

GMS-TESOL Forum on Better English for Better Regional Understanding



September 16th-18th, 2005

Organized by Mae Fah Luang University (MFLU), in cooperation with Kenan Institute Asia (KIAsia) Supported by US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Rationale:

The Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) is defined geographically by the path of the Mekong River. From its beginnings in the highlands of China, the Mekong River flows though Yunnan Province of China, Laos PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Cambodia before it flows into the South China Sea from the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. With a combined population of over 240 million people, abundant natural resources, and increasing cross-border transport and commercial linkages, the GMS is a region of enormous potential.

Since the economy and human resource development of the GMS countries is growing, the English language is becoming increasingly important as a medium of communication. In order to meet this growing regional need for English language proficiency, the Kenan Institute Asia (KIAsia), with funding from the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and in cooperation with Mae Fah Luang University (MFLU), initiated a fellowship program in academic year 2004. The program aims to support professors and graduate students who are interested and enthusiastically involved in the development and improvement of English language teaching and learning for the sake of their students and others as a whole.

As a follow-up to the fellowship program, an international conference on English teaching and learning in GMS will be held between September 16 and 18, 2005 at the Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai Province. As a part this conference, notable professors and scholars from universities in GMS countries and from US universities/institutions will be invited to MFLU to give lectures on subjects pertaining to their areas of research or expertise related to TESOL/TEFL. USAID is supporting the conference under the Accelerating Economic Recovery in Asia (AERA) program. Objectives:

- To showcase local research and discuss ways to improve English education for the GMS region
- To allow TESOL/TEFL experts in the region and other stakeholders to share and exchange ideas
- To facilitate greater cultural appreciation and understanding among the GMS countries
- · To provide an opportunity for foreign professors and students to get to know MFLUs campus and facilities

Who should attend:

Expected number of participants is 150-200, including:

- · Professors and teachers
- Language researchers
- College students interested in English Teaching and Learning
- Interested public

Tentative Program:

Updated Tentative Program <<< Download Here [update 8 Sept, 2005] Keynote Speaker Address <<< Download Here

Registration: Please FAX or E-MAIL your registration form to: Ms. Rugchanok Janevarakul School of Liberal Arts, Mae Fah Luang University Chiang Rai 57100 THAILAND Tel. (66) (53) 916-730 Fax: (66) (53) 916-723

E-mail: rugchanok@mfu.ac.th The registration fee is 2,000 Baht or US\$55 net. This fee includes 3 lunches, coffee breaks, reception and conference materials). The registration form can be downloaded here or from www.kiasia.org/fellow /ship Method of payment: Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to Mae Fah Luang University 333 Moo 1, Thasud, Muang, Chiang Rai Thailand 57100 Please register by August 31, 2005

Accommodation

There are ranges of hotels in Chiang Rai and also nearby MFLU campus. We would like to recommend you the following hotels.

1. Wang Kham Hotel

Superior: Single room / night including breakfast 1,000 Baht Double room / night including breakfast 1,200 Baht Deluxe: Single room / night including breakfast 1,200 Baht Double room / night including breakfast 1,400 Baht Contact number: Tel: (053) 716445-60 Fax: (053) 715859

2. Wiang In Hotel

Superior: Single room / night including breakfast 1,000 Baht Double room / night including breakfast 1,200 Baht Deluxe: Single room / night including breakfast 1,400 Baht Double room / night including breakfast 1,600 Baht Contact number: Tel: (053) 711533 Fax: (053) 711877

3. Rimkok Resort Hotel

Transportation:

Bangkok to Chiang Rai

Mae Fah Luang University

Deluxe: Single room / night including breakfast 900 Baht Double room / night including breakfast 1,000 Baht Contact number: Tel: (053) 711800 Fax: (053) 712973

Please feel free to make a reservation directly with the hotel. These rates are special for the participants of the conference.

Flight Timetable of Thai Airways International Airline

Effective Period	Dep.Time	Arr.Time	Days	Flight No. &Connection	Travel Time
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	0825	0945	Mon-Sun	TG 130	1:20
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	1030	1150	Mon-Sun	TG 132	1:20
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	1345	1505	Mon-Sun	TG 140	1:20
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	1820	1940	Mon-Sun	TG 142	1:20

Chiang Rai to Bangkok

Effective Period	Dep.Time	Arr.Time	Days	Flight No. &Connection	Travel Time
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	1030	1145	Mon-Sun	TG 131	1:15
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	1235	1350	Mon-Sun	TG 133	1:15
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	1550	1705	Mon-Sun	TG 141	1:15
19 April 05-29 Oct 05	2025	2140	Mon-Sun	TG 143	1:15

GMS TESOL International Conference on Better English for Better Regional Understanding (Tentative Program) At Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai Province 16-18 September, 2005

Friday, September 16, 2005: Cultural Aspect of English as an International Language

