

ANNOUNCEMENT

ENGLISH CONTEST “2016 ASEAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS”

With the purpose of marking the 49th anniversary of The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (1967 – 2016) and 40th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Vietnam and Thailand (1976 – 2016), the English Contest “2016 ASEAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS” will be co-organized by Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City, International Education Institute (IEI); Vietnam – ASEAN Friendship Association (VAFA); Vietnam–Thailand Friendship Association (VTFA) and International Youth Club (IYC) from July 01 to August 20, 2016.

The primary purpose of the English Contest is to create a truly practical English speaking playground for Vietnamese college students and look for excellent candidates who will represent Vietnam in educational and cultural exchange programs across the region of Southeast Asia.

- **CONTESTANT:** Any individual of Vietnamese nationality (aged 16 – 30) is eligible to register for the contest
- **IMPORTANT TIMELINES**

Round	Content	Date / location
Preliminary	<p>Each candidate is asked to write a short English essay (maximum 500 words) and answer the following two questions:</p> <p>Question 1: <i>In your opinions, what is an “ASEAN citizen”? What have you done to become an “ASEAN citizen”?</i> (maximum 300 words)</p> <p>Question 2: <i>Why should the Organizing Board choose you as an excellent candidate for the “2016 ASEAN Ambassadors” English contest?</i> (maximum 200 words)</p> <p>➤ Top 50 excellent candidates will be announced to enter the Semifinal Round</p>	<p>Official deadline for submission of your essays: by August 01, 2016 (See “HOW TO SUBMIT”)</p>
Semifinal	<p>50 candidates will continue to compete in the General Knowledge Quiz on ASEAN and participate in interview sessions with the Organizing Board (Language of communication: English)</p>	<p>August 10, 2016 VNU-HCM, IEI</p>

Final	Top 10 outstanding candidates will continue to compete in the form of debate with topics relating to ASEAN. 03 most prominent candidates will be selected to join the cultural exchange program in Thailand	August 20, 2016 VNU-HCM, IEI
--------------	---	--

- AWARDS**

Awards	Value
03 First Prizes	Each will be granted a fully sponsored journey for cultural exchange in Thailand (4 days, 3 nights)* (Equivalent to 8,800,000 VND)
07 Impressive Prizes	Each will be granted a 3,000,000 VND voucher for an Academic English course at IEI
40 Consolation Prizes	Each will be granted a 2,000,000 VND voucher for an Academic English course at IEI

* Please kindly find the attached file for further information about the **Cultural Exchange Program in Thailand**.

- HOW TO SUBMIT:**

Prospective candidates can choose one of the following methods to finish the registration process:

- ❖ **Option 1:** access the link: <http://bit.ly/29eD0LD> and complete your essays.
- ❖ **Option 2:** send **your essays** to: linh.ngo@iei.edu.vn
- ❖ **Option 3:** printed copies of **your essays** can be sent to the mailing address of the Organizing Board: *29 Nguyen Khac Nhu Street, Co Giang Ward, District 1, HCMC*
(Name of the contest must be noted on the envelop)

- CONTACT:** For additional information, please contact **Mr. Ngo Van Linh**

Phone: 0988 344 901 **Email:** linh.ngo@iei.edu.vn

Note: Only those students passing the Preliminary Round will be announced by the Organizing Board

On behalf of the Organizing Board

Dr. Truong Quang Duoc