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1. Relief efforts underway to aid flood victims in Thailand, Cambodia

Catastrophic recent flooding in mainland Southeast Asia, particularly in Thailand and Cambodia, is the worst in fifty years, according to published reports. The monsoon and tropical storm floodwaters have displaced millions of people and put many others at risk of disease, injury and hardship as waters ebb. Rebuilding efforts and disaster relief will be ongoing for months in Thailand and Cambodia, as well as Laos and Vietnam, with an estimated three million hectares of rice fields in the region flooded out. “Even though the water is receding in many provinces and factories are re-opening,” said Chicago’s Thai Consul General Narong Sasitorn at an International Education Week event at NIU last week, “there are still challenges now and ahead of us.” The U.S. embassies in both countries are providing aid and funds, coordinating with humanitarian assistance teams from the U.S. military and routing millions of dollars in U.S. assistance funds. The United Nations, through UNICEF, is distributing insecticide-treated mosquito nets and other assistance. In Cambodia, the embassy is working through the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, which is sending aid and donations to local relief organizations, Save the Children, and World Vision. The Thailand and Cambodia chapters of the International Red Cross are also distributing aid and accepting funds for relief efforts. CSEAS extends its sympathy to all affected by this crisis and has compiled a contact list of entities offering assistance:

- **International Red Cross**: Both the [Cambodian Red Cross](#) and [Thai Red Cross](#) are accepting donations for relief efforts through their respective websites.

- **Royal Thai Embassy**: Donations to flood victims in Thailand are being accepted through the embassy. Send checks or money orders (payable to Royal Thai Embassy) to Consular Affairs Section, Royal Thai Embassy, 1024 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007. See the embassy’s Facebook page (Royal Thai Embassy, Washington, D.C.) for donation updates or call the embassy’s First Secretary Nipatsorn Kampa at 202-285-1547.

- **Save the Children**: International aid organization is accepting donations for flood relief in Thailand through its Thailand Floods Children in Emergency Fund. See the [Save the Children](#) website.

- **Royal Embassy of Cambodia**: Contact the embassy at 4530 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20011; phone 202-726-7742.

- **World Vision Cambodia**: International aid group is distributing rice to affected communities where rice fields and other food sources have been compromised by flooding. See the [Save the Children Cambodia](#) website.
2. Action plans done, diplomatic skills learned, fall 2011 SEAYLP wraps up in D.C.
After a hectic week in the nation’s capital, the fall 2011 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) group boarded planes at Dulles International Airport Saturday, Nov. 19, to return to their home countries of Brunei, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam. The day before leaving DeKalb for Washington, D.C., individual country groups presented the community action plans they had been working on during their time on campus and the adult leaders had lunch with DeKalb Mayor Kris Povlsen. Upon their arrival in D.C. on Nov. 13, the group visited Lafayette Park and the perimeter of the White House before sharing a celebratory seafood dinner in Alexandria, Va., and checking into their hotel. The week’s activities included trips to historical sites, including the home of Frederick Douglass and the summer cottage of Abraham Lincoln, as well as to various museums in the Smithsonian Institution, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, the new Martin Luther King Jr. monument, and the Franklin Delano Roosevelt monument. “The rangers that took us into the Frederick Douglass house were excellent and the house is very well kept with great artifacts,” said SEAYLP manager, Maria “Rai” Hancock. The group also visited the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Great Falls Park in Virginia, where ranger Kelly Fox of the National Park Service told them about the park’s history.
and the park service’s conservation efforts. Some group members were later interviewed by Voice of America while a few hardy souls ventured out on a hike to the park’s signature waterfalls, Hancock said. Later in the week, the group learned more about NGOs in presentations at The Asia Foundation, where the group was hosted by Associate Director and NIU alumnus John Brandon, and the United Nations Foundation, which outlined its Girl Up Program for women and girl empowerment. On Nov. 17, SEAYLP participants convened for the day at the U.S. State Department, which funds SEAYLP through its Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. While in DeKalb, the group began work on a role-playing diplomatic simulation involving Pacific fisheries in preparation for a formal presentation at the State Department. “The participants did excellent on their diplomatic simulation and were even complimented by the State Department’s Lauren Fischer who moderated the simulation,” Hancock said. The bureau’s Carolyn Lantz and Jen Bookbinder addressed the group, along with East Asia and Pacific Bureau Public Diplomacy Deputy Director Kathryn Schalow and ASEAN Affairs Officer John McGuire. On Nov. 18, the group visited the Capitol and the congressional office of Rep. Randy Hultgren, R-Ill. Then it was back to the hotel for a farewell get-together and to pack before the long trip home. The spring 2012 session of SEAYLP is scheduled for April 10–May 3.

