

AFS-THA : Language & Culture Course for YPysNH09

AFS Thailand organized the Language & Culture Course for 20 AFS-YES and 5 students from the US Embassy scholarship programs. The students took the course at AUA (American University Alumni Language Center), Bangkok, during March 22-27, 2009.



Mr. Sanan Angubolkul, AFS Thailand Chairman, and Mr. John Paul Schutte, Cultural Affairs Officer from the US Embassy presented at the opening ceremony giving a warm welcome to the students, their natural parents and US host families who attended the function that day.



From March 22-26, the students stayed with US families residing in Bangkok. This was their first step to become exchange students in USA. During the course at AUA, they practiced and learned 4 major skills: computer presentation, video project, US history & geography and Language & Culture.



At the ending ceremony on 27 March, AFS-THA was received the honor from H.E. Eric G. John, the US Ambassador who attended the function as our Chair of the event. The students had a wonderful opportunity to receive the certificates from the US Ambassador. The program was compact with various subjects and activities, and the students gained so much advantage and had a wonderful time with their host families. Many of them commented, "I wish the program could be made longer."



YPysNH09 participants received the certificate of completion from H.E. Eric G. John, US Ambassador.

After the long good-bye, 25 students from AFS-YES program and US Embassy Scholarship grantees joined a small function at AFS-THA head office for the program evaluation. The discussion about how the students adapt to the new families had been brought up and the inquiries about religion had been answered at the meeting.

The following day, AFS-THA set a special program for the students to visit the Grand Palace, Ratanakosin Island and the Siam Museum. The purpose of this trip was to educate the students of Thai Heritage which would be useful for their presentation preparation.

This project first started in 2006 when AFS-THA was granted the AFS-YES scholarship. This year is also marked as the 4th successful year for all students who participate in the program.



At the Grand Palace and Siam Museum