



Chulalongkorn University
Faculty of Political Science

Master of Arts
in International Development Studies
(M A I D S)

Interim Annual Report

September 2004 – June 2005

NOTE

The Programme's financial year runs from October 1 to September 30. A complete annual report, including financial information, will be released by the end of 2005.

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I - OBJECTIVES

- To coordinate international development studies as a multidisciplinary postgraduate programme,
- To strengthen the regional capacity to respond to the complexity of globalization.
- To foster a new breed of public intellectuals who will engage in development policy and practice in the region.
- To improve linkages between universities, policy institutes and civil society organization in the Asia Pacific region, on the issue of sustainable development.
- To establish a network of development scholars and practitioners at the regional level, with an aim to support the graduate programme.
- To improve the cooperation between the teaching staff and the international programmes of Chulalongkorn University and other academic institutions in Thailand and abroad.
- To become a self-financed international programme, through students' tuition fees and supporting grants.
- To improve the access of students, scholars and development practitioners to knowledge and resources on sustainable development.
- To allow exceptional and active citizens from low-income Asian countries to participate in the MAIDS programme, free of charge.

II – HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER 2004 – JUNE 2005

Students

- In its first year the Master of Arts in International Development Studies Programme received 29 applications from 11 countries.
- A first cohort of 12 students began in October 2004. Nine of these students are currently writing their dissertation.

Field Trips

- Students participated in three multi-day field trips in the first two trimesters. They attended a conference in Chiang Mai, gained exposure to development issues in the Mekong area of Northern Thailand and Laos, and assessed the impact of the 26 December 2004 tsunami in Southern Thailand.

Teaching

- 21 Chulalongkorn University researchers, lecturers and Faculty members gave lectures and coordinated the MAIDS courses.
- 38 development scholars and practitioners from Thai and overseas universities, government agencies and civil society organizations also supported the programme by giving lectures, and in one case coordinated a course.

Public events

- International scholars hosted by the MAIDS programme gave 8 public lectures, on a range of development-related topics.
- Prof. Dr. Carlos B. Vainer, Director of Institute of Urban and Regional Research and Planning, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (IPPUR/UFRJ) gave a two-day seminar entitled “Experience of People Politics from Brazil to Thailand”.
- The MAIDS programme, in collaboration with the Professor Jomo K. S. and International Economic Development Associates (IDEAs), organized a four-day workshop entitled “Liberalization, Macroeconomic Policies and - Development Options in Asia”.
- The Thai Commission for UNESCO sponsored a three-week training entitled “Human Security in a Globalizing World”, which was organized and hosted by the MAIDS Programme. The course brought together government officials and academics from the Mekong region.

