

LATEST UPDATES - JULY 2008

Semester 2, 2008 Orientation

In July 2008 the Peace Scholarship Program farewelled most of our 2007/08 Recipients and welcomed 45 new recipients from Afghanistan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Chile, Mexico, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

From July 7-9, 33 of the new recipients participated in the Peace Scholarship Program orientation in Sydney, Australia - a fun two days of getting to know each other, learning a bit about Australia and their duties as Peace Scholarship Recipients, as well as a thrilling evening of ten pin bowling together and a half day Sydney tour.



Some of the Semester 2, 2008 Recipients in Sydney, July 8th

From all reports the students who attended the Orientation in Sydney found the time useful as an introduction to their lives in Australia, plus the opportunity to meet one another and forge ties that will last a lifetime. More comments in the individual Recipient July Updates below.

NSW Bar Association raises over \$12,000 for the Peace Scholarship Program

In June 2008 the NSW Bar Association lead by Barrister Anna Katzmann, held a fundraising event on behalf of the UNIFEM Peace Scholarship Program for female lawyers in Afghanistan. To date - from donations on the night and as a result of an article written by Anna and sent to all Bar Association members - over \$12,000 has been raised, an outstanding result for no effort at all on our part!



New Afghani Recipients Haseena and Zohra Akseer with Sue Conde, Vice President of UNIFEM (left) and Anna Katzmann, Head of the NSW Bar Association

Peace Action Groups

Once again this semester recipients have been grouped into Peace Action Groups based on the location of their study in Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide etc).

Each Peace Action Group has been asked to work together to plan at least one group activity per semester in Australia. They can choose the activity they would like to do, remembering it should contribute to peace and understanding in the local community.

Each Peace Action Group has also been challenged this semester to hold one or more fundraising events for the Peace Scholarship Program in Afghanistan (with UNIFEM). All events must be finished by 31st October 2008 and the Group that raises them most funds per team member will be awarded with a movie ticket each to enjoy.

Looking forward to reading about the fundraising activities in subsequent newsletters!

Summer 2009 Community Volunteer Programs in Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam

The Summer Community Volunteer Program inaugurated by Peace Scholarship Alumni Pheakkdey Nguon in Cambodia a few years ago is this year being expanded to Indonesia and Vietnam. All current and previous recipients are invited to join one or more of the week long programs in Cambodia, Indonesia and/or Vietnam in January/February next year - more details to be advised and also check out the Peace Scholarship Program Group on the Facebook for more details.

Upcoming Events

- Applications are now open for students to apply for the Peace Scholarship Program in Afghanistan, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Fiji, Mexico (postgraduate), Oman and UAE. More information at www.peacescholarship.idp.com.
- The Australian International Education Conference is coming up in October in Brisbane (October 7-10). Peace Scholarship Alumni Pheakkdey Nguon (KD) from Cambodia will be presenting.
- Summer 2009 Volunteer Programs in Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam. More information on our Facebook site at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=11564116091>

Recipient Updates July 2008

- Alberto Ramirez Lujano
- Alfonso Rojas Aldaco
- Alida Fernandez Santoyo
- Angelica Netzahualcoyotzi Gomez
- Annabel Serrato Gonzalez
- Artemio Soto Brecada
- Azul Edith Medina Peralta
- Daniel Putra Sianipar
- Diego Espinosa Leon
- Diego Forcada Gallardo
- Erika Valdes
- Fahmi Noor Syafaat
- Gabriel Sanchez Bautista
- Jorge Zepeda
- Kenya Melissa Hernandez Trejo
- Luisa Helena Perez Mujica
- Mariela Andrea Martinez Fuente
- Maritriny Serrano Cuatlayol
- Oscar Campos
- Pablo Borch Klapp
- Sambath Chey
- Socheata Pors
- Susana Marquez
- Thong Meas
- Violeta Garcia Diaz
- Viridiana Gonzalez Lizarraga