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Dear Prof. Yuphaphan Hoonchamlong,

Subject: A request for promoting the Thai Educational Service Learning Program (TESL)

It is our pleasure to introduce our foundation to you. We, EDF (the Education for Development Foundation, are a non-profit organization officially-registered under the law of the Kingdom of Thailand with the Ministry of Finance on 22nd July 1991. Our foundation is chaired by Col. Somkid Sreesangkom, a Senator from Udonthani Province, and is currently managed by Mr. Sunphet Nilrat, managing director. Since 1987, we have worked tirelessly to provide scholarships and implement sustainable development projects for poor students and schools in the 19 provinces of northeast Thailand. To date, we have provided 220,000 scholarships to junior high school students who otherwise would have had to end or curtail their education.

It is our privilege to introduce you to EDF's Thai Educational Service Learning Program (TESL). The program is initiated to offer a unique opportunity for <u>Thai language speaking American undergraduate or graduate students</u>, aged over 18 to gain realization about social, poverty, and education problems in rural northeast Thailand as well as to work side-by-side with us, in helping underprivileged children living in remote dire poverty areas. Our program is designed to facilitate participants to apply their various existing skills to help us do international fund raising through our actions as well as participate in the study trip to our working areas in Northeast Thailand (Isan) in the aim of fostering the deep comprehension in Thai society.

We, therefore, would be grateful for your kind consideration to publicize the enclosed TESL materials among Thai communities and Thai language speaking students in your university which will enhance the close relationship between American and Thai people living in Thailand. In addition, we believe that your kind assistance in this matter will be of great help for us in recruiting the qualified candidates of TESL who possess strong willingness to contribute their youth power for underprivileged students in Northeast Thailand, so they may become valuable future resources for their society as well as explore a chance to develop themselves and broaden their vision through our social development activities.

Thank you in advance for your time considering our request. If you have any questions regarding our programs, please visit for more information at <u>www.d-pal.org</u> or contact us at <u>tesl@d-pal.org</u> or call Ms. Sutatip Chaikaew or Ms. Nippitt Warunwatcharin, our International Coordinators, at (662) 579-9209-11. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prospective help for our activities and wish you and your family good health, happiness and prosperity. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

(Mr. Sunphet Nilrat)

Managing Director The Education for Development Foundation