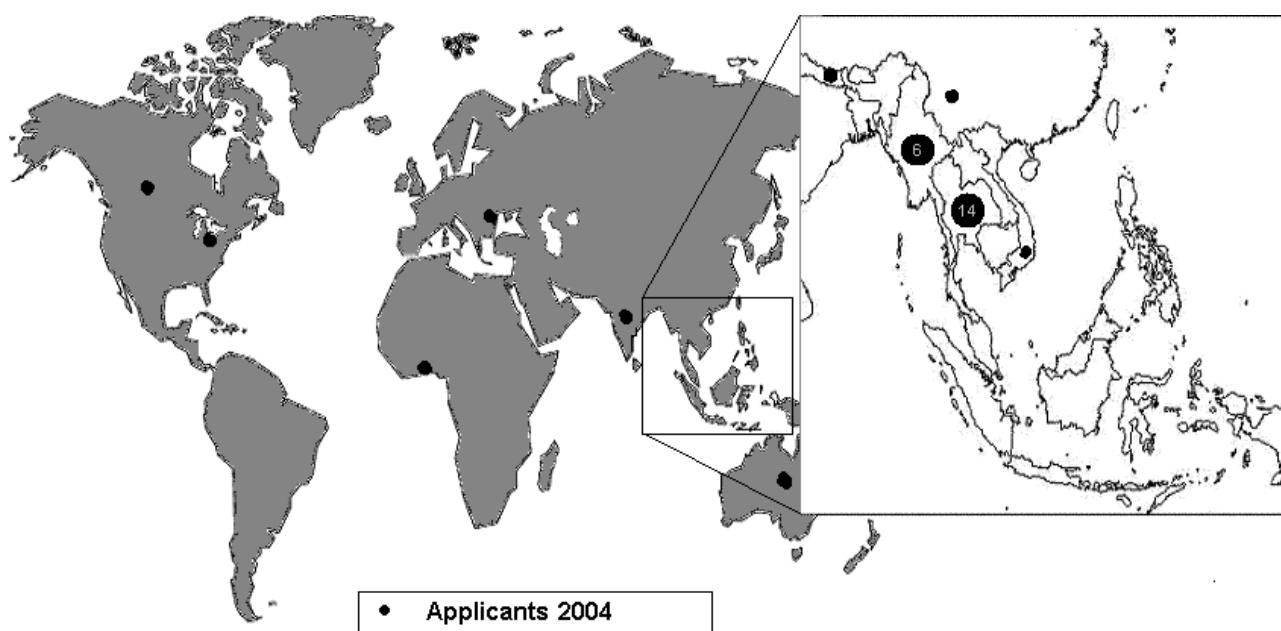
Financial

- The programme is on track to achieve a small operating profit in its first year, despite an income lower than expected.

III – PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

a. Recruitment

- The programme was promoted in two major Thai English-language daily newspapers, and a Programme brochure was mailed to universities and civil society organizations throughout Thailand. Most applicants however heard about MAIDS through the internet, or through word-of-mouth.
- A total of 29 prospective students applied to the programme. Half of them were from Thailand, six from Myanmar, and the rest from nine other countries: Australia, Canada, China, India, Moldova, Nepal, Nigeria, United States of America, and Vietnam.



- The programme committee selected 20 applicants, according to the following criteria:
 - academic excellence,
 - international development-related work or volunteer experience,
 - level of engagement with civil society,
 - strong recommendations,
 - TOELF score of 550, paper based (213 computer based score); IELTS score of 6.0 or CU-TEP score of 550
- **The need for scholarships.** Eight selected candidates, all from low-income Asian or African countries, asked for a scholarship to help them bear the cost of tuition and living expenses. Unfortunately, due to the MAIDS Programme's inability to offer such financial support, only two were able to find an external source of funding and attend the programme. **To fulfill its original vision it is essential for MAIDS to find financial support for these qualified candidates.**

b. Students

- The programme began in October 2004 with 12 students, from Australia, Canada, China, Moldova, Myanmar, Thailand, and the United States of America.
- Two students abandoned their studies during the second trimester, while the status of a 3rd student is currently uncertain. These three students, of Thai nationality, left the programme due to their difficulty to write in the English language and their lack of experience in the field of development.
- This unfortunate experience points to the need to be more vigilant in student recruitment.
- As of June 2005, nine students are on-track to present their thesis in September. Below are the names of these students and their thesis topics.

Mr Bryce Seaman
Smedley

Western Newspapers and the Conflict in Southern Thailand: A Content Analysis of Reportage

Ms Li Cai

Local perceptions on the Impact of Tourism Development on Bai Culture in Dali Old Town of Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan, China

Mrs Rochelle Elena Jones

The World Social Forum: Transversal Resistance and Power

Mr Devraj Rangsit

Implications of the Village Fund and the One Tambon One Product Policies for Sustainable Development in Thailand

Ms Wendy Myint Myint
Hla

Problems in implementing Rights-Based Approaches to Youth Development in Myanmar: The Case of HIV/AIDS Prevention

Mr Phalehcher
Komonjaroon

Inter-relationship between Economic Development and Education, and Working Opportunities of the Thai-Karen People in the Border Districts of Tak Province

Ms Viorica Vladica

Work Bank Reforms: New Strategies, Old Ideology

Ms Kimberly Angela
Yvonne Brown

Humanitarian Assistance and the Empowerment of Karen Women in a Refugee Camp in Thailand

Ms May Si Si Aung

Impact of Micro-credit Programme upon Economic and Social Conditions of Women in Rural and Urban Communities in Myanmar

c. In the Field

MAIDS students participated in three field trips. These outings respond to the programme's vision to improve linkages between development students, scholars, practitioners and local communities in the region.