3. Peace-building in conflict areas of SEA focus of Dec. 1 seminar
NIU anthropologists and center associates Judy Ledgerwood, Andrea Katalin Molnar, and Susan Russell will join NIU political scientist Chris Jones (Associate Vice Provost for University Honors Program) and two visiting Thai scholars from 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 1, for a morning seminar and roundtable discussion on peace-building in conflict zones of Southeast Asia in 334 Graham Hall. The participating Thai scholars are NIU alumni Srisompob Jitpiromsri (Ph.D. political science, 1997), director of the Center for Conflict Studies and Cultural Diversity at Prince of Songkla University, and Chandranuj Mahakanjana (Ph.D. political science, 2004), assistant professor of public administration at the National Institute for Development Administration. Presenters will focus on efforts of academic institutions, NGOs, and civil society to develop new peace norms and create opportunities for peace-building.
dialogue. The seminar is a collaboration between the Department of Anthropology, the Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD), and CSEAS.

4. Center associates update: Distinction for Posadas and more news

* Professor Barbara M. Posadas (history) received a College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Distinguished Alumni, Faculty and Staff service award Oct. 14, one of eleven honorees. Posadas, who joined the History Department in 1974 and received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1976, teaches Asian American history, U.S. women’s history, and immigration and ethnic history. Her forthcoming book, *Filipino Chicagoans, 1898–1965*, is under contract with the University of Illinois Press. Posadas’ research examines Filipino migration to and settlement in the Chicago area along the themes of community, race, and transnationalism. In addition to her NIU duties, Posadas currently serves as president of the Immigration & Ethnic History Society. The center warmly congratulates Posadas on her Distinguished Professor designation.

* Professor Susan Russell (anthropology) attended the International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement annual conference Nov. 2–4 in Chicago. Russell was at the conference, which was co-sponsored by NIU along with other Chicago-area academic institutions, with NIU’s Judith Hermanson and Nancy Castle (Center for NGO Leadership and Development Studies) and Murali Krishnamurti (Faculty Development Office). Last week, Russell traveled to Montreal for the Nov. 16–20 American Anthropological Association annual meeting.

* Associate professor Eric Jones (history) will be teaching a hybrid online course, HIST 475: YE1, in spring. The course will examine the interactions between the U.S. and Southeast Asia. “Running the gamut from economic aid to internal meddling to full-scale war, the United States has had an intense relationship with all of the countries of Southeast Asia,” Jones says in his course description. “Drawing on primary source foreign relations documents and secondary source historical readings we will learn together about U.S.-Southeast Asian interactions and students will research the histories of those entanglements.” This course will meet primarily online, with face-to-face meetings on Jan. 31, March 20, and May 5 at Waubonsee Community College, Jones notes.

* The Nov. 14 issue of the Indonesian magazine *Tempo* includes mentions of assistant political science professors Michael Buehler and Kikue Hamayotsu. One article highlighting Indonesian scholars in the U.S. begins with a short profile of Buehler and describes him and Hamayotsu as members of the “4th generation of Indonesian experts in the USA.” Buehler, who received his Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, came to NIU in fall 2010 after two years at the Weatherhead Institute at Columbia University and previous experience as a consultant, research fellow, and political analyst on Indonesia. Hamayotsu received her Ph.D. from Australia National University and came to NIU in 2007,
also via the Weatherhead Institute where she was a postdoctoral fellow. Also in the article, former CSEAS director Dwight King, political science professor emeritus, is cited as an expert who introduced the concept of neo-corporatism to Indonesian studies, analyzing state-business arrangements during the New Order. In the same issue, an article on the Oct. 22 Cornell-Yale Northeastern Conference on Indonesia at Cornell University takes note of Hamayotsu, who presented “A Conservative Turn in Democratic Indonesia? Rising Religious Intolerance and the Future of Muslim Democracy” there.

5. On the hustings in New York: CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen (history) met with Southeast Asian political expert and keynote speaker Duncan McCargo, right, while at the Borders and Frontiers conference Nov. 11 at Columbia University’s Weatherhead Institute. Jacobsen moderated a panel on power, ideology and identity. Panel members, all from Columbia, discussed AIDS orphans in Vietnam, integrated Islamic schools in Indonesia, gender discourse in Indonesia, and ethnic environmentalism and military-capitalist dispossession on the Burma-China-Tibet-India borders. Speaking earlier in the day was NIU Ph.D. political science candidate Peni Hanggarini Sugondho, who presented “Intra-Cultural Border Disputes in Southeast Asia: Indonesia-Malaysia and Thailand-Cambodia.” In his keynote address, McCargo, a Weatherhead visiting scholar from Leeds University, spoke about the political and historical dynamics in the ongoing conflict in the Pattani, Yala, and Narathiwat provinces on Thailand’s southern border.

