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**Top Four Students Selected To Represent Thailand at
the 12th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI)**

-- Regional Forum will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 1-5 July 2013 --



Bangkok, March 19, 2013 – Hitachi Asia Ltd. today announced that four university students have been selected to represent Thailand at the 12th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 1-5 July 2013. The four students selected to attend the program are: Ms. Supatchaya Techachoochert, Mahidol University (1st from left), Ms. Muendao Suandee, Thammasat University (2nd from left), Mr. Thermphong Intakaew, Chiang Mai University (1st from right), and Mr. Aekarak Sethi, Mahidol University (2nd from right). The four students will join their counterparts from Indonesia, Malaysia,

The Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam and Japan at the regional forum, which features speakers from around the region.

At the recently concluded Final Student Selection Interview, Dr. Vallop Suwandee (4th from left), Former Deputy Governor of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and President of Kasem Bundit University served as the honorable chairperson of the Thailand Student Selection Panel and was joined by Mr. Thepchai Yong (3rd from left), Group Editor-in-Chief of Nation Multimedia Group Public Co., Ltd., Mr. Songrit Pongern (3rd from right), Senior Reporter of Nation Weekend Newspaper, Mr. Yoichi Yamano (5th from left), Senior Manager, Corporate Citizenship Department II, CSR Division, Hitachi, Ltd. and Ms. Giavanna Palazzolo (4th from right), Senior Director, Weber Shandwick Thailand.

Established by Hitachi, Ltd. in 1996, HYLI is a regional thought leadership and corporate social responsibility program which aims to identify and nurture Asia's future leaders. The initiative offers an opportunity for top students, not just academically, but also active social contributors in Asia to discuss regional economic and social infrastructure issues with prominent regional opinion leaders from the private, public and academic sectors.

About Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI)

The "Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative" (HYLI) is a community relations programme that aims to identify and nurture potential Asian leaders by bringing them together to discuss regional issues with influential government officials, prominent business leaders, academics and NGO representatives. Since its inauguration in Singapore in 1996, the HYLI has been successful in bringing the best and brightest students in Asia together. Currently, the seven HYLI participating countries are Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan. The initiative offers student participants a unique platform to broaden their outlook on regional and global issues while promoting Asian values and cross-cultural understanding. For more information, please visit <http://www.hitachi.com/society/global/hyli/>.

About Hitachi Asia Ltd.

Hitachi Asia Ltd., a subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., established in Singapore in 1989, operates across seven Asian countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam). Business includes information systems, power and industrial systems, R&D, and digital media systems. For more information about Hitachi Asia, please visit the website at <http://www.hitachi.com.sg>.

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