From 15 to 17 November 2004 students attended an international conference entitled "Impact of Globalization on Ethnic Minorities in Southeast Asia", held in Chiang Mai. This conference examined numerous issues impacting on ethnic groups in the region, including changing identities, indigenous knowledge, biodiversity, language and linguistic change, religious and inter-group relations.

A few weeks later the students headed back again to Northern Thailand, this time to Chiang Rai province, where they met villagers and government officials, and learned about development challenges in the Mekong River area. Students also took the opportunity to cross the Mekong River, and visit Laos PDR.



MAIDS students and Faculty, at the entrance of an OTOP (One Tambon One Product) demonstration shop, Chiang Kong, Chiang Rai Province

Front row, from left to right:

- Wendy Myint Myint La, student
- High school teacher
- Viorica Vladica, student
- Rochelle Jones, student
- and May Si Si Aung, student;

Second row:

- Assoc Prof Dr Chantana Banpasirichote Wun'Geao,
- Pitt Rattanapian, student
- Shop owner, and
- Kanchana Yoowattana, student;

Third row:

- Pakorn Leopairut, student, and
- Cai Li. student

Closely keeping in touch with the current events in the region, the MAIDS programme headed down to Southern Thailand on 23-25 March 2005 to witness the impact of the 26 December 2004 tsunami.

In Phuket and Phang-Nga provinces, the worst-hit areas in the country, the students met with local Thai people, Burmese migrant workers, NGO staff and government officials, and researched and the latest efforts of relief and reconstruction.

d. Faculty & Programme Committee

An impressive team of 21 lecturers, researchers and faculty members from different Faculties and research institutes at Chulalongkorn taught at the Programme. Many of them are also directly involved in the administration of the Programme, through the MAIDS Programme Committee.

Chulalongkorn Faculty members are also actively involved in Thai civil society and the international community. To cite only two examples, the MAIDS Programme director Surichai Wun'gao is a member of the National Reconciliation Commission, a body established to advise the Thai government on how to resolve the violent conflict in its southern provinces. MAIDS also hosted the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in DPR Korea, Vitit Muntarbhorn, Professor at the Faculty of Law.

MAIDS Programme Committee, Faculty of Political Science:

Surichai Wun'gao, MA

Associate Professor, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology,
Director, MAIDS Programme

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Assistant Professor, Dept of International Relations
Deputy Director, MAIDS Programme

Kanokrat Lertchoosakul, MA

Lecturer, Dept of Government,
Secretary, MAIDS Programme

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Professor, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology,
Director, Institute of Asian Studies
Committee member

Prudhisana Jumbala, MA

Associate Professor, Dept of Government,
Committee member

Chulalongkorn Faculty & researchers who taught at the MAIDS Programme this year:

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Naruemon Arunotai, PhD

Researcher, Social Research Institute

Pinit Laptanon, PhD,

Researcher, Social Research Institute

Ubonrat Siriyuvasak, PhD

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Faculty of Communication Arts

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Director, Institute of Environmental Research

Suriya Veerawongs, MA

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Siriwan Siriboon

Senior Researcher, College of Population Studies

Keokam Kraisoraphong, PhD

Lecturer, Dept of Government, Faculty of Political Science

Tartat Mokkhamakkul, PhD

Lecturer, Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy

Vitit Muntarbhorn, PhD

Professor, Faculty of Law
United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in DPR Korea

e. International Advisory Board & Network

Since its inception the MAIDS programme has benefited from the advice and experience of a number of prominent scholars, who form the programme's International Advisory Board. Although this body has not met on a formal and regular basis, it remains a potent resource for the programme. Some members of the advisory board, including Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Jun Nishikawa, and Walden Bello have thought lectures and seminars at the programme. MAIDS does intend in the upcoming months and years to foster closer collaboration with the advisory board.

