



Comments from Past Year's Participants

- ◆ It was an unforgettable experience in my life.
- ◆ It provided me the opportunity to make friends with many people from many countries.
- ◆ I learned more about ASEAN countries, and I feel closer to them.
- ◆ The classes were great and instructive. Study trips were well planned.
- ◆ Finally I found out what I want to do in the future.

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MESSAGE FROM H.E. MR. LE LUONG MINH, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ASEAN

With the ASEAN in Today's World (AsTW) programme currently in its seventh year, I am pleased to welcome Viet Nam National University, Ha Noi as the new host of the programme and express my appreciation to the Ateneo De Manila University for its successful hosting of the programme for the last two years.

AsTW has always been one of ASEAN's education sector key milestones, a programme which has brought our students together and enabled them to enhance their ASEAN awareness and knowledge, to serve as resource persons on ASEAN back home, and to learn more about the prospects and challenges for the ASEAN region.

As we establish the ASEAN Community by the end of this year, the AsTW 2015 programme is an excellent opportunity for our ASEAN student leaders to contribute to the visioning process for ASEAN post-2015, whose central elements have already been articulated by the ASEAN Leaders during the 25th ASEAN Summit. Through this programme, it is hoped that our student leaders would discuss and reflect on the relevance and future of ASEAN as well as explore opportunities by which they can further contribute to the process of building a people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN Community.

The ASEAN Secretariat remains committed in our support for the AsTW programme and we look forward to more years of learning and fellowship with our students as valuable partners and contributors of the ASEAN Community.



ASEAN IN TODAY'S WORLD 2015

2-week ASEAN Studies Program
 in Hanoi, Vietnam
 for university students from around the world

March 6, 2015 - March 20, 2015

Jointly offered by
 Kyushu University and Vietnam National University, Hanoi

in cooperation with
 Ateneo de Manila University, Mahidol University,
 and Fukuoka Women's University.

AsTW is supported by
 ASEAN Secretariat



Eligibility for Admission

To be considered for admission to AsTW, applicants must be:

- currently enrolled in a degree program at an accredited university or college outside Japan;
- in good academic standing (with a grade point average of 3.0 out of 4.0 or higher);
- proficient in English for academic purposes (if a non-native speaker, able to demonstrate TOEFL-PBT 530 / TOEFL-iBT 68 / TOEFL-CBT 190 / IELTS-5.5 or the equivalent); and
- planning to continue university study following AsTW.

**We may consider applicants with TOEFL/IELTS scores below the reference scores in order to create more cultural diversity, but that applicant must provide extra proof of English competence.*

AsTW Academic Program

AsTW consists of three parts: **ASEAN Studies Courses (ASC)**, **Asian Languages & Cultures (ALC)** and **Study Trips**, providing students with a unique study opportunity.

ASC gives AsTW a distinction as a comprehensive academic program of ASEAN issues that increasingly play an important role in the world and "ASEAN+3" relations.

Students will broaden their knowledge and gain deeper understanding about ASEAN and "ASEAN+3" cooperation through ASC. A valuable part of the program is the opportunity to approach ASEAN and East Asia topics from different perspectives. Students will select one ASC course among those offered below. ASC for 2015 will be taught by professors from Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Kyushu University, and Fukuoka Women's University.

In addition, students will choose one intensive Asian language course. The combination of **ASC and ALC** contributes to the students' synthetic understanding of ASEAN and East Asia.

A series of **Vietnamese cultural study trips** is another attractive part of the program. Each excursion is designed to allow students to experience Vietnamese culture.

To complete AsTW, students must take 2 courses (one ALC and one ASC). Students who complete AsTW will be awarded a certificate jointly issued by Kyushu University and Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU).

ASC: ASEAN Studies Courses

- 2 credits (30 credit hrs) per course
- ◆ Current Affairs of ASEAN and East Asia
 - ◆ ASEAN Economics
 - ◆ Cross-cultural Communication in Asia



ALC: Asian Languages & Cultures

- 2 credits (30 credit hrs) per course
- ◆ Basic Japanese Language & Culture
 - ◆ Basic Vietnamese Language & Culture
 - ◆ Basic Chinese Language & Culture
 - ◆ English as a communication tool

**All courses are subject to change.*



Study Trips

Hanoi city tour; Vietnam National Village for Ethnic Culture and Tourism;
Halong Bay

Daily Schedule

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| ALC 9:30-12:00 |
| Lunch Break (12:00-13:15) |
| ASC 13:15-15:45 |

Credit Transfer

Kyushu University will award credit and grades. Official transcripts will be sent to the participants in May 2015. Participants should consult their home universities about transferring credit and grades in advance.

Tuition and Fees

155,000 JPY

Fees include tuition, study trips, accommodation with breakfasts, some banquets and meals as indicated and group airport pick-up/drop-off; exclude the cost of international air fare to and from Hanoi.

**All fees are subject to change.*

Other Estimated Costs:

Approx 3,200,000 VND (equivalent to 150 USD*)
for meals for 16 days at on-campus cafeterias.

**at the exchange rate for 1 July, 2014*

Scholarship

Kyushu University offers a limited number of scholarships, which cover the tuition and fees above, to students who present a strong academic record. All applicants are considered; recipients are selected by Kyushu University.

Accommodation

All students will stay in VNU dormitory on Me Tri Campus (twin-share or four-share occupancy).

Application

Students must arrange for their AsTW application and supporting documents to be received by **October 31, 2014**. The materials to submit include:

- 1) A completed AsTW application form
- 2) An 800 word essay on "Why I want to join AsTW"
- 3) Official academic transcripts of all undergraduate study
- 4) A university or college diploma copy (graduates only)
- 5) One letter of recommendation
(from a teacher other than a language instructor)
- 6) A copy of a recent official TOEFL, IELTS, or other English assessment report (non-native English speakers only)

For application instructions and forms, please visit:
<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/astw/>