

The Parliamentary Youth Program on Democracy

The Secretariat of the House of Representatives of Thailand has established the Parliamentary Youth Program on Democracy in 2002 in view of the fact that the youths are the future generation of the country. The youth program has been running for 7 years now and 2,151 youths, who are 15-20 years old, have completed the program. Normally, the Secretariat holds the training programs twice a year in the summer for 320 youths from 76 provinces nationwide (4 youths from each province and 20 youths from Bangkok).

In aiming to establishing the democratic culture for the Thai youths, the program holds the philosophy of “Building the new generation to possess the vision, the way of thinking, the way of life, moral, awareness and belief in a democratic regime of government with the King as Head of the State.” In addition, the program’s objectives are as follows:

1. To enhance and promote knowledge and understanding of the youths about politics and parliamentary democracy with the King as Head of the State.
2. To encourage the youths to be interested in studying and following up political situations and government performances in all areas, including government’s actions in economics, social and environment.
3. To provide opportunities for the youths to be a part of politics and to offer their political opinions and views on the government as well as to enable them to further their knowledge and experiences obtained from the program to create democratic youths networks to profess

democratic knowledge and to perform activities for communities, societies and the country.

4. To create moral awareness among the youths to their co-existence with others in the society and adherence to sufficiency way of life.

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The youth program is designed to cover the following areas:

1. Substantive focus:

- Democratic regime of government with the King as Head of the State
- Rights, liberty and dignity of persons and human rights protection
- Independent organizations and scrutiny of State authority
- Youths as part of national development
- Democratic youths network
- The King's development projects

2. Experiences focus:

- Study visits
 - Political analysis
 - Simulations
 - Relationship group / learning activities at knowledge stations
 - Personality development
 - Exchanges of knowledge
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