- **Han Sang-Jin**, Prof Dr, Seoul National University, South Korea
- **Mary Racelis**, Prof Dr, Research Scientist, Ateneo de Manila, Philippines
- **Jan Nederveen Pieterse**, Prof Dr, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- **Jan Aart Scholte**, Prof Dr, Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, UK
- **Victor Karunan**, Dr, UNICEF Senior Advisor Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP)
- **Sanjeev Khagram**, Assist Prof Dr, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- **Erik Ringmar**, Dr, London School of Economics, UK
- **Huang Ping**, Prof Dr, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
- **Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Prof Dr, Dept. of Applied Economics, University of Malaya, and UN Assistant Secretary-General on Economic Development
- **Walden Bello**, Prof Dr, University of the Philippines, Philippines
- **Surappasam Parasuraman**, Prof Dr, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India
- **Jun Nishikawa**, Prof Dr, Waseda University, Japan
- **Thanh-Dam Truong**, Prof Dr, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Netherlands

The MAIDS programme, through the contacts of faculty members and guest lecturers, has also developed formal or informal linkages with organizations and networks dedicated to development and human rights. Expanding the ties between MAIDS and these networks, organizations and individuals remain at the heart of the programme's vision and mission.

- Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives www.arenaonline.org
- ESCR-Net www.escr-net.org
- Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia) www.forumasia.org/
- International Development Economists Associates (IDEAs) www.networkideas.org/
- Southeast Asian Conflict Studies Network (SEACSN) www.seacsn.net
- Third World Studies Centre (based at the University of the Philippines)

f. Guest Lecturers

In its first year MAIDS hosted 40 development scholars and practitioners from Thai and overseas academic institutions, government and NGOs, who came to give one, a few, or even all the lectures of MAIDS courses. These numerous contributions have become a key feature and strength of the programme, as it allows students, future development scholars and practitioners themselves, to network extensively.

From Thai Universities

- **Malee Ariyawicha**, Assist Prof, Women and Youth Studies Programme, Thammasat University
- **Uthai Dulayakasem**, Dr, Dean, College of Humanities, Walailuk University, Nakhon Sri Thammarat
- **Decha Tangseefah**, Dr, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University
- **Pavida Pananond**, Dr, Thammasat University Business School
- **Mike Hayes**, Dr, Master of Arts Programme in Human Rights, Mahidol University
- **Barbara Earth**, Asian Institute of Technology
- **Chaiyan Rajchagool**, Dr, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University
- **Bernadette P. Resurrection**, Assist Prof Dr, Gender & Development Studies, Asian Institute of Technology
- **Chaiwat Satha-anand**, Assoc Prof Dr, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University
- **Somsak Sukwong**, Dr, Regional Community Forestry Training Center (RECOFTC), Kasetsart University
- **Mark Tamthai**, Assoc Prof Dr, Payap University, Chiang Mai

From overseas universities

- **Greg B. Felker**, Dr, Willamette University, USA
- **Jun Nishikawa**, Prof Dr, Waseda University, Japan
- **Jayant Lele**, Prof Emeritus Dr, Dept of Political Studies and Sociology, Queen's University, Canada
- **Heman Agrawal**, Dipl oec, Assist Lecturer and Associate Researcher, Chair of Economics and Philosophy, Witten/Herdecke University, Germany

From the Royal Thai government

- **Orajitt Bumrungruskulswat**, Former SIF Project Manager, National Health Security Office
- **Kittiwat Uchupalanan**, National Science and Technology Development Agency
- **Silaporn Buasai**, Dr, Programme Director, Programme on Community Research, Thailand Research Fund
- **Sombat Haesakul**, Health System Research Institute

From the United Nations:

- **Ravindran DJ**, United Nations in East Timor
- **Lawrence Surendra**, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (Int. Adject Faculty)
- **Jerrold W. Huguet**, UNESCAP
- **Susu Thatun**, UN Inter-agency collaboration on Trafficking GAATW, CWA
- **Bhairaja Panday**, Deputy Regional Representative for Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, UNHCR
- **Joachim Theis**, UNICEF

From civil society organizations:

- **Ruengrawee Pichaikul Kertphol**, The Asia Foundation
- **Promboon Panitchpakdi**, Executive Director, Raks Thai Foundation
- **Parichart Sivaraksa**, Institute for Policy Studies
- **Decharut Sukhumnoed**, Health System Research Institute, Thailand
- Forum-Asia staff members: **Gothom Arya**, **Somchai Homlaor**, **Kamol Kamoltrakul**, and **Pornpen Khongkachonkiat**,
- Focus on the Global South (FOCUS) staff members: **Walden Bello**, **Nicola Bullard**, **Joy Chavez**, **Jacques-Chai Comthongdi** and **Shalmali Guttal**
- **J Michael Tivayanond**, Dr, Researcher, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation

And

- **Steffan Bodemar**, free-lance researcher, formerly consultant for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

g. Curriculum

Managing the Unexpected

Due to new regulation by the Thai Ministry of Education, the MAIDS Programme was forced to adjust its curriculum at the last minute, and augment the number of required credits from 36 to 45. In the first trimester an Individual Studies course was added, while in the second trimester students were required to enroll in five courses.

