Global Leadership Symposium—Asia
An Asia-Pacific perspective on leadership, business, conservation and culture

Are you interested in furthering your knowledge about aspects of leadership, business, NGOs and conservation in Asia? Macquarie’s Global Leadership Symposium—Asia is a unique program where a small group of university students and recent graduates will travel to Singapore & Thailand to explore these issues.

Departing Sydney Saturday 20th Sept & returning Monday 6th October ‘08

√ Insight into Asia Pacific issues including business, conservation & development

√ Business briefings with multinational companies including Microsoft and PSA

√ Meetings with NGOs working on poverty, education & the environment

√ A one day eco-excursion as ‘elephant helpers’ to an Elephant conservation park

√ Visit hill tribe communities, villages and an inspiring school in a slum community

√ Participate in cultural activities including visits to palaces, temples and museums; Singapore Zoo and a Thai Cooking School

√ Create your own journal, photo story, video or scrapbook based on your experiences

√ Make new friendships with other delegates from around the world
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**Singapore (20/9 - 23/9)**
Arrive from Sydney in vibrant Singapore, a key business and technology hub of Asia, offering insights into fast-paced economic development. Begin your time in Singapore as you compete in teams on a scavenger hunt of Chinatown, join a conservation program at Singapore Zoo and visit the world famous Night Safari.
We go inside the offices of leading multinationals Microsoft and PSA (Singapore Ports) for an insight into their Asia Pacific operations. We also delve into Singapore’s history and undertake activities at the Asian Civilisations Museum and Changi Museum. We explore Little India and have free time to enjoy a ‘Singapore Sling’ at Raffles Hotel.

**Chiang Mai, Thailand (24/9 - 27/9)**
Fly to Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand and enjoy a half day Thai cooking school. We arrive in Chiang Mai just as the Buddhist New Year, or Songkran festival, begins. This is a time when Thais traditionally return home to their families. The festivities include parades and temple ceremonies, but the highlight is the water fights - the entire Songkran festival is characterised by drenching others with water pistols and buckets of water. You will get wet!

Whilst in Chiang Mai we also spend a day at the Chiang Mai Elephant Nature Park. This park is very different to many others in Thailand - that often make elephants perform cruel circus tricks. The park instead acts as a haven for elephants have been mistreated. Our experience includes feeding the elephants and helping to bathe them in the river.

**Chiang Rai, Thailand (27/9 - 29/9)**
We travel by bus to the Golden Triangle of Thailand, near the borders of Laos and Myanmar, to a region controversial because of the clash between traditional hill tribes and the international illegal opium trade. We visit the Doi Tung Development Project including the Royal Villa, Princess Mother Commemorative Hall, a macadamia plantation and traditional craft factories. The project, established by the mother of the current King of Thailand, has created sustainable employment for many of the hill tribe people of the region, successfully drawing them away from Opium production.

We also visit Cabbages and Condoms, a project that educates the Thai public about the importance of family planning and sexual health, and raises funds through its restaurant.
Bangkok, Thailand (29/9 - 2/10)
Fly to bustling, chaotic Bangkok, one of the busiest and most intriguing cities in the world. Complete an individual activity as you explore the beautiful Thai architecture at Jim Thompson’s House, former home to the founder of the Thai silk industry and American CIA agent.

Visit the Duang Prateep Foundation, an NGO working towards education and employment for the 100,000 people living in Bangkok’s Klong Toey slum area. Spend time with the children at their school and walk through the slum itself. The following day visit the Grand Palace in the royal complex and the Buddhist temple Wat Po.

Phuket, Thailand (2/10 - 5/10)
Our final stop is the beautiful Thai island of Phuket, to the South of Bangkok. Here we spend time reflecting on our journey, and enjoying the natural surroundings. There is a day spent exploring the marine park by boat.

We travel to nearby Khao Lak for an inspiring visit to the Tsunami Volunteer Centre, an organisation helping the local community rebuild their homes and livelihoods. You will marvel at the progress that has been made, thanks to many volunteers, in this local community. And at the spirit of the people who were left behind by this disaster.

Phuket > Bangkok > Sydney (5/10-6/10)
Inclusions
The program fee of AUS$2499* includes return airfares from Sydney and flights during the trip; comprehensive travel insurance; tipping for guides and drivers; twin share accommodation in 3 star hotels with breakfast daily; 2 lunches (at Cooking School and Elephant Nature Park) and 2 dinners (traditional Khantoke Dinner and closing night’s Dinner); all program activities including meetings and sightseeing. Not included are visas; airport departure taxes in Thailand; other meals; and incidental expenses such as phone calls, laundry, minibar/drinks and spending money.

An experienced GLP staff member will accompany the trip to ensure the smooth running of activities and travel plans. Delegates should be patient and flexible in this respect.

Applications
Applications are open to all university students and recent graduates. Application Forms can be obtained by emailing Bec Forrester, Global Leadership Program, at bec.forrester@io.mq.edu.au. Delegates will be selected based on their responses to questions on the Application Forum. Places will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Pre-departure Training
Delegates will participate in an online pre-departure training activity to familiarise you with the issues and cultures you will encounter during the symposium. All delegates in Sydney will also attend group pre-departure training session to meet your fellow delegates and obtain important information about the trip. You will be provided with a Symposium Handbook containing a packing list and information about the countries we will be visiting.

Individual Projects
During the trip delegates will be asked to develop a project - scrapbook, journal, photo story or multimedia piece - that reflects their learning on the trip as it relates to their field of study, career or interests. This project is a requirement of joining the trip and delegates will have time to collate their project after returning home. Delegates will be awarded certificates of participation upon completion of this work.

*This price is available to Macquarie University students enrolled in a full degree program, eligible to apply for a travel grant from the Student Exchange Program of $1000 towards the cost of the program. The price for all other participants is $3499.
*A ‘land and internal airfares’ only price is available if traveling directly to Asia.