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INTERNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

SIS Summer 2012 Abroad: ASEAN Studies

The following list provides examples of organizations in the ASEAN region. SIS cannot guarantee placement with these organizations; the list is meant to be demonstrative.

Location: Jakarta, Indonesia

1. **ASEAN-U.S. Technical Assistance & Training Facility**—Security, Human Rights, Clean Energy and Climate Change, Trade and Economic Integration, Food Security, Disaster Management, Capacity Building

TATF is the main vehicle of U.S. assistance for ASEAN. The Facility assists ASEAN in three main categories: Political Security, Economics, and Socio-Cultural issues.

<http://advanceiqc.com/category/advance/tatf>

Example of possible internship work- *Assisting on completion of a major study TATF is doing on the ASEAN Economic Community, which will be a combination of economic, legal, and political assessment, compiled into a book that will be published; Assisting on issues of public international law, as regards the role of ASEAN and perhaps a few affiliated organizations. Assisting in research in certain sectors of disaster management.*

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2. **UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)**—Refugees, community development, human rights

UNHCR leads and coordinates international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems.

<http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4b17be9b6.html>

3. **All Women's Action Society of Malaysia (AWAM)**—Women's rights, gender, advocacy

AWAM is an independent feminist organization committed to improving the lives of women in Malaysia.

<http://www.awam.org.my/>

Examples of past internship work: *Assigned with two research projects on 1) strategies for a campaign and, 2) frequently asked questions on the issue of sex education. Assisted in AWAM's preliminary work on starting a campaign on sexual harassment. Assisted in AWAM's advocacy work, assigned to do reports/minutes of meetings attended with the supervisors to other coalition of women's groups' meetings on advocacy work e.g. the "No Room Sharing" issue – a discrimination of women at work.*

4. **CHILD (Children Information, Learning, and Development Center Malaysia)**—Children's rights, advocacy, education, community outreach

CHILD is a voluntary non-profit organization that provides educational assistance to disadvantaged and less fortunate children and youth irrespective of race, religion or creed.

www.child.org.my

5. **KANITA** –Women’s rights, gender equity, advocacy

KANITA is a research center at the Science University of Malaysia in Penang dedicated to women and community movement. They are committed to research, advocacy and community engagement utilizing and promoting a gender and social equality framework.

www.usm.my/kanita

6. **Malaysian AIDS Council** –AIDS/HIV, advocacy, youth, women’s issues, capacity building

This organization supports and coordinates the efforts of organizations working on HIV/AIDS issues in Malaysia through training, funding and programming.

www.mac.org.my

7. **Malaysian Nature Society** –Conservation and science, environmental education, communication

Malaysia’s largest and oldest non-governmental environmental organization. They have pioneered efforts through conservation and environmental education to protect Malaysia’s natural heritage and rich biological diversity.

www.mns.org.my

8. **Sisters-in-Islam Forum**—Gender equality, women’s rights, public policy, advocacy, law reform Muslim reformist/modernist advocacy group. They promote the principles of gender equality, justice, freedom and dignity in Islam and empower women to be advocates of change.

www.sistersinislam.org.my

9. **Tenaganita** – Women’s rights, migrant workers, refugees

NGO that protects and promotes the rights of women, migrants and refugees. Their vision is for a just, free and democratic society where all are equal human beings with dignity and rights.

www.tenaganita.net

Examples of past internship work: *Monitored refugee training projects, wrote reports and provided recommendations; Assessment of the Iranian refugee community in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor; Supported the implementation of a community-based SGBV awareness program.*

10. **Asian Centre for Media Studies** (Star Publication) – Media, journalism, communication

The largest English-language newspaper in circulation in Malaysia.

www.thestar.com.my

11. **Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI)** – Public policy, international business, social enterprise

A think tank committed to the development of Asian leadership and strategic thinking. Their mission is to enhance competitiveness through public programs, publications and policy research.

www.asli.com.my

12. **HELP University College (HUC)** – Higher education, research

A leading institution of higher learning in Malaysia with a firm international reputation for research and development.