In the third semester, which was designed to focus exclusively on the thesis, students were given two options. In the case where the student's thesis required extensive fieldwork or collaboration with an external institution, such as a civil society organization or a UN agency, the student could register to a practicum, and gain credit for the experience. In the opposite case students were required to register to a final seminar, where they will discuss the development of their thesis and their topics.

Both options were designed to minimize the amount of extra-work due to the change in regulation, and maintain focus on the student's thesis.

First Trimester Oct 2004 – Jan 05

***Development Theory and Practice**

Concepts of development and development theories. Complete survey of development thinking, from 'classical development ideas to alternative development and post-development discourses.

***Globalization and Development in the Asia and Pacific Region**

Overview of theoretical approaches to globalization and development in the Asia-Pacific region. Meanings of globalization and development, their processes, institutional structures and dynamics.

***Research Methodology in Development Studies**

Introduction to research methods and techniques, both quantitative and qualitative, currently used and abused in development studies.

**** Conflict Resolution**

Understanding conflicts in the increasingly globalized society, focusing on conflicts between the state and the people in the development process; analysis of conflicts as an important step to resolutions.

**** Individual Studies**

Seminar linking the core courses to the students' experiences and interests. Three optional tracks: Emergent challenges and Potentials in international development practice, non-state actors and alternatives, cases studies in development initiatives.

[* Core Course] [Elective Course]**

Second Trimester Feb – May 05

***The Politics of Public Policy**

State-society relations in formal democracies, with focus on politics and public policy. Emphasis on how to ensure the effectiveness of civil society initiatives in influencing public policy.

**** Development Project Management**

Process of development from theory to practice; principles and techniques of project management, budgeting, finance, and planning; problem determination and objectives; impact assessment.

**** Human Rights and Gender in the Asian Region**

Principles and norms of human rights; concepts and social construction of gender; women's rights; UN instruments to protect human rights; human rights violations in Asia.

Thesis Research Project Planning: Ad hoc Seminar

This ad hoc seminar, not counting for credit, was specially designed to stimulate students' thinking about both the thesis content and how to go about completing the thesis requirement. It complements the Research Methods in Development Studies offered in the first trimester.

**** Migration as a Development Issue**

Approaches to national and international migration from the perspectives of multiculturalism, migration system, migration policies and regional policy development.

**** Communication, Democratization and Development**

Role of communication in the political development process of modern societies nationally and transnationally; how political leaders and citizens interact in the realm of network communication.

**** Selected Issues in Development and Economy**

Development and underdevelopment; modernization theories, structural/dependency theories; historical theories; endogenous development theories; globalization, liberalization and market economy; state-centered economy and the New International Economic Order; sustainable development; gender and development; Buddhist way of development.

h. Public Events

MAIDS students, Chulalongkorn faculty members, but also development scholars and practitioners from the region attended the public lectures, seminars and workshops offered by the MAIDS Programme since September 2004. The upcoming year promises to be as fruitful, starting with a new edition of the UNESCO-sponsored training on human security, scheduled for September 2005. Below is a retrospective calendar of events.

16 Sep 04 **Public Lecture: Transnational Movements and Governance Architecture in an Insecure World**

Prof. Dr. Sanjeev Khagram, JFK School of Government, Harvard University

25 – 28 Sep 04 **Workshop: Liberalization, Macroeconomic Policies and Development Options in Asia**

Jointly organized by

- Professor Jomo K. S., of the International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs),
- Political Economy Centre, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University
- Focus on the Global South (FOCUS)

30 Sep – 22 Oct 04 **Human Security in the Globalizing World: A Greater Mekong Subregion Training**

The objective of this three-week course is to improve capacity to understand and resolve local and regional issues of human security. Participants, civil servants and professors from Cambodia, Laos PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam, were required at the end of the training to write a strategy paper using their newly-acquired knowledge and skills.

