Noor Maajidah Mahmud of Brunei and Gabriel Duen Yue Chan of Singapore, representing the World Wildlife Fund, look over the other teams’ proposals in Tuesday’s practice run of a diplomatic simulation the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program group will present Nov. 18 in Washington, D.C. SEAYLP participants return to their home countries Nov. 20.

Diplomatic maneuvers and farewells to host families

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Making things happen: One SEAYLP student reflects*

Be the change you want to see in the world. So were the words of the great Gandhi. Years later, his words still remain etched in my head. The message was simple. You have the power to change the world. Gandhi was not talking to one specific person. He was talking to mankind, all of us. We have the potential to drastically change the world in which we live. All it takes is one simple step; do something. Make a difference in life.

Kyle Chan, Malaysia
*Facebook posting

Learning all the time: Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program participants spent a day learning about big river ecology, including the life cycle of the crayfish, at the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, Iowa.

Bottom left, participants met with their teenage peers at the Illinois Math and Science Academy and learned more about environmental science, and also tested water samples from the Fox River.
1. SEAYLP this week: Diplomacy, farewells, and on to Washington, D.C.

After a weekend with their host families, the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) participants got down to their big project: practicing for a diplomacy simulation the group will present at the U.S. State Department on Thursday, Nov. 18, under the auspices of the U.S. Diplomacy Center. SEAYLP graduate assistant Shahin Aftabizadeh (anthropology), who is coordinating the simulation exercise, divided the participants into five “stakeholder” groups to work on the problem of overfishing in the Pacific: Japan, Micronesia, the United Nations, the World Wildlife Fund, and the United States. Each group prepared a position paper, defended it, made changes, and then participated with all five groups in an active negotiation. “Our goal is to provide a context in which participants can practice and employ negotiation skills in their home countries,” said Aftabizadeh, who has used some of the same skills working with refugees on the Thailand-Burma border.

Before leaving NIU Nov. 13 on a study tour focusing on the life of Abraham Lincoln and ending in Washington, D.C., the group visited the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, Iowa; spent a day at the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora; planted trees at Afton Prairie Forest Preserve near DeKalb; and said goodbye to the host families with whom they’ve lived for much of their time at NIU. They will return to their home countries Nov. 20.

2. Lecture caps International Education Week celebration this week

The center joins the Division of International Programs in celebrating International Education Week Nov. 15–19, which will be capped by a lecture Friday, Nov. 19, by associate professor and center associate Eric Jones (history). Jones will present “The Value of Study Abroad: Engaged Learning Through Global Engagement” at a luncheon and lecture at noon in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center, co-sponsored by CSEAS and International Programs. International Programs has planned a number of campus activities beginning on Monday, Nov. 15, with an invitation-only luncheon honoring NIU faculty involved in study abroad programs, a faculty workshop on leading study-abroad programs led by experienced faculty (including Jones), and international foods served all week in the Blackhawk Cafeteria and Ellington’s at the Holmes Student Center. On the schedule for Wednesday, Nov. 17, is a study-abroad alumni reunion and pizza party from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, followed at 2 p.m. by a workshop for students interested in
applying for Fulbright grants. To hear students’ perspectives on the study abroad experience, there will be a panel discussion at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. Earlier that day, Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, will hold an invitation-only induction ceremony at which NIU College of Business Dean Denise Schoenbachler will be inducted and speak about her college’s efforts to broaden its international reach. Former center director and professor emeritus Clark Neher (political science) will be initiated as an honorary member. This year’s International Week theme is “Global NIYou.”

3. CSEAS Council welcomes three new center affiliates

The center welcomes associate professor Sean Farrell (history) and assistant professors Alecia Santuzzi (psychology) and Tomoyuki Shibata (public health) as CSEAS affiliates for the 2010–11 academic year. They join 2010–11 CSEAS adjuncts Michael Hawkins (Creighton University), Nancy Lutz (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville), and independent scholar Alan Potkin.

4. Southeast Asia Club meeting and fundraiser, Nov. 15

The Southeast Asia (SEA) Club will hold its final general meeting of the semester on Monday, Nov. 15, in DuSable Hall 206 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The event is open to all. Free food will be served. The meeting will include raising funds for the victims of the recent volcano eruption in Indonesia. For further information, please contact Melanie Francia at melaniefrancia@gmail.com.