6. Apply for summer FLAS fellowship by Dec. 1
Information and forms to apply for a summer 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship are now posted on the CSEAS website; deadline to apply is Dec. 1. FLAS fellowships, which are funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, over the summer. Top priority will be given to students planning to study a language in a Southeast Asian country. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of $2,500; in addition, the program covers tuition at a Southeast Asia language program to $4,000. Qualified undergraduate or graduate students from any accredited U.S. higher education institution may apply, but must do so as a visiting student (undergraduate) or as a student-at-large (graduate) at NIU. For details and a list of accepted language schools, see the center website.

7. And gamelan makes four: Spring course list up on website
You’ll find three new courses and the return of center associate Jui-Ching Wang’s gamelan class spring on the Southeast Asian Studies course list now posted on the center website. NIU art historian and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond will be teaching on music, dance and theatre as visualized in Southeast Asian art in Students on a field trip to NIU from Evanston Township High School get a lesson on NIU’s Javanese gamelan. (CSEAS photo)
ARTH 494/701 from 2 to 4:40 p.m. Mondays in Room 202 of the Jack Arends Art Building. Assistant history professor and CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen will be delving into the history of Buddhist Southeast Asia in HIST 442/552 from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in 446 DuSable. Political science Ph.D. candidate Dan Pojar will be teaching about contemporary foreign policy in Southeast Asia in POLS 384, which meets from noon to 12:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in 246 DuSable. Assistant music professor Jui-Ching Wang offers an introduction into the mysteries of playing gamelan music (no audition required) in MUSC 398-1/698-1, which will be held 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays in Room 102 of the Music Building. The spring course list includes only those courses that can be used to fulfill the Southeast Asian Studies graduate concentration or undergraduate minor/contract major.

8. Campus notes: Phi Beta Delta inductions; study abroad photo show
   - A number of undergraduate and graduate students affiliated with CSEAS were inducted into the Phi Beta Delta international honor society on Nov. 16 during International Education Week. Students Emily Dow, Shay Galto, Silvia Ginting, Colleen Gray, Joseph Kinzer, Raymond Maximo, Brett McCabe and Jennifer Puetz, along with NIU alumna and External Programming staff member Julie Edmunds (M.A. anthropology, 2011), received the honor from NIU’s Zeta Gamma chapter. Prior to student and staff inductions, three honorary members were inducted and spoke to the group: John W. Castle, Thai Consul General Narong Sasitorn, and NIU alumna Evelina Jose Cichy (M.A. political science, 1976). Phi Beta Delta was founded in 1985 in Long Beach, Calif., and is the first national honor society recognizing scholarly achievement in international education. Thirty-two students and ten staff members in all were inducted this year. To raise funds for its activities, the society is selling calendars and coffee mugs this year; see details on center website.
   - If you walked by the Holmes Student Center Glass Gallery during International Education Week last week, you would have seen “Experiencing and Discovering,” an exhibit of digital photographs taken by sculpture graduate student and center FLAS fellow Siew Lian Lim. Lim took the pictures while on last summer’s Malaysia-Brunei study-abroad program led by center associate Eric Jones (history). Her images graced the gallery through Nov. 18. The exhibit was sponsored by the NIU Study Abroad office. Lim was recently profiled in a front-page story in the Northern Star.

9. Start thinking about summer study abroad: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand
   NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer with NIU faculty members. CSEAS associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh time; CSEAS associate Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program; and center adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health) is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia. All are NIU study abroad programs offering course credit for both graduate and undergraduate students. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and
applications, contact the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail niuabroad@niu.edu. Study Abroad 101, a workshop on the ins and outs of studying abroad, meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

- **Public Health and Health Programs in Indonesia, June 4–22:** Three-week program open to a wide academic audience, including students of public health, nursing, pre-med, nutrition, geography, environmental studies, and Southeast Asian studies. Program builds on summer 2011 research project in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by assistant public health professor Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. For more details, email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu.

- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 15–July 14:** Four-week program focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course introduces students to diversity of cultural groups in Thailand, power relations between dominant and minority groups, and practical implications of these relations in everyday Thai life. **Deadline to apply: March 1.**

- **Study Abroad Malaysia: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, July 22–Aug. 10:** Three-week program will be of interest to students interested in history of Southeast Asia, globalization, comparative religion, colonial and post-colonial culture and incorporates significant time in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the agricultural Cameron Highlands. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

10. **Save the date:** Grad student research and artistry conference

- Dec. 17: Deadline to submit presentation proposals for Graduate Student Research Association (GSRA)’s third annual Research and Artistry Conference set for March 31 in the Holmes Student Center. Students who want to present research, artistry or performance must provide detailed description of proposed activity. See application on GSRA website. Acceptance notification Feb. 1. For details, email gsra@niu.edu.

11. Get your paper on: First call for abstracts for SEA Club spring student conference

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2012 spring student conference. The conference theme and emphasis of the keynote address will be “Western Influence in Southeast Asia.” Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. Abstracts accepted Nov. 14 through Feb. 24. They should be no more than 400 words and submitted as Word documents. Paper due dates will be sent after abstracts are received and approved. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at rkollas@niu.edu.