www.help.edu.my

13. **Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)** – Security, international economic affairs, technology

A think tank engaged in independent policy research. The institute has played a key role in fostering closer regional integration and cooperation through forums such as the Asia-Pacific Roundtable.

www.isis.org.my

Examples of past internship work: *Helped to organize and report on the Business Dialogue sessions of the ASEAN-Japan Economic Ministers Meeting and the Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN; Reported on and presented the education component of the first US-Malaysia Study Group Meeting; Contributed an article to the July issue of the ASEAN Monthly Commentary (for the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade); Held a staff seminar.*

14. **Institute of Strategic Analysis and Policy Research (INSAP)** – Economy, elections, education, politics

INSAP is a think tank that does research on local politics and socio-economic developments. Their four main areas of focus are: electoral activities, economy, education and politics.

www.insap.org.my

15. **Malaysian-American Commission on Education Exchange (MACEE)** – Higher education

Funded by the American Embassy in Kuala Lumpur and the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education promoting tertiary education in the U.S. for Malaysians

www.macee.org.my

16. **World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF)** – Business, education, leadership

WIEF was formed for the purpose of enhancing the economic well being of the people of Muslim nations and communities worldwide through trade and business activities.

www.wief.org.my

17. **Centre for Independent Journalism** – Media ethics, freedom of information, censorship

Advocates for media freedom and access to information in Malaysia.

www.cijmalaysia.org

18. **The Guardian** – Journalism, media, communication

A publication of the Malaysian Chinese Association, the country's largest Chinese political party.

www.mca.org.my

Examples of past internship work: *Drafted press statements for MCA leaders in English in response to political issues; Covered press conferences after MCA Central Committee meetings, Presidential Council meetings, press conferences given by individual MCA leaders; Summarized the morning news from online news portals to be disseminated to party leaders; Researched, analyzed issues, wrote and edited political-based commentaries for The Guardian and Akhbar Rakyat (The People's News)*

19. **American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM)** – Corporate responsibility, international business, trade, advocacy

Provides business information, represents members' interests before the Malaysian and U.S. governments, and hosts networking events to foster closer ties with the Malaysian community. (AMCHAM will inform its American corporate members of suitable applications)

www.amcham.com.my

20. **Asian Global Business (AGB)** – Real estate, architecture, historic preservation

A real estate firm in Penang that redevelops old abandoned buildings through innovation while preserving their historical identity.

<http://www.agb.com.my/home.html>

21. **OWW Consulting** – Corporate social responsibility, risk assessment, international business

An international provider of corporate social responsibility solutions. Their headquarters is in Kuala Lumpur and they also have a regional office in Jakarta.

www.oww-consulting.com

Examples of past internship work: *Assisted in CSR Ratings of Asian Companies, helped with transcription of interviews recorded for our policy research programs and attended a CSR Training Course with partners at the Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM).*

22. **LaricheCommunity**—Social entrepreneurship, consulting, monitoring and evaluation, media relations

A company that focuses on community sustainability for both the corporate world and the non-profit world. Their primary focus is to raise the overall standards of engagement in the community for more measureable and sustainable programs.

www.larichecommunity.com

Location: Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

1. **UNESCO** –Gender and education, HIV and AIDS, sustainable development, media development

A specialized agency of the United Nations, UNESCO does comparative studies and research in the field of knowledge and society, violence in schools, emergency responses and preparedness, community development, gender and development in Vietnam. Office in Hanoi.

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/hanoi/home/>

2. **ActionAid Vietnam** –Poverty, equality and justice, development

An NGO that works throughout Vietnam to address issues of poverty alleviation. Offices in Hanoi, Dak Lak and Ho Chi Minh City.

www.actionaid.org.vn

3. **Asia Foundation-Vietnam** –Governance, environment, women’s issues, rural development

A nonprofit, non-governmental organization that works with local partners in Hanoi to support private sector development, good governance, women’s empowerment, environmental protection and improved human resource capacity. Office in Hanoi.

