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United States Holds Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Workshop: “YSEALI Generation – Power of Human Capital” in Singapore

On December 3, 2014, 60 young Southeast Asian youth from all ten ASEAN member countries will attend the opening ceremony of the “YSEALI Generation – Power of Human Capital” Workshop in Singapore. The YSEALI Generation Workshop, funded by the U.S. Department of State, is a five day program to provide promising young leaders opportunities to network with, and learn from, successful American businesspersons, CEOs and other dynamic mentors.

The YSEALI Generation Workshop will give participants the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, networking, job hunting and decision-making so participants can be better prepared to lead their communities. Singapore is represented by 10 participants with diverse backgrounds and interests, ranging from aerospace to early childhood education to law enforcement. Along with their fellow participants from Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, they are working towards tackling their generation’s greatest challenges: civic engagement, education, economic development, and environmental protection. The participants will learn from and be mentored by corporate execs, thought leaders and international development pioneers.

YSEALI is President Obama’s signature initiative to strengthen leadership development across ASEAN, deepen engagement with young leaders on key regional and global challenges, and strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and Southeast Asia. Deepening collaboration with young leaders is a critical element of the United States’ rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region. On November 14, 2014, President Obama announced a significant expansion of YSEALI – bringing 500 exceptional young leaders to the U.S. on an annual basis to further develop their professional and leadership skills in entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, environment and natural resources management, and civic engagement. More information on the YSEALI can be found online at youngsoutheastasianleaders.state.gov.