12. **Assistant professor openings: Burmese language; anthropology/NGOLD**

- CSEAS and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures announce that applications are being accepted for a tenure-track position to teach Burmese at all levels beginning in fall 2012. Native or near-native fluency in Burmese and English and a Ph.D. in Burmese or relevant field by time of appointment are required. As an assistant professor, the successful candidate will mentor students, liaise with the centers for Southeast Asian Studies and Burma Studies,
participate in local, national, and international committees in addition to teaching. Complete applications due Dec. 1. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and dossier including three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Katharina Barbe, Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, NIU, DeKalb, IL 60115. For complete job description, see NIU Human Resources website.

- The Department of Anthropology and the Center for NGO Leadership & Development announce an Aug. 2012 appointment for a tenure-track anthropology position to teach courses in anthropology and in community leadership at undergraduate and graduate levels. A Ph.D. in anthropology or closely related field, and active research program is required, along with experience working with local and transnational NGOs or underserved communities. Preference will be given to candidates with Southeast Asia experience. Applications due Jan. 1. For complete job description, see NIU Human Resources website.

13. Job opportunities and internships

**Cornell University**

- **Assistant professor:** Humanities specialist in literature and/or religion and/or culture of one or more SEA countries wanted for Department of Asian Studies to begin July 2012. Ph.D. required. Scholars with strong record in research and publishing, in addition to interdisciplinary and comparative work, encouraged to apply. Submit cover letter, statement of research and teaching, CV, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation online. NEW

**University of Cincinnati**

- **Assistant professor:** Historian trained in either the history of Southeast Asia or East Asia (preferably Japan, but not excluding Korea or pre-20th century China) wanted for tenure-track position. Candidate should expect to participate in teaching regional surveys as well as upper-division undergraduate and graduate courses in his/her specialty. Ph.D. by July 2012 required. Submit cover letter, CV, and brief writing sample (approximately article length) online. Three letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Chair, East Asia/SE Asia Search Committee, Department of History, University of Cincinnati, 360 McMicken Hall, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0373. Review to begin Nov. 21. For details, email hope.earls@uc.edu. NEW

**Idealist.org**

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the Idealist website.

**U.S. State Department**

- Area studies can lead to a career in the diplomatic corps. Check out job opportunities and career paths at State Department website.

14. Conferences and calls for papers

- **International Seminar: Twenty Years of Greater Mekong Sub-region,** Dec. 8–9, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Conference examining impact and future of creation of the sub-region followed by two days of field studies.
Southeast Asia: Between the Lines, Dec. 9–10, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. An interdisciplinary graduate student conference. For details, call 734-764-5261.

Third SEE-SEA International Conference, Feb. 10–12, University of Chicago. Co-convened by CSEAS and the UC Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies. Theme: “From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia.” Details posted on center website.

Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference, March 2–4, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Graduate student papers welcome on any aspect of Southeast Asia for this annual spring symposium. Deadline for submission: Dec. 10. Limited number of travel subventions available. Email abstracts to seapgradconference@gmail.com. For details, see symposium website.

Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 15–18, Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see conference website.

Ninth International Conference on the Philippines, Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. Deadline for proposals and abstracts: March 1. Send to ICOPHIL Committee, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035. For details, contact asiansc@msu.edu.

International Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia, Sept. 14–16, Northern Illinois University. Individual papers and suggestions for panel speakers and themes are invited. Deadline for abstracts March 15; deadline for papers June 15. See details center website.

15. Money for study

David L. Boren awards

Fellowships and scholarships: Opportunity for graduates and undergraduates to study abroad for one year and hone language skills. Grants range from up to $20,000 for undergraduates to $30,000 for graduate students. To apply for the 2012–13 programs, see the Boren website. Boren awards are administered by the Institute of International Education. Fellowship deadline to apply: Jan. 31. Scholarship deadline: Feb. 9.

East-West Center

Graduate degree fellowships: Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs at East-West Center while pursuing degree at University of Hawai‘i.

16. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

Lao writer/director/producer Thavisouk Phrasavath of Elgin will talk about his book, Stepped Out of the Womb, and the film The Betrayal, will be screened from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, in the Community Room at the Elgin Gail Borden Library. Event free; registration requested at 847-429-4597. Contact Aloune Khotisene, Southeast Asian Youth Program Director, Elgin YWCA, at akhotisene@ywcaelgin.org.

“Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The Cambodian Association of Illinois also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons Sundays.
- The Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute is a non-profit group dedicated to the education, preservation, and promotion of Thai culture and fine arts in the Chicago area. For details, call 312-725-0640 or write Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute, 1960 Oak Knoll Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate website.

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.