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The 4th Youth Network on Drugs Prevention Program on Friday 31 January 2025



On Friday 31 January 2025, Ms. Areephak Ngernbamrung, Deputy Secretary-General of NCB, presided over the opening ceremony of the 4th Youth Network on Drug Prevention Program, along with the ONCB executives who also honored the opening ceremony. The youth who participated in the program from 12 countries, namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, China, Timor-Leste. Unfortunately, Singapore, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam were unable to send representatives to participate in this event.

Ms. Areephak Ngernbamrung, Deputy Secretary-General of NCB, stated that currently, the drug problem is a problem that tends to increase, especially among children and youth who have more easily access to drugs through many channels. As a result, the average age of drug users who are youths has increased, which has an impact on the country. Since children and youth are valuable resources and are an important force in developing the country, the ONCB has organized the Youth Network on Drug Prevention Program to allow youth from each country to study, exchange knowledge, and enhance learning experiences in terms of drug prevention and drug problem solving. It also leads to the development of international cooperation and the creation of a network of cooperation among youth at the international level through the Youth Leader Conference, which will be a platform for exchanging knowledge, and ideas, and reflecting youth perspectives in participating in drug prevention and resolution.



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This project is organized for 10 days started from Thursday 30 January to Saturday 8 February 2025, allowing youth representatives from 9 countries, aged between 18 and 24 years, to discuss, exchange knowledge, and gain experience from drug study tours, including the study of the history of narcotic drugs, prevention and treatment, the study of strategic drug areas in the Greater Mekong Subregion, the alternatives development for drug prevention in the highlands, and the study tour of drug incineration in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Chiang Rai, Thailand and Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The Deputy Secretary-General of the NCB concluded that the project will lead to the development of international cooperation networks at the youth level through the Youth Leaders Conference, which will be a platform for exchanging knowledge, and ideas, and reflecting youth perspectives on their participation in preventing and solving drug problems. The ONCB sincerely hopes that this program will encourage the youth to apply their knowledge in drug prevention and drug problems solving gained from this program appropriately to the context of each country, and lead to the creation and development of youth networks in the region.