



## YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE

### Applications now open for the YSEALI Workshop on Economic Engagement in ASEAN in Hanoi, Vietnam



Deadline: 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Applications are now open for YSEALI members who wish to participate in the YSEALI Workshop on Economic Engagement in ASEAN.

Selected participants will be offered an all-expense-paid trip to join the four-day workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam. Participants will arrive on July 31<sup>st</sup> and depart on August 5<sup>th</sup>, while the workshop will run from August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

This workshop will bring together 80 students and young professionals with relevant experience and interest in the ASEAN Economic Community and the policy development process. Participants will get an inside and interactive view into intra-AEC and US-ASEAN trade relationships. Through the workshop, YSEALI member will learn from economic experts and hone their negotiation, lobbying, and advocacy skills to enable them to make a greater impact in their communities. Applicants should have a passion for engaging with government, business leaders, community organizations, and/or youth groups to advance economic and social development at the community, national and ASEAN levels. Participants will experience intercultural learning that will enable effective cross-country cooperation that they will sustain after the workshop.

By combining presentations, plenary talks, panel discussions, and relevant site visits in the Hanoi area, YSEALI members will acquire a comprehensive view of the AEC, ASEAN trade relationships, and the policy development process, with regards to sustainable development issues.

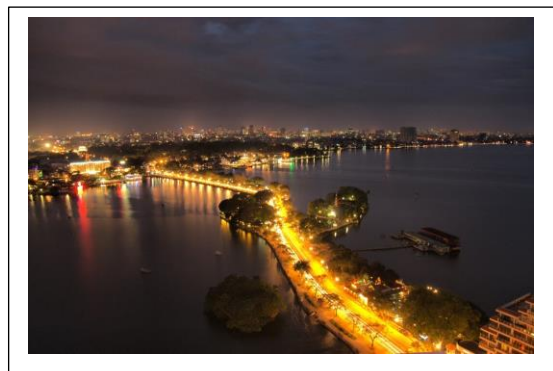
The workshop is funded by the US Department of State and will be implemented in collaboration with Kenan Institute Asia and the Centre for Sustainable Development Studies (CSDS).

Applications are open until 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. Information about the workshop can be found by visiting <http://yseali-aec.org/>.

**To be eligible, applicants must be:**

- Aged between 18-25
- A citizen of an ASEAN member state (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, or Vietnam)
- A YSEALI member – joining YSEALI can be done in conjunction to applying to participate in the workshop. To become a YSEALI member, please register (no cost) at <https://asean.usmission.gov/yseali/>
- Able to communicate in English (speaking in public, making presentations, and writing)
- Have a keen interest in economic engagement and/or business development, exhibit leadership potential, and illustrate an awareness for and interest in engaging in regional economic activities
- Priority will be given to those who have not attended a YSEALI regional workshop or fellowship

If you are eligible and interested in this workshop, you can apply directly through this form: <http://yseali-aec.org/applynow>. If you have difficulties submitting the online application form, or specific questions about the application process, contact the YSEALI coordinators of the U.S. Embassy Hanoi and Kenan at [Nguyentt1@state.gov](mailto:Nguyentt1@state.gov) and [yseali@kenan-asia.org](mailto:yseali@kenan-asia.org).



## About YSEALI

### What

Launched in 2013, the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is U.S. government's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in Southeast Asia. Through a variety of programs and engagements, including U.S. educational and cultural exchanges, regional exchanges, and seed funding, YSEALI seeks to build the leadership capabilities of youth in the region, strengthen ties between the United States and Southeast Asia, and nurture an ASEAN community. YSEALI focuses on critical topics identified by youth in the region: civic engagement, environment and natural resources management, and entrepreneurship and economic development.

### Why

Approximately 65% of people in the ASEAN region are under the age of 35. YSEALI is an effort to harness the extraordinary potential of youth in the region to address critical challenges and expand opportunities.

### Who

The YSEALI community consists of bright young leaders, 18–35 years old, from Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Laos, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam who are making a difference in their communities, countries, and the region. Learn more about the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative at [yseali.state.gov](http://yseali.state.gov) and join the official YSEALI social media communities on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

