

# The United Board ASEAN Visiting Lecturers Program (VLP)

## Why the VLP?

The Visiting Lecturers Program (VLP) is a unique teacher mobility program conceived by the United Board to respond to expressed needs of network institutions in the ASEAN region. It seeks to enable experienced teachers from one country to mentor younger teachers in other institutions of another country. This initiative responds to educational reforms – for better quality teaching and learning, internationalization, and greater academic and cultural integration in the ASEAN Community. The United Board seeks to promote Whole Person Education through faculty exchanges among its network institutions.

#### When?

- Starting in November 2015
- For a whole semester or school year, depending on the host institution's need and the teacher's availability.

## Where?

- Pilot: Christian colleges and universities in Myanmar
- Next: other countries in the ASEAN region

#### Who?

- Pilot: qualified and experienced teachers who, because of the educational reform in the Philippines, can take release time from their institutions.
- Those who can teach their academic subjects in English, as requested by the host institutions.
- Advocates of Whole Person Education, with wide experience in curriculum development, teaching for creativity and critical thinking, service-learning, and related subjects.
- Preferably with a PhD or equivalent degree
- must be in good health and ready to work in remote areas
- must be nominated/endorsed by the sending institution

## How?

- Fill in an application form downloadable from this site: https://www.dropbox.com/s/y10lylvi1qztw14/20150611VLP%20Application\_for%20Teacher.docx?dl=0
- United Board will arrange placement by matching the teacher's skills/experience with the host institution's need
- United Board will conduct interview and orientation as needed.

The United Board will provide the lecturer with a round-trip economy air fare, a stipend of \$500/month, funds for a health insurance policy to augment that provided by the home employer, US\$300 materials allowance, and certificate upon completion. The sending institution's head will nominate/endorse the educator, attest to her/his capability to contribute to Whole Person Education, and ensure continued provision of salary and other benefits to the lecturer during deployment. The host institution will contribute in kind, e.g. housing and food provision for the lecturer, depending on their capacity and situation.



We welcome Filipino academics to apply for the VLP to give leadership and inspiration to young teachers in Christian colleges and universities in Myanmar starting in November 2015 and beyond.

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