5. U.S. Student Fulbright Workshop, Nov. 17

A workshop to inform students about U.S. Student Fulbright Grant opportunities will be held on Wed., Nov. 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Holmes Student Center. Megan Spillman of the Institute of International Education, the administrators of the Student Fulbright, will share tips for creating a strong proposal. Deb Pierce and Pamela Rosenberg of NIU International Programs will discuss the NIU perspective on Fulbright. In the recent past, NIU students have been quite competitive for this prestigious fellowship for graduate teaching, research, or study abroad. It’s never too early to start preparing for Fulbright grants! For information, visit the Division of International Programs website at: http://www.niu.edu/international/fulbright/studentfulbright/index.shtml.
6. Study abroad in SEA through NIU: Malaysia/Brunei and Thailand

NIU is offering two opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia during the summer of 2011 with NIU faculty members and center associates. Associate professor (anthropology) Andrea Molnar is leading a group to Thailand to explore cultural diversity, while associate professor Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia and Brunei. Both are NIU study abroad courses offering courses offering credit for graduate and undergraduate students. For information about programs, financial aid, provost travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; call 815-753-0304; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.

- **Study Abroad Malaysia/Brunei: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, May 15–June 3**: Three-week program led by associate history professor Eric Jones incorporates a home-stay experience with significant time spent in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the Islamic center of Brunei. Financial aid available to qualified applicants. For a video about the program, including images from the 2007 trip, see Jones’s video on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). **Deadline to apply:** March 15.

- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, May 30–June 25**: Three-week program led by associate anthropology professor Andrea Molnar focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to the culture and diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, the existing power relations between dominant and minority groups, and the practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life. **Deadline to apply:** To be determined.

7. Advanced Filipino Abroad Program applications available

Applications are now available for intermediate Tagalog students (juniors, seniors, or graduate students) interested in traveling to the Philippines next summer for an intensive eight weeks of language training from June 11 to Aug. 6 at Bulacan State and Ateno de Manila universities. The [Advanced Filipino Abroad Program](http://www.niu.edu), a U.S. Department of Education-funded project, is supported by Southeast Asia Consortium centers (including NIU) and the Consortium for the Advancement of Filipino, and is coordinated by Dr. Teresita Ramos of the University of Hawaii-Manoa. **Application deadline:** Feb. 7.

Fellowships covering transportation and partial program costs are available. NIU students who wish to apply should coordinate through the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; call 815-753-0304; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu.
8. Conferences and calls for papers

- **International Conference on Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia**, Jan. 4–5, 2011, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Theme is “Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia: Islam, Mergers, and Margins.” Details forthcoming; NIU co-sponsoring.

- **Cornell University Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference**, March 11–13, 2011. Kahin Center for Advanced Research on Southeast Asia, Ithaca, NY. Thirteenth annual conference sponsored by Cornell’s Southeast Asia Program. Graduate students in gender studies, social and economic development, culture, musicology, art, history, religion, politics, government, international relations, and linguistics are encouraged to submit abstract and one-page CV. **Deadline: Jan. 10, 2011.** Some travel subventions available. Send to: seapgradconference@gmail.com. For details, e-mail seap@cornell.edu.


- **Fourth International Indonesia Forum Conference**, June 28–29, Yogyakarta State University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Theme is “Enriching Future Generations: Education Promoting Indonesian Self-Development.” Co-sponsored by Yale University and Yogyakarta State University. Send one-page abstracts in electronic form (PDF or MSWord) as well as brief CV to Frank Dhont at frank.dhont@yale.edu. For details, see the conference website. **Deadline: March 31, 2011.**

9. Money for study: Fellowships, scholarships, and more

- United Nations Development Programme is accepting applications for its Human Development Media Fellowship. Theme: “Gender: Empowering Women as Agents of Change for Human Development.” **Deadline to apply: Nov. 30.** For details and application, go to UNDP website or e-mail mediafellowship@icfi.com.

10. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see the consulate website.

- The [Cambodian Association of Illinois](http://www.cambodianamericanheritagemuseum.org) holds free traditional Cambodian music and dance lessons Sundays at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and on weekends by appointment.

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