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FROM : 
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RE : **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 SOUTHEAST ASIA YOUTH
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

DATE : December 15, 2022

1. This Office disseminates the communication received from Jennifer Goldstein, assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, Embassy of the United States of America, inviting junior and senior high school student leaders aged 15-17 and teachers, mentors, coaches, or guidance counselors aged 20-30 years old to apply as youth participants and adult mentors for the 2022 Southeast Asia Leadership Program (SEAYLP) exchange program in the United State of America.
2. For more details see attached communication.
3. For the information of all interested and concerned parties.

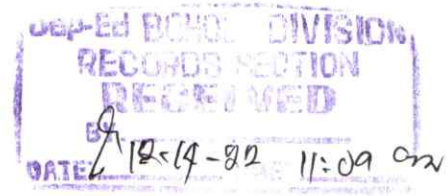




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Manila, Philippines Ms. Sabuero

December 13, 2022

Dr. Bianito C. Dagatan
EdD, CESO V Schools Division Superintendent,
Division of Bohol



Dear Mr. Dagatan,

Greetings from the U.S. Embassy! I am pleased to inform you that we are currently recruiting applicants for the 2022 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) from Bohol province, until December 27, 2022. This program convenes junior and senior high school students and adult mentors from the ten ASEAN member countries for a three-week exchange program in the United States focused on leadership and youth development. Participants attend workshops, seminars, and site visits in the United States to develop their leadership capacity to address needs in their communities and develop cross-border collaboration with their counterparts in ASEAN. Hoping travel conditions permit, the exchange program is scheduled for April 2023.

For 2023, the Filipino participants will be recruited from the province Bohol. Every year, SEAYLP students are recruited from different areas of the Philippines. Past batches were recruited from Bacolod (2010), Dumaguete (2011), Ilocos Norte (2012), Cebu (2013), Tarlac (2014), Tacloban (2015), Access Schools (2016), Maguindanao (2017), Lanao del Norte (2018), Metro Manila (2019), Palawan (2020) and Ilocos Sur (2022).

I write to request your support for this program by disseminating this information in your division. We invite junior and senior high school student leaders aged 15-17 to apply as youth participants. We also invite teachers, mentors, coaches, or guidance counselors aged 20-30 years old to apply as adult mentors. The eligibility requirements and other information about the program can be found at our website, <https://ph.usembassy.gov/southeast-asia-youth-leadership-program/>, and applications are due December 27, 2022 at <https://bit.ly/2023SEAYLP>.

For more information, we have attached herewith information about the exchange program. For inquiries, you may also get in touch with our Emerging Voices and Alumni Coordinator, Nigel Maranan at maranannj@state.gov.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Goldstein
Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer

Attachment: 2023 SEAYLP Information Sheet



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 SOUTHEAST ASIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

U.S. Embassy in the Philippines is pleased to announce the call for applications for the 2023 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program. For 2023, Filipino participants will be recruited from Bohol.

Every year, SEAYLP students are recruited from different areas of the Philippines. In past years, SEAYLP participants have come from Bacolod (2010), Dumaguete (2011), Ilocos Norte (2012), Cebu (2013), Tarlac (2014), Tacloban (2015), Access Schools (2016), Maguindanao (2017), Lanao del Norte (2018), Metro Manila (2019), Palawan (2020), and Ilocos Sur (2022).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2023 SEAYLP will convene high school students and adult mentors from the ten ASEAN member countries for a three-week U.S.-based exchange program focused on leadership and youth development. Participants will explore shared challenges faced by the United States and ASEAN member countries through the three pillars of the ASEAN community: political and security cooperation, economic skills-building (through the exchange's project development), and socio-cultural leadership (through hands-on activities, workshops, seminars, and site visits to foster more substantial communication). During the exchange, participants will also collaborate to develop projects that address the needs of their communities, which they implement upon returning home. English language proficiency is a prerequisite, as activities are conducted entirely in English.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The 2023 SEAYLP has the following program components:

- **U.S. Exchange Program**

The exchange program activities in the United States will emphasize ASEAN identity by organizing participants into multi-country teams to enhance cross-cultural experience wherever possible across the country cohorts. Participants will join workshops, interactive sessions, diplomacy simulations, leadership training, and team-building exercises. They will also join extracurricular activities such as volunteer service opportunities and site visits to relevant organizations in host communities. Adult mentor participants will attend sessions with U.S. adult peers designed to foster networking, leadership, and civic education programs when they return home. All participants will engage in homestays with American families and study tours to Chicago, Illinois, and Washington, D.C.

- **Follow-on Project**

The program includes a strong emphasis on follow-on projects. Participants will be taught to develop plans for follow-on activities and are expected to implement them in their schools and communities upon return home. The implementer will provide mentoring and support of follow-on activities and may provide seed funding.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

- **Youth applicants should:**

- Be currently enrolled as a student in any high school located in Bohol province;
- Be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old by April 7, 2023;
- Demonstrate leadership skills with strong potential for advanced leadership roles in the future;
- Demonstrate commitment to civic action, strong academic and social skills, and interest in community service;
- Have strong English communication skills; and
- Have permission from both parent(s)/guardian(s) and schools to participate in the entire program.

- **Adult mentor applicants should:**

- Be a resident of Bohol;
- Have minimum 2 years of experience working with high school students as a teacher, mentor, coach, or counselor in an official or volunteer capacity;
- Age 20-30 years old by April 7, 2023;
- Demonstrate strong leadership skills with high potential for advanced leadership roles in the future;
- Demonstrate commitment to civic action, strong academic and social skills, and interest in community service;
- Have strong English communication skills;

- Be a well-respected member their community;
- Intend to continue working with youth in their careers; and
- Be committed to mentor and guide the selected students before, during, and after the 2023 SEAYLP program

Preference will be given to participants who have not previously traveled to the United States, privately or on any U.S. government-sponsored program.

OTHER ESSENTIAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

- **Health Benefits**

Participants will be covered by ECA's Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges (ASPE) health benefits program. ASPE is a limited health benefits program that covers medical expenses associated with each illness or accident up to \$100,000 per occurrence. ASPE does not cover routine examinations or pre-existing conditions. ASPE information is available at <https://www.sevencorners.com/gov/USDOS>.

- **Program Funding**

The program will cover all participant costs, including round-trip international travel, alumni activities, lodging, stipends, all in-country program-related expenses (including domestic travel for visa interviews and/or pre-departure orientation), in-country lodging and expenses, and other program associated costs.

APPLICATION AND PROGRAM TIMELINE

- December 7, 2022: Application Opens
- December 27, 2022: Application Closes
- January 9, 2023: Shortlisted applicants will be notified
- January 10-13, 2023: Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed
- April 2023 – Selected participants travel to the United States for SEAYLP
- APPLY HERE: <https://bit.ly/2023SEAYLP>
- Application Deadline: December 27, 2022, 11:59 P.M. Philippine Standard Time

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- Due to the number of applications received, the Secretariat may not be able to acknowledge receipt of each application.
 - Applicants selected for interviews will be notified via email in early January 2023.
 - Successful applicants will be notified via email. Results will also be posted on the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines' official Facebook page.
 - For questions, please email usexchangesph@state.gov.