<http://www.asiafoundation.org/country/overview/vietnam>

4. **Center for Community Health and Development (COHED)**—Capacity building, Health, Community outreach

COHED does capacity building for people living with HIV via training, experience sharing, topic talks as well as outreach to orphans and vulnerable children. Office in Hanoi.

5. **Center for Marine Life Conservation and Community Development (MCD)**—Environment, management of coastal resources, sustainable development

MCD is devoted to the protection of marine ecosystems and improvement of the lives of coastal residents. As an NGO they work in community development, environmental and natural resource management. Head office in Hanoi.

www.mcdvietnam.org

Examples of past internship work: *conducted a climate change assessment; Conducted literature review of institution capacity and climate change risks; Developed research proposal to answer the guiding questions under regular consultations with research supervisor and research coordinator; Worked out research questionnaires, conduct informal interviews with relevant governmental agencies and stakeholders to collect primary data for the research; Presented the research findings at technical workshop.*

6. **Center for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD)**—Sustainable rural development, capacity building

SRD is a Vietnamese development agency supporting poor rural communities to sustainably manage their own livelihoods through capacity building and supporting pro-poor policy advocacy. Office in Hanoi.

<http://www.srd.org.vn/>

7. **Education for Nature Vietnam (ENV)** – Wildlife conservation, environmental issues

Vietnam's first non-governmental organization that focuses on the conservation of nature and the environment. Office in Hanoi.

<http://www.envietnam.org/>

8. **Hanoi Consulting Group** – Strategy, finance, corporate governance

A management consulting firm located in Hanoi that is involved with risk management, corporate recruiting and development politics in Vietnam. Office in Hanoi.

<http://www.hcg.vn/v2/>

9. **IFC Mekong Advisory Services** – Sustainable development, renewable energy, microfinance, infrastructure

IFC works with all levels of government and the private sector to create opportunity for local businesses – especially micro, small, and medium – to grow quickly, innovate, and raise standards. Offices in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

<http://www.ifc.org/mpdf>

10. **MDI Viet Nam** – Fair trade, rural development, consulting in agriculture and handicraft sectors

A Vietnamese company specializing in equitable trading and consulting in the agriculture and handicraft sectors in Vietnam. The company is committed to the development of the rural sector in Vietnam, and believes that the best way to accomplish sustainable development is by doing business in a fair and ethical way with people in the sector. Office in Hanoi.

<http://www.mdvietnam.com>

11. **Mekong Economics**—Development, economics, research, governance, microfinance, evaluation

A consulting firm specializing in services for the non-profit sector. Office in Hanoi.
<http://www.mekongeconomics.com/>

12. **Sai Gon Hi-Tech Park (SHTP)**—Development management, international business

The home of many high tech industries, Sai Gon Hi-Tech Park focuses on education, bio-technology, software and telecom. SHTP attracts high tech companies, such as INTEL, as an assembly and test facility. Located near downtown Ho Chi Minh City.

<http://www.shtp.hochiminhcity.gov.vn/Sites/web/>

13. **Vietnam News Agency** – Media, journalism

This media outlet publishes Viet Nam News, an English Language daily paper that covers politics, economics, business, arts, sports and culture. Head office in Hanoi and branch office in Ho Chi Minh City.

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/>

Location: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1. **Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)**—regional studies, civil society, economic development

CICP is a non-partisan research institute that promotes both regional and domestic dialogue between government officials, national and international organizations, scholars, and the private sector on issues of peace, democracy, civil society, security and national development. Located in Phnom Penh.

<http://www.cicp.org.kh/index.htm>

Location: Quezon City, Philippines

1. **The Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines**—political sociology, political economy

The Department of Political Science is one of 8 departments within the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy at the university. Established in 1915, the department greatly influenced the legalistic and institutional approaches of political science in the Philippines. The college is a center of research and scholarship.

<http://www.polisci.upd.edu.ph>

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

1. **Institute for Security and International Studies (ISIS)**—interstate relations, regional security

ISIS is a premier research center in Thailand dedicated to the study of East Asia's interstate relations and regional security, especially along Thailand's southern most border provinces. Located on Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.

<http://www.isisthailand.org/>