Sponsored by the Thai Ministry of Culture – Thai Commission for UNESCO
Organized and hosted by the MAIDS Programme, Chulalongkorn University

18 Nov 04 **Public Lecture: Anthropology and forced migration/research methods and issues**

Dr. Dawn Chatty, Deputy Director, Refugees Studies Centre, Oxford University

2 Dec 04 **Public Lecture: Conflict, violence and displacement in Southeast Asia**

Dr. Eva-Lotta Hedma, Senior Research Fellow, Refugees Studies Centre, Oxford University

21 Dec 04 **Public Lecture: Strategies for International Development in the New Millennium: Experiences in the Past and Thoughts for the Future**

Dr. Shamsul Khan, University of South Australia

8-9 Feb 05 **Experience of People Politics from Brazil to Thailand**

The two-day seminar explored urban planning in Brazil, the landless movements in Brazil and Thailand, social movements of victims of development projects, and Brazil's transition the Lula government.

Prof. Dr. Carlos B. Vainer, Director of Institute of Urban and Regional Research and Planning of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (IPPUR/UFRJ)

11 Mar 05 **Public Lecture: Human Rights and the Right to Development: Relevance to International Development Studies**

Dr. Clarence J. Dias, President, International Center for Law in Development, New York

21 Mar 05 **Public Lecture: How to Overcome Regional Gaps and Unequal Development? The Perspective of the Endogenous Development Theory**

Prof. Jun Nishikawa, Waseda University, Tokyo

Apr 05 **Public Lecture: Economics of Love**

Dr. Iqbal Aminul Kabir, Director, Institute for Sustainable Development, University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh

10 Jun 05 **Public Lecture: Southeast Asia and the Political Economy of Globalization: A Conceptual Survey**

Dr. Greg B. Felker, Willamette University, United States

IV - FINANCIALS

Although the MAIDS programme is not-for-profit, is on track to achieve a small operating profit in its first year of operation. This is a success, considering the income was lower than expected. MAIDS will use this profit from year 1 and the operating income of the second year to offer a full scholarship to a student from a low-income country.

- The MAIDS Programme obtains most of its income from student tuition fees.
- Two students left the programme in the second semester, while a third student left before the third semester, reducing the expected income from tuition fees in the first year.
- Financial support by the Faculty of Political Science and its teaching staff has proven essential to sustain the MAIDS programme financially in its first year. The Faculty is also committed to make the programme financially accessible to students from low-income countries.

	Oct 2004 – Sep 2005: Budgeted		Oct 2004 – May 2005: Actual		Oct 2005 - Sep 2006: Budgeted	
Revenues						
Application fees	Bt	28,800	Bt	22,400	Bt	32,000
Registration fees		855,000		855,000		0
Tuition fees		2,340,000		2,080,000		3,900,000
UNESCO training		0		120,000		120,000
Field trip: (Bt 15,000 per student)		180,000		180,000		300,000
Japan Foundation		50,000		50,000		0
	Bt	3,453,800	Bt	3,307,400	Bt	4,950,500
	US\$	86,345	US\$	82,685	US\$	123,763
Operating Expenses						
Programme set-up and preparation costs	Bt	712,371	Bt	712,371	Bt	0
Programme Committee Honorarium		192,000		116,000		260,400
Lecturer Honorarium		984,200		830,873		1,972,400
Operating Staff Salary		340,800		175,736		390,000
Advertising		100,000		52,850		120,000
Guest Lecturer Transport and Accom.		145,000		121,593		155,000
Hospitality		10,000		24,907		35,000
Photocopying		100,000		104,613		150,000
Office Expense		163,000		117,668		90,000
Communication		80,000		28,843		80,000
Orientation		50,000		67,959		30,000
Special Seminars		60,000		34,500		50,000
Field Trip		180,000		185,312		300,000
Training and Development		50,000		0		30,000
Others		36,000		4,484		0
Educational materials (eg. Books)		100,000		10,563		30,000
	Bt	3,303,371	Bt	2,588,272	Bt	4,291,300
	US\$	82,584	US\$	64,707	US\$	107,283
Operating income	Bt	150,429	Bt	719,128	Bt	659,200
	US\$	3,761	US\$	17,978	US\$	16,480

