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CONSULTANT, THAILAND

Vriens & Partners (V&P) is the leading government affairs consulting firm in Southeast Asia. Headquartered in Singapore, the firm has offices in Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Myanmar, Malaysia, Cambodia and Washington DC. Our team comprises over 110 full-time employees of over ten nationalities, as well as 30 senior advisors from across the region. Our clients are primarily major multinationals, along with various business associations and non-governmental organizations. A growing advisory firm, V&P offers a dynamic and fulfilling work environment.

POSITION

The Consultant is responsible for **leading and supporting government affairs and public policy projects** in Thailand, across a variety of sectors and in a cross-cultural setting.

We expect the candidate to have **proven capacity to drive projects to completion**, work with nimble teams and external specialists of varying levels of seniority and expertise, and build and sustain external coalitions.

We prefer but do not require that the candidate have strong government experience and connections. Experience in either the government or in the private sector working with the government will be favorably considered.

We expect the candidate to be an **adept analytical and strategic thinker**, with strong English and Thai language writing skills. We expect the ability to synthesize complex information, draw conclusions, and to translate this into action. Clearly communicating plans of action to international professionals will be part of your daily work.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Strategic counsel:** Develop recommendations to facilitate client engagement with stakeholders to advance GR objectives in Thailand across various sectoral and policy issues.
- **Research:** Oversee the research and drafting of analytical reports.
- **Client management:** Serve as a point of contact with senior executives from multinational corporations across multiple projects.
- **Government relations:** Liaise and coordinate with officials at government agencies on behalf of clients.
- **Firm representation:** Represent V&P at external engagements, including business missions, meetings, workshops, and conferences.
- **Business development:** Supports proposal developments and meetings.

QUALIFICATIONS

- We prefer three to six years relevant work experience in an in-house government or external affairs role in a multi-national company, consulting, government, journalism, or think tanks – though we are also open to applications from newer graduates.
- A relevant undergraduate degree, preferably in areas of political science, economics, public policy, law, or international relations. An advanced degree is a value-add.
- Strong knowledge and understanding of Thailand's political and policy dynamics.
- Effective time management skills and ability to handle multiple tasks.
- Motivated self-starter, team player, eagerness to contribute to firm's growth.

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- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English is a must. Fluency in Thai is required.

Additional Information:

- Location: Bangkok, with occasional travel

Interested candidates should send their applications to careersthailand@vrienspartners.com and indicate the position being applied for in the subject line. Please include a cover letter demonstrating interest and fitness for the position (required) and current resume.