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H.E. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Russian Federation

Your Excellency,

MGIMO University, in collaboration with the ASEAN Centre, is pleased to announce the upcoming third call for applications, commencing on March 1st, 2025. This initiative seeks to identify and select candidates for the exclusive Master's Program entitled "*Political Economy of ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership*" officially launched in 2023. The program is designed to enhance people-to-people connections among exceptional students from ASEAN and Russia, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the strengthening of our relations upon their graduation.

The curriculum of the Program encompasses three semesters featuring core courses, electives and workshops, one semester of internship, and MA thesis defense. Adopting an interdisciplinary approach, students engage with a variety of subjects, including ASEAN's role in regional and global processes, ASEAN-Russia relations, macroeconomics, microeconomics, contemporary international political economy, as well as the legal frameworks governing international relations, energy, and digital economy, among others. Educational process is conducted in English with an opportunity to learn Russian for non-Russian speakers.

MGIMO is offering travel grants and scholarships for **10 students** from ASEAN member states, covering both tuition and airfare to Moscow before the start of the studies, as well as return flights to home countries upon completing the Program. On-campus accommodation will be available at a moderate fee. The third enrollment for the Program will begin on **March 1, 2025**, with the application form accessible at **master.mgimo.ru**. The admission will remain open until **July 31**. The Program is set to commence in September 2025. This initiative opens new opportunities for inter-university cooperation, and we are dedicated to further developing it towards the establishment of joint and double degree programs in collaboration with ASEAN universities.

In this regard, we would highly appreciate if the Embassy could provide informational support for this initiative notifying the universities in Thailand interested in collaboration and assist the ASEAN Centre with identification of prospective students. The list of nominees for this MA Program may be sent to the ASEAN Centre directly.

Availing myself of this opportunity to express my highest consideration, I look forward to our further fruitful cooperation.

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