

Fellowship placements in Thailand

Thailand is one of the two countries in the South-East Asia Region which receive the largest number of fellows from other countries of this Region and outside, for training, skill building, observation of technical programmes, etc. The following are the requirements governing the fellowship placements in Thailand:

1. Fellowship or Study Tour placements are to be addressed to the Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), which is the nodal point in arranging placements with government-owned training institutions in Thailand. TICA coordinates with the institutions, obtaining programme, cost, etc., and extending facilitation upon arrival, etc. in close collaboration with the WHO Thailand Country Office.
2. The exceptions to 1 above are those placements which are placed directly with some of the private institutions in Thailand. These could be called "Direct placements" and there is no need to involve TICA in this process. The list of institutions with which placements can be obtained on direct correspondence basis is in Annex 1.
3. While making requests to TICA, as per the channel of communication, two originals of Fellowship Application Forms (FAFs) or Study Tour Application Forms (STAF), with a copy to the WHO Thailand Country Office, have to be sent. However, with the institutions under the direct placement category, it is enough to send one original FAF or STAF.
4. Training fee is paid to the TICA for the programmes arranged by the agency. It consists of the fee actually payable to the host institutes and the fee due to TICA for the coordination and facilitation. In the fee structure, the honorarium component constitutes the major and main component. According to the 2006 MFA's announcement, the honoraria payable to the host institute are THB 1,500 per hour for lecture and THB 750 per hour for practice (see Annex 2). As the training fees are rather high, this aspect has to be kept in view while planning for placements in Thailand.
5. Once the placements are confirmed, it is important that the timely following of the programme on the part of the candidates (fellows, study tour participants or APW holders in training programme) is expected. Last minute cancellations or rescheduling should be kept to the minimum. Expected time of arrival (ETA) of the candidates arriving in Thailand should be intimated to the WHO Thailand Country Office at least one week in advance, to ensure adequate and meaningful arrangements at that end.
6. Prior to their departure, the candidates should be adequately briefed by the WHO country offices on the guidelines circulated by the ETS Unit.

Note: Please pay attention to the broad areas indicated above and ensure that fellowships and placements are accordingly planned and undertaken as per requirements above.

LIST OF NGOs AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN THAILAND
WHERE DIRECT PLACEMENTS CAN BE DONE

- 1 Asian Institute of Technology (AIT – all schools and centres), P.O. Box 4, Khlong Luang, Pathum Thani 12120; www.ait.ac.th
- 2 Asia-Pacific Development Communication Center (ADCC), Dhurakij Pundit University, 110/1-4 Prachachuen Road, Lak Si, Bangkok 10210; <http://www.dpu.ac.th/adcc/>
- 3 Asian Center for Population and Community Development (ACPD), Population and Community Development Association (PDA) 6 Sukhumvit 12, Khlong Toei, Bangkok 10110; <http://www.pda.or.th/eng/acpd.asp>
- 4 Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), 979/66-70, 24th Floor, SM Tower, Phahon Yothin Road, Samsen Nai, Phaya Thai, Bangkok 10400; www.adpc.net
- 5 Thailand Business Coalition on AIDS (TBCA), 351/25 Rama 9 Village, Rama 9 Road, Soi 11, Bang Kapi, Huai Khwang, Bangkok 10310; <http://www.tbca.or.th/>
- 6 Chulabhorn Research Institute (CRI), 54 Moo 4 Wiphawadi Rangsit Road, Lak Si, Bangkok 10210; <http://www.cri.or.th/>
- 7 Consortium of Thai Training Institutes for STDs and AIDS (COTTISA), c/o Bangrak Hospital, Venereal Disease Division, 9 South Sathon Road, Sathon District, Bangkok 10120; <http://cottisa.infoinspire.com/>
- 8 Health Systems Research Institute (HSRI), 5th Floor, Building 3, Department of Mental Health Building, Ministry of Public Health, Tiwanon Road, Nonthaburi 11000
- 9 National Blood Centre (NBC), Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS), 8th Floor, Chaloe Phrakiat Queen Sirikit Building, 1873 Henri-Dunant Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330
- 10 Asia Training Centre on Ageing (ATCOA) c/o Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University, 110 Inthawarorot Rd, Si Phum Sub-district, Mueang, Chiang Mai 50200

Other Direct Placements (DP) are to courses co-organized by WHO as follows:

- Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) – Thailand
- WHO Intercountry Training of Trainers on HIV/AIDS Care including Antiretroviral Treatment



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the World Health Organization (WHO), Thailand Office and, with reference to the Arrangement Expenditures of Training/Study Programme and Study Tour in Thailand for WHO participants, has the honour to inform the WHO of the revised rates of arrangement costs, which is effective on 11 September 2006, as follows:

A. Honorarium

	Baht/hour
1) Provision of lecture	1,500
2) Practical instructor	750

B Study Visit (Baht/day/person)

	Resource person and coordinator	Driver
1) Per diem	300	200
2) Accommodation	1,000	1,000
3) Transportation (Taxi/trip)	600	600

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization, Thailand Office, the assurances of its high consideration.

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