

Participants selected for Rotary peace studies program at Chulalongkorn

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Rotary International has selected 23 professionals from 14 countries to study in a unique program that teaches the practical skills needed to succeed in jobs involving peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and mediation.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, a three-month curriculum taught at Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok), is aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals who work in government, non-governmental organizations, private corporations, academia, media agencies and other settings where a working knowledge of peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and mediation is important.

The 23 participants who will begin studies in January 2008 are a diverse group representing a wide array of professional backgrounds. Their interests and areas of expertise include journalism, human rights, public policy, economic development, law and social justice. For example:

- Gina Donoso, Ecuador, president and co-founder of the Alianza Por la Justicia Foundation in Ecuador and Costa Rica
- Francois Kabongo, Democratic Republic of Congo, a logistics operations assistant for the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Kinshana, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Susan Carew, Australia, manager of the NGO One World Network in Australia
- Brian Farr, United States, division chief of the State Agency Counsel Division of the Office of the Attorney General in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Assabah ul Arjamad Khan, India, a journalist with the J&K People's Welfare Institute & Research Centre in Kashmir
- Nancy Ross, Canada, women's services coordinator for Addiction Services in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Individuals interested in future sessions should contact their local Rotary clubs or email Bangkok.PeaceStudies@rotary.org for more information. Applications are currently being accepted for the July 2008 session and beyond. Participants are selected twice a year in a globally competitive selection process based on professional and academic achievements.

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