV/AIDS and human trafficking with leading researchers in the field, and hear from the organizers themselves about alternative economic models for trafficked persons in recovery, and especially those at risk.

## Topics Explored

- Human Trafficking (sex vs. labor trafficking)
- Globalization and Human Security (impact on trafficking)
- The Politics of International Migration
- Minorities at Risk and Lack of Citizenship
- Impact of Foreign Policy of the "North" on the global "South"
- NGOs as pivotal civil society builders
- HIV/AIDS and trafficking
- Shifting Norms in addressing human rights & human security
- Politics of Tourism
- Sustainable NGO development
- Globalization and the Environment, sustainable development and the plight of indigenous peoples

## Sample Selected Site Visits

- Population and Community Development Association of Thailand (PDA)
- Pattaya Home for Street Children
- UNESCO Bangkok
- Development Education Programme for Daughters & Communities (DEPDC)
- Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- US Embassy in Bangkok

## Guest Speakers

In addition to discussions and site visits, guest lectures by numerous practitioners, academics and policy makers provide participants with essential insights. Guest speakers may include, but are not limited to:

- Eric G. John, US Ambassador to Thailand
- Nongnuth Phetcharatana, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- Mechai Viravaidya, Former Thai Senator and Chairman of PDA
- Sudarat Sereewat, Secretary-General of Fight Against Child Exploitation (FACE)
- Lance Bonneau, Senior Program Development Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

## Travel to Thailand

Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their own travel to Thailand. THE COST OF TRAVEL TO AND FROM THAILAND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEE. No visa is required for U.S. citizens staying in Thailand under 30 days. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you are responsible for contacting the Thai Embassy to determine if you need a visa to enter Thailand, and arranging your own visa.

No more than 15 students will be selected to attend this study program in Thailand. For full details of the 2009 Summer Study Program, please download a copy of the program itinerary. *Available after May 30, 2009.*

## Details

3 Week Program in July 2009
(Actual dates to be announced on our website)

➢ **Accommodations in Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Pattaya**
Accommodations are based on double occupancy (single occupancy can be arranged for individuals who are willing to pay the difference in cost).

➢ **Transportation in Thailand**
Participants will use a variety of means to travel within Thailand. All are safe and efficient. They include taxi, sky train, van, bus, and plane.

➢ **Meals**
Continental breakfast and lunch will be included from Monday to Friday. Dinner is not included, except for a few group dinners.