

Personal Background

Apisit Ide Viriya

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Mr. Apisit Ide Viriya has been involved in reviving the Thai Alliance in America in the following areas.

- Played a key role in drafting the organization's by-laws and the mission statement
- Engaged the youth membership and participation in the community
- Met with key members of the Thai American community to build support in reviving the organization
- Organized general interest meetings among community stakeholders
- Led membership recruitment initiatives across multiple Thai communities

Mr. Viriya has volunteered his time to Project Michelle (Bone Marrow Donor Search) since January 2008 as the Bone Marrow Registration Drive Coordinator. Project Michelle is an effort to increase the number of registrants to the National Bone Marrow Registry so people like Michelle Maykin (of Project Michelle) may find a match and live. Through his efforts, over 200 people have been added to the National Bone Marrow Registry.

While pursuing his undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, he co-founded the Thai American Student Connections organization and also served as co-president. During his graduate studies, Mr. Viriya has served as an advisor to the Thai Student Association at the University of Maryland-College Park. Through these two student organizations he has successfully organized community service events, cultural shows, and social events.

Recent Work and Internship Experience:

- Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Intern February 2009-Present
- Royal Thai Embassy Intern January 2009-February 2009
- Mission Geoscience, Inc., Irvine, California Staff Environmental Scientist January 2007-July 2008

Education:

- BS in Geography and Environmental Systems from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.