Time	Events	Speakers	Affiliates	Rooms	
8.30 9.00	Registration				
9.00 - 10.00	Opening Remark and Trophy Presentation to Sponsors	Dr Vanchai Sirichana The President of Mae Fah Luang University USAID and Kenan	Mae Fah Luang University	C3 102	
		Representatives			
10.00 -10.50	Keynote Speech English as an International Language: Its Significance and Implications to GMS	Ms Porntip Kanchananiyot Executive Director of Fulbright Thai)	Fulbright Thai	C3 102	
10.50 11.10		Coffee Break			
11.10 11.50	Featured Speakers: Cultural Aspect of English	Hoa Le	Vinh University, Vietnam	C3 102	
	as an International Language in Thai classroom.	Lesley Houston	Mae Fah Luang University		
11.50 13.00	Lunch				
13.00 14.40	Panel Discussion: <i>GMS ELT Report: Blending</i> <i>English in Asian Cultureswhere is the</i> <i>balance?</i>	Guest speakers from Laos, Vietnam, China and Thailand		ТВА	
14.40 15.00		Coffee Break			
15.00 - 15.30	Parallel Session	About 3-4 Sessions		C2 407, 410, 411, 214	
15.30 16.10	Featured Speakers : Cultural Influences on English Speaking Skill of Thai and Vietnamese Students	Nguyen Linh Chi	Hanoi University of Foreign Studies, Vietnam	C2 214	
		Dr Sorabud Rungrojsuwan Benjawan Mokmol	Mae Fah Luang University		
	Featured Speakers: Cultural Influence on the Writing Competence of Thai Users of English	Kexiu Yin	Yunnan University, China	C2 407	
16.10 16.40	Parallel Session	See note below*		C2 407, 410, 411, 214	
17.00 - 18.00	MFLU Campus Tour				
19.00- 21.00	Welcome reception				

* Parallel Session (14.50 15.20)

1. Better English for GMS communication: exploring the options by Dr Paul Bruthiaux

2. Beyond Lip Service : Teaching to the Site of the Concept Art, Language and Consciousness by Michael Hettinger

Saturday, September 17, 2005: An Overview of English in Southeast Asia

Time	Events	Speakers	Affiliates	Rooms
9.00 9.50	Plenary Session : Syllabus Design; Reflective Lesson Planning	Dr Lindsay Miller	Hong Kong University	C2 402
9.50 10.30	Featured Speakers: Perceptions, Context, and Teaching Conceptualizations of English as a Foreign	Dr Chantarath Hongboontri	Mahidol University	C2 402
		Sasima Charubusp	Mae Fah Luang University	

	Language (EFL) teachers in a Thai University Context					
10.30 10.50	Coffee Break					
10.50 11.40	Plenary Session : Business English In GMS	Dr Glenwood Irons	Brock University, Canada	C2 402		
11.40 13.00		Lunch				
13.00 13.50	Featured Speakers : Genre-based approach and the improvement of Thai tertiary students in their writing	Esther Nant Wilawan Kawichai	Hong Kong University	C2 310, 313, 314, 315		
13.50 14.20	Parallel Session	See note below*				
14.20 14.40	Coffee Break					
14.40 15.40	Parallel Session (workshop and demonstration)	See note below*	Myanmar	C2 402		
			Mae Fah Luang University			
		End of the day				

Parallel Session (13.50 14.20)

1. Investigating Foreign Language Needs of Engineers: A New Perspective to ESP Courses Offered to Engineering Students in Iran (A Case Study) By Zahra Amirian

2. From Rote and Local Processing into Global Integration and Construction of Discourse: Pushing Students Reading towards Comprehension By Carlos Manuel

Parallel Session : workshops (14.40 15.40)

- 1. Materials Demonstration by Oxford University Press
- 2. Self-access learning by Gardner and Miller

Sunday, September 18, 2005: ELT methodology in GMS

Time	Events	Speakers	Affiliates	Rooms
9.00 9.50	Plenary Speaker : Making the Connection: Linking Self-Access Language Learning and Taught Courses	David Gardner	Hong Kong University	C2 410
9.50 - 10.20	Parallel Session	See note below*		C2 310, 313, 314, 315
10.20 10.40		Coffee Break		
10.40 11.20	Featured Speakers : The Development of the Learner-Centered Learning Tasks	Sok Lina Wichai Deeprom	Norton University, Cambodia Mae Fah Luang University	C2 313
	Featured Speakers : Thai-structure-based errors in the students written Language	Sompittaya Obrom Tassanee Ongsaranakomkul	Sri Patum University Mae Fah Luang University	C2 314
11.20 11.50	Parallel Session	See note below*		C2 310, 313, 314, 315
11.50 13.00		Lunch		
13.00 13.40	Featured Speakers : How to Exploit English Newspapers in English Teaching.	Tran Ba Tien Allan Kongthai Pimporn Treesorn Pornsawan Inpin	Vinh University, Vietnam Mae Fah Luang University	C2 314
	Featured Speakers : Communication Strategies (CSs): Thai speakers of English Employ in case of lexical difficulties in communicating in English	Xiong Ying Chaiyathip Katsura	Yunnan Normal University, China Mae Fah Luang Univers	C2 315
14.00 14.30	Closing Remark	MFLU President or Vice President		C3 106
		End of the Conference		I

Parallel Session (9.50 - 10.20)

1. Cultural Imperialism in Global English by Traore Moussa

Written Feedback on English Majors Compositions at Guizhou University by Jun Wang 2.

- Parallel Session (11.20 11.50)1. Achieving the Lexical Threshold for Academic Reading in Economics: A Corpus-Based Approach to the Problem by Jon Fernquest
- 2. Materials Demonstration by Cambridge University Press

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