



## MSU GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CAMP 2015

### About MSU Global Leadership Camp 2015

Maharakham University welcomes students from overseas universities to MSU Global Leadership Camp (MSU-GLC) 2015. This camp is organized by Maharakham University and designed to bring together student leaders from universities throughout Asia and in the world.

MSU-GLC is a ten-day challenging and meaningful adventure that helps students develop their leadership potential through participation in a series of workshops and experiential learning opportunities/activities.

Through their learning sessions and hands-on experience, visiting exchange students will not only acquire understanding of leadership techniques, team building and effective communication, but also experience the “Authentic Thai” culture and society in an educational setting, specifically the one which is located in “Isan” or the Northeast of Thailand.

### Date:

10 Days (August 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

### Location/ Place of Activities:

- \* Maharakham University, Maha Sarakham Province, Thailand
- \* Interesting Tourist Attractions in Thailand

### Number of Participants:

Approximately 80 Students



## About Maharakham University

The historical development of Maharakham University, or MSU, may be traced back to March 27, 1968, when it was originally established as the College of Education for the purpose of extending higher education to the nation's northeastern region and producing quality teachers to serve educational institutions of all levels. The college was situated in the Outer North area of Maha Sarakham, a small town located right at the heart of the region. The college's status was later elevated when it became a regional campus of Srinakharinwirot University in 1974. At that time there were four faculties: Education, Humanities, Social Sciences and Science. The university finally obtained independent status and became Maharakham University, Thailand's 22nd government university, on December 9, 1994, when the University Act was graciously authorized by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and published in the Royal Gazette.

Maharakham University has expanded rapidly both in terms of facilities and academic services and become a comprehensive university, offering undergraduate and post-graduate degree programs in three academic clusters: Social Sciences; Pure and Applied Science; and Health Science. In response to this growth, in 1998, Khamriang Campus was established in Kantarawichai District, approximately seven kilometers from the original campus.

With 18 faculties and 2 colleges currently operating, MSU has been widely recognized as one of Thailand's fastest-growing universities. The total enrollment has also increased, from fewer than 10,000 in its earlier years to more than 45,000 students at present. Many faculty buildings have been constructed at Khamriang Campus, the current administrative and academic center.

### In the Heart of the Northeast of Thailand

Maharakham University is located in the heart of northeastern Thailand-- an area well-known for its peaceful and tranquil atmosphere. As a regional center of education, it has earned the name, "*Taksila of Isan*", (meaning "the center of learning" in ancient Hindu).

Maha Sarakham is 470 kilometers, along highways, from Bangkok and occupies a total area of 5,291.68 kilometers. Geographically, the province is a vast rolling plain (comprising mostly of rice fields) with the Chi River flowing through it. Maha Sarakham itself has a lively atmosphere and offers a wealth of cultural and recreational activities to travelers and visitors.





## Accommodation

MSU will arrange a shared and safe on-campus accommodation to all participants.

## Transportation

MSU will provide bus service to all participants upon their arrival at Khon Kaen Airport and upon their departure at Suvarnabhumi Airport (Bangkok). MSU will also provide bus services to participants during the travel sessions.

MSU does not take responsibility of transportation arrangement for participants' departures and arrivals from his/her home country.

## Visa to Thailand

1. Generally, a foreign citizen who wishes to enter the Kingdom of Thailand is required to obtain a visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General. However, nationals of certain countries do not require a visa if they meet visa exemption requirements as follows:

(1) they are nationals of countries which are exempted from visa requirements when entering Thailand for tourism purposes. Such nationals will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days. For more information, please see **Tourist Visa Exemption**;

(2) they are nationals of countries which hold bilateral agreements with Thailand on the exemption of visa requirements.

2. Nationals of certain countries may apply for visa upon arrival in Thailand. Travelers with this type of visa are permitted to enter and stay in Thailand for a period of not exceeding 15 days.

3. Travelers travelling from/through countries which have been declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas must acquire an International Health Certificate verifying the receiving of a Yellow Fever vaccination.

4. Nationals of certain countries are required to apply for a visa only at the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General in the applicant's country of residence, or at the Royal Thai Embassy which has jurisdiction over his or her country of residence. Travelers are advised to enquire about authorized office for visa issuance at any Royal Thai Embassy or Royal Thai Consulate-General before departure. Contact details and locations of Royal Thai Embassies and Royal Thai Consulates-General are available at [www.mfa.go.th/web/10.php](http://www.mfa.go.th/web/10.php).

Please consult the Visa Section of the **Royal Thai Embassy in your country** for specific questions you may have or visit <http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php>



## MSU-GLC Scholarship Application Information

### Target Group

Undergraduate students from all over the world. The MSU-GLC Scholarship Program will be awarded by MSU to students with a strong personal initiative and motivation.

### Number of Awardees

- 60 applicants will be selected from other universities
- 20 applicants from MSU.

### How to Apply

Scan and submit the complete MSU-GLC Scholarship Application in PDF-format file via email: [tharnthip.k@gmail.com](mailto:tharnthip.k@gmail.com) **by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

### What to submit

A complete application packet which includes:

- Application form: Print clearly or type using the attached form
- Approval of the Home University: An official letter from the home university authorizing the student for the exchange program.
- Scholarship Essay Form with
  - Self-Introduction
  - Reasons for participating the camp and expectations.



### Scholarship value/inclusions:

The MSU-GLC Scholarship covers:

- Tuition Fees
- Study Materials
- Activity Expenses
- Local Transportation
- Accommodation (shared-room)
- Breakfast & Lunch
- Welcome and Farewell banquets
- All tours and entry tickets
- Tour Guides

Please note that the participant has to be responsible for their own international travel expenses, visa, and other personal expenses.





### Scholarship Application Checklist

- A complete scholarship application form
- A photocopy of passport
- An official transcript of records
- An approval letter from home university
- Scholarship Essay Form

### Announcement for the Selected Participants

Results of the selection will be sent by email in June 2015.

### Contact

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence regarding the MSU-GLC 2015 to:

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*Submission and Acceptance of application starts now  
until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015!*



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