US\$ = approximately Thailand Baht (Bt) 40

Student Fees: An Explanation

- Students must pay a registration fee to Chulalongkorn University and to the Faculty of Political Science. The University charges the same fee to all students, while the Faculty charges fees only to non-Thai students. The tuition fees fund the MAIDS programme directly.
- All fees are paid on a semester basis. All fees must be paid before the semester begins. If a student fails to pay in time a symbolic fee of Bt 200 per week of lateness is charged.
- Please note that students must also pay their own transportation cost to and from their city/country of origin, as well as living costs during the programme. These are estimated at Bt18,500/month (approx. US\$465), and include accommodation, food, and local transportation.

(in Thai Baht)	Academic Year 2004- 2005		Academic Year 2005-2006		
	Thai Student	Non-Thai Student	Thai Student	Students from low-income Asian countries aided by the Faculty of Political Science	Non-Thai Student
Registration Fee - Chulalongkorn University/ Semester	11,000	11,000	16,500	16,500	16,500
Registration Fee – Faculty of Political Science / Semester	0	57,000	0	28,500	57,000
Tuition Fee/Semester	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Total/semester	76,000	133,000	81,500	110,000	138,500
Field Trip	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Application Fee	800	800	800	800	800
Total/year	243,800	414,800	260,300	345,800	431,300
In US\$	6,095	10,370	6,508	8,645	10,783

Faculty of Political Science Support – An essential element of success

- In year one of the MAIDS programme the Faculty of Political Science generously accepted to donate its share of student registration fees. Only five students, from Australia, Canada, Moldova, the United States and Myanmar paid the Faculty registration fee, giving the programme an income of Bt 855,000 (Bt 57,000 x 3 semesters x 5 students).
- MAIDS teaching staff were paid an honorarium of 1,500/hour, instead of the standard Bt 2,000/hour set by Chulalongkorn University. In year two the programme intends a return to the standard honorarium.
- In year two the Faculty of Political Science will retain the registration fees. However the Faculty will support seven students from low-income countries by waving half the registration fee (This corresponds to the category of “Aided Students” in the student fees table above). These “scholarships” will be worth a total of Bt 598,500, or US\$ 14,963.
- A planned increase in the number of students in the second year will offset the reduction in financial support from the Faculty of Political Science.

V - Future Challenges

The second year of the MAIDS Programme is promising, yet key challenges must be met to ensure that the programme's initial vision is realized.

- **Improve outreach.** New recruitment efforts include email posting to civil society organizations working in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The programme is now listed on online academic Programme directories, such as www.studyabroadlinks.com and www.gradschools.com.
- **A new programme web site.** The second cohort of applicants has confirmed that the internet is the single most important source of publicity and knowledge on the Programme. MAIDS will respond by upgrading its presence on the web, with a more attractive site, with additional content and frequent updates.
- **A programme newsletter.** In June the first edition of the programme newsletter will be published. This newsletter, intended as a trimestrial publication, will serve to inform the MAIDS community, the students, the teachers, the donors, the public and very soon the alumni about ongoing developments of the Programme.
- **Collaboration with other programmes.** The MAIDS programme would like to foster closer cooperation with other international programmes at Chulalongkorn University, and with other universities in Thailand. Making relevant courses available to students from other programmes, harmonizing programme structures, improving student services and publicity are some of the issues that we would like to address.
- **Need for scholarships.** So far 34 applications were received for the academic year 2005-2006. 19 candidates were selected. Again, applicants from low-income Asian countries expressed the need for financial support, without which they will not be able to begin the Programme in October. The MAIDS Programme intends to set up a **scholarship programme** for students from low-income Asian countries, including India, Nepal, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.
- **More academic resources.** In light of nine months of teaching and reflection, it has become clear that the MAIDS programme need more resources to accomplish its mission, and become a relevant actor of development in Southeast Asia. The MAIDS programme intends to establish a **Sustainable Development Resource Centre**, which will collect and make available relevant materials. The Centre will also publish a journal and occasional papers, which will make available in the English language articles and research currently written only in Southeast Asian languages.

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