

## PRESS RELEASE ABOUT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Name of the Event: 14th Annual International Festival of Language and Culture Thailand Gala

Date/ Time and Location: Saturday, February 13th, 2016

Registration 14:00 | Program 15:00 - 17:30

Main Hall, Thailand Cultural Centre

14 Ratchadapisek Road, Huay Kwang, Bangkok 10310

**Host(s):** Marmara Schools

**Supported by:** Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), Thailand Achievement Institution (TAI), Kaynak Education Consultancy, Thai Turkish Business Association.

**Description of Event:** The festival is an annual celebration and showcase for the diversity of linguistic talents from across the world. It is dedicated to cultivate and educate the youth and create a platform to share their cultural heritage with their peers around the world. It is our mission to rise on the wings of art and music and promote peace, love, and cultural encounters through the world.

Our vision is uniting nations of the world with universal human values. The parent organization International Festival of Language and Culture is the largest and most prominent organization for promoting world languages and cultures. The festival gives students the opportunity to showcase their singing talents in various performances while representing their own country. The students will be showcasing their singing and dancing talents in their native language and culture at this first class international festival of language and culture.

Bangkok will host students from nearly 20 different countries including Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Kansas and New Mexico and students from guest countries like USA, France, Azerbaijan, India, Vietnam, Egypt, Georgia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Indonesia, Philippines, Tunisia, Mozambique, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Laos, Myanmar and Senegal. For more information about the event, please visit our website at [www.iflcthailand.org](http://www.iflcthailand.org)

**VIPs/ Notable People in Attendance:** Need to register at [www.iflcthailand.org](http://www.iflcthailand.org)

**History of IFLC:** The International Festival of Language and Culture first started in 2003 and proceeded with only 17 countries participating. Whereas last year, 145 countries took part in this event with more than 2000 participants.

**In Thailand:** The first festival in Thailand took place last year on 15th February, 2015 Sunday. The venue was Muangthai Rachadalai Theatre which is located at the heart of Bangkok City. Students from 15 different countries including USA, France, Germany, Senegal, Albania, Indonesia have participated in this magnificent event and performed songs from their home countries. More than 2,000 people have filled up the hall to watch the show.

Last year program's Chief Guest **ML Panadda Diskul**, The Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office - Thailand mentioned in his speech: "This evening young people from all over the world from so many countries will have a unique opportunity to come together and to share their own cultures histories this will be and most enjoyable experience not only because have a chances to learn each other but new experience this also because you have opportunity to build friendship that can last life time long. The IFLC has a vision of world peace that will always remain important because it focuses on friendship, our youth and their future.

On this extraordinary occasion of the opening ceremony of the 13th IFLC, I would like to wish you all every success and of course an enjoyable experience with us here in The Kingdom of Thailand."

**Estimated Attendance:** 3,000

**Audiences/Attendees:** Everyone / open to public (required to register at [www.iflcthailand.org](http://www.iflcthailand.org))