



Volunteering Positions in THAILAND

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VOLUNTEERING
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM



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ABOUT OUR LOCAL PARTNER

VSA

Volunteer Spirit Association (VSA Thailand) is a non-profit (NPO)/non-government (NGO) / Peace organization collaborates international voluntary project for people of all ages, cultures, religious and economic backgrounds.

“Our work is based on the belief that learning, sharing, and understanding can reduce any conflicts. We hope it can lead to the last goal that is PEACE.”

Volunteer Spirit Association (VSA Thailand) started the activity in 2008 as SAWASDEE Thailand (ST) and organized first international work camp in 2009. Now VSA is a full member of NVDA (Network Voluntary Development in Asia) and CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service), and still, keep promoting International Voluntary Service (IVS) in Thailand step by step.

Mission

Co-ordinate international voluntary projects for people of all ages, cultures, religious and economic backgrounds.

Vision

Gateway to global citizen as an International Voluntary Service where you can share friendship and dream with people around the world



VSA change
Your life

VOLUNTEER LIFE

Volunteer Coordinator will be the one who can manage and answer your question and coordinate between international volunteers and local hosts in the beginning of the project, after a while, the international volunteers need to learn how to communicate by themselves with local hosts. The volunteer coordinator will be your adviser during your voluntary staying.

Working, the local organization will prepare the work for the volunteers. Your ideas or suggestions are always welcomed and needed. The volunteers are not the tourist, visitor or a guest. They are expected to work with the local people as a member of their team.

Simple accommodation, volunteers will stay at the local house, temple, school, public center, forest camping, or hut.

VOLUNTEERING POSITIONS



INTERCULTURAL AND LANGUAGE (ICL) – SONGKHLA, learning and sharing the intercultural and language still are the main purpose. The volunteers can share and learn culture, language, and knowledge with the local community and children in school. Also, the volunteers will know more about Thailand during working in local community

Nowadays, English language as the global language and intercultural learning are important for local Thai people, especially Thailand as a tourism country. After the project was created by VSA Thailand and has been successful for seven years. The great volunteers came to give the opportunity for children in schools where they are in the poor local community. Many local people can improve their English skills through a group by group of volunteer, or at least they try to speak the English language more. They dare to face and work with the foreigner even though they cannot speak English. Moreover, the volunteers have changed the local community. They used to stay lively and trustily with the foreigner. Local people have a chance to learn, accept, and adopt the ways of life with the new cultures from the volunteers who are like an intercultural ambassador.

In 2018, the project needs the volunteers, who are the most important of the part, to continue for developing the potential of a local community that the last volunteers did, to help children in school, and local community still practice English language, to learn your own language, and to make them learn more the different culture. On the other hand, the volunteers also get the opportunity to know local food, local transportation, local occupation and local culture with living in local habitation in the community. We believe that understanding several cultures can make the world be peaceful.

Main Tasks for the volunteers

- Volunteers are mainly **creating non-formal education in English class with English teachers.**
- The teacher at the school can give the advice (do not expect this point too much even the teachers are also shy to speak out in English or even could not communicate in English)
- You also get the volunteer's history report book which last volunteers wrote what they did and information you need.



CRITERIA:

- Love to play with kids.
- Speak English (Influent)
- Please bring some teaching materials such as a book, kids' education game, stationary, etc. from your country.
- It will be a good way for cultural exchange and make students have more motivation.
- No smoking and alcohol drinking in the project.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Volunteers stay at Learning Home, VSA PEACE House, or homestay with host Thai family. Volunteers will stay in the room. Mattress and mosquito net are provided. Volunteers take turn to cook Thai food together with the host and have lunch at school. You are expected to bring your ingredients from your hometown for cultural exchange.



Southern Thai Studies

The officers of the Institute for Southern Thai Studies had high motivation to exchange with international volunteers about culture and language. They asked the international volunteers contribution in their culture seminar activities. The Institute Southern Thai Study is the great museum in the south with a fantastic view, located on the hill on Yor Island, Songkhla.



Main Tasks for the volunteers

- Volunteers will support the museum, learn Southern Thai culture,
- The volunteers will receive training to be a guide for tourist visiting and clean the antiques in the museum.
- Help with the promotion of the museum to the tourists.
- Help with cleaning and every day activities to maintain the museum.

Criteria

- Culture respect is needed.
- English on a moderate level
- Open mind and love to learn and share.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Volunteers will stay in the museum accommodation with museum staff. Food can be provided by the museum.

Thaksin University

Give University Thai students have the big chance to communication with the foreigner. Destroy shyness from them and let them use to foreigner even now not only English is important to be in the world. Education camp is the most wanted from Thai people when thinking of cultural diversity.

Thaksin University is a public university in Southern Thailand. It is in Muang Songkhla District, Songkhla Province. It is about twenty kilometers from Hat Yai District. Previously, Thaksin University was a branch campus of Srinakharinwirot University. Afterwards it grew and eventually became a separate university. Thaksin University was established as an independent public university on September 1, 1996.

The university name was granted by a Royal Decree of His Majesty the King, who graciously granted the university the name of Thaksin, which means “southern”. The aim of the university is encouraging and preserve the culture of Southern Thailand.



Main Tasks for the volunteers

- Volunteers will be English teacher, facilitator and friends to our students in various English activities called socioeconomic and cultural learning programme at Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Economics, Thaksin University.
- Help to encourage the Economics students to practice their English with foreigners at least once a week

- Each volunteer will be assigned to talk to our students in different topics (presentation of home countries, society, culture, topics which related to volunteer's interests such as sport, tourism, life experience, hometown etc.)
- Leading discussion with the students and other interactive activities to involve the students
- Volunteers will be working with 2nd to 4th year Economics students,
- Have an informal English conversation class for our Thai lecturers.

Criteria

- Speak English on a moderate level
- Active and responsible
- Respect culture, open mind
- Love to learn and share.

Outdoor activities and excursion:

We sometimes take our students to do some activities in the community, city centre and some tourist destinations. By doing so, our students tend to be more relaxed and easier to learn and practice English more than in normal classroom. Volunteers can help them to improve their English communication skills in different settings and fun activities.



Location

Songkhla Province

Songkhla is both one of Thailand's most important port cities and a coastal province known for its ethnic diversity and its unique traditions, dialect, and folk entertainment.

<http://www.tourismthailand.org/Where-to-Go/Songkhla>

Accommodation and food

Volunteer will stay in the university or museum accommodation (museum is one of university department).

Food will be provided by the local. 2 people per room. All simple facilities provided.