The U.S. Government, in partnership with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), launched the inaugural ASEAN-U.S. Science and Technology (S&T) Fellowship in April 2014. Over the next several years, the Fellowship will place emerging science leaders into government ministries to strengthen evidence-based policy making. The Fellowship also empowers young leaders to engage in policies that drive national priorities and impact the lives of citizens in ASEAN. This approach is modeled after the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellowship, which has placed over 2,600 fellows in U.S. Government agencies for over 40 years.

**EMPOWERING EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS IN ASEAN**

Supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Department of State, the Fellowship develops a cadre of ASEAN scientists that can effectively influence the policymaking process at national and regional levels.

Fellows are embedded within a government office in their home country for one year and work on a variety of tasks to help their offices, countries, and ASEAN. During the inaugural year, a Fellow from Myanmar wrote policy briefs on the role of corporate social responsibility in hydropower projects in the Lower Mekong sub-region and facilitated a workshop to help stakeholders and senior officials better understand sustainable biodiversity conservation problems and solutions in the vicinity of these projects. In Vietnam, two Fellows engaged in a policy dialogue to discuss how climate change will affect cities’ coastal planning, and one went on to prepare training material for local authorities to aid in their understanding of weather and climate forecasts in their policy making process.

The program also trains Fellows to develop strong leadership skills and raises their awareness of ASEAN goals and objectives. Current and future Fellows will form a network to continue to promote the program and the importance of increased dialogue between scientists and policymakers.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

Fellows are required to be citizens of an ASEAN Member State, hold an advanced degree, and have at least three years of work experience to be considered. In addition, Fellows are selected based upon their technical background, professional accomplishments, leadership potential, inter-personal and outreach skills, and commitment to Fellowship goals. The next call for applications will take place in November 2015. For more information, contact: ASEANsciencefellows@dai.com
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