

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Gross National Happiness  
TOWARDS GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION:  
WORLD VIEWS MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
Thailand, 22 – 28 November 2007**

**INTERNATIONAL GNH YEAR PROGRAMME 2007**

- a series of ca. 30 related activities organized by partner NGO's and Youth groups; a Thai-German Seminar on Sufficiency Economy; an UNESCAP 'Green Growth' policy dialogue; a research seminar organized by the PPDO (Public Policy Development Office)
- three preparatory meetings of Thai NGO's and 3 preparatory meetings with partner NGO's from the Mekong region (in Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia)

**PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMME in November 2007**

- a choice of optional pre-conference excursions
- a pre-conference meditation retreat at Wat Hin Mak Peng, Sri Chiangmai village (ca. 60 km from Nongkhai) at the Mekong riverside

**START OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> GNH CONFERENCE – Part I**

**Wednesday 21 November – First arrivals at Nongkhai (ca 300 persons) \* venue to be confirmed**  
Wednesday evening – informal plenary gathering and cultural activity (story-telling/theater)

<b>Thursday 22 November</b>	<b>Friday 23 November</b>	<b>Saturday 24 November</b>
Optional: <b>Excursion to Laos</b> 'Education for the Future and Youth Responses to Globalization' (max. 150 persons)	<b>Plenary gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome event</li> <li>• Opening speeches</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <b>Exchanges Fair + Workshops</b> (along the border of Mekong River in make-shift booths from local material; straw houses and tents)	<b>Plenary gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <b>Exchanges Fair + Workshops</b>
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>Excursion to Laos</b>	<b>Exchanges Fair + Workshops</b>	<b>Exchanges Fair + Workshops</b>  ----- <b>Plenary gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote speech and presentations</li> </ul>
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
<b>Excursion to Laos</b> ----- Return / Additional Arrivals	<b>Story-telling in small groups</b>	<b>Loy Kratong Festival</b> Traditional full moon festival in November

<p><b>Sunday 25 November – travel from Nongkhai to Bangkok (ca 250 persons)</b>  <i>Arrivals of participants who did not attend Part I</i>  Registration in Bangkok – Sunday afternoon and evening + informal reception</p>
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**3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GROSS NATIONAL HAPPINESS – Part II**  
**Participants ca. 600 persons (300 sponsored + 300 at their own expenses) \* venue to be confirmed: Thammasat Rangsit; or: Chulalongkorn University; or: Mahidol University; or: ABAC**

<b>Monday 26 November</b>	<b>Tuesday 27 November</b>	<b>Wednesday 28 November</b>
<b>Plenary gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening ceremony and speech Prime Minister</li> <li>• Keynote speeches</li> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul>	<b>Plenary gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speeches</li> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <b>Workshops (3)</b>	<b>Public Plenary gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speeches</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <b>Public Plenary gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <b>Formal Public Closure</b>
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>Workshops (1)</b> <p>-----</p> <b>Workshops (2)</b>	<b>Workshops (4)</b> <p>-----</p> <b>Gatherings according to Four Pillars</b>	<i>Departures</i> <p>-----</p> Meetings of Committees <p>-----</p> <b>Public Exchanges Fair + Workshops</b>
<b>Reception – informal exchanges</b>	<b>Reception – informal exchanges</b>	Food stalls
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner for Committee members
<b>Cultural Festival</b>	<b>Cultural Festival</b>	<b>Cultural Festival and Youth gathering (public evening)</b>