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Rotary establishes a Peace Studies Center in Bangkok Rotary clubs conduct candidate interviews beginning October 2005

(BANGKOK, 28 September) --- As part of its ongoing effort to promote world peace and international understanding, Rotary International has established a new peace studies program at Chulalongkorn University (CU) in Bangkok, Thailand. The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program will offer an intensive three-month course in peace studies, conflict resolution and mediation training aimed at upper-level professionals in governments, non-governmental organizations, private corporations, and media agencies.

The program, which begins its first session in July 2006, is especially targeted towards candidates who have demonstrated a commitment to world peace and conflict resolution and who are currently employed with 5-10 years of professional experience in a field that utilizes conflict resolution strategies.

Local Rotary clubs are currently accepting applications for the 2006-07 program year. Candidates will be interviewed by Rotary clubs until the end of 2005.

Each participant's employer will be asked to cover the US\$5,000 cost of the three-month session, including tuition, room-and-board, educational materials, and other program-related expenses. The Rotary Foundation will cover the expenses of roundtrip travel for participants living outside of Bangkok. A limited number of full and partial fellowships are available for candidates whose employers cannot afford the full cost of the program.

For more information and a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program application, please contact your local Rotary club or send an email to BangkokPeaceStudies@rotaryintl.org. For assistance locating local Rotary clubs, please refer to the Club Locator function of the Rotary International Web site at www.rotary.org. Interested individuals can also consult the RI Web site at www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html for more information or to download an application.

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