



AFS-YES, an international peace project

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She explained about the program and how the program has started.

AFS YES (Youth Exchange and Study Program) was established after the September 11 incident. Since then, the misperception toward Muslims had widespread among Americans. The US government realized that this issue urgently required readjustment. The Youth Education & Study program had been created with the intention to make dual understanding between American people and Muslims.

The number of scholarships for Thai students which has increased from 15 in the first year to 20 in 2008-2009 should confirm this project's success. From now on, exchange students' view of American people will change for the better as a result of this cultural exchange. At least, everyone has her friends and host families there.

The ultimate objective of the YES project is to have every student returning to their home towns to spread the message of peace for always.