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IAC UPDATE:

The PSU Phuket Prospectus is now available online from the IAC website at www.iac.phuket.psu.ac.th.

It contains general information about PSU Phuket Campus, Facilities and Services, Awards and Achievements, Study Options (Undergraduate and Postgraduate), Exchange Options, Tuition and Fees, Accommodation, Student Uniforms, Admission Information, and other useful information.



Prince of Songkla University Phuket Campus

Undergraduate and Postgraduate
Prospectus



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

16 March: Delegates from the Chinese Abroad Study Centre (CASC) and Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics Visit

On Monday 16 March, delegates from the Chinese Abroad Study Centre (CASC) and Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics in China visited our campus for a short meeting to introduce their university and also to hear about PSU Phuket.



25 March: Delegates from the Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), China and the Chinese Abroad Study Centre (CASC) Visit

On Wednesday, 25 March, delegates from the Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), China and the Chinese Abroad Study Centre (CASC) visited our campus for a meeting. Our campus as well as their University was introduced, and there was a discussion about possible collaborations in the future in terms of Chinese language studies and possible summer exchange programs for Thai students in China, another great opportunity for our students!



Why Choose PSU Phuket?

Prince of Songkla University is a leading research university in Asia, fulfilling its inspiration of producing internationally recognized graduates, actively engaging in providing services to the community, and taking a leading role in the preservation and enhancement of national heritage in arts and culture.

PSU was founded in 1967 as the 1st university in southern Thailand. The name "Prince of Songkla" was bestowed by H. M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej in honor of his late father, HRH Prince Mahidol of Songkla.

Several outstanding programs, researchers, rankings, and achievements have made PSU well-known and admired as a leading educational institution, not only in Thailand, but across the ASEAN Region. A positive reputation, combined with the contributions of our high-quality researchers and academics, results in the academic excellence of PSU in many disciplines, attracting students from all over the world.

PSU has 5 campuses spread across Southern Thailand: in Trang, Phuket Campus was founded on November 14th.

PSU's acronym, i.e., IAC-OR is taken from the original (HRH Prince Mahidol of Songkla):

HRH Prince Mahidol of Songkla's declared:

"Let consideration of personal gain take second place; fortune, wealth and prestige come naturally to those who..."

Phuket Campus is presently comprised of the following 1st community college in Thailand: Faculty of Hospitality

Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management), Faculty of Art and Environment, Department of Computer Engineering, Earth Systems Science and Atmospheric Natural Disaster Mitigation College of Arts & Sciences (AICAS), Confucius Institute

tion Office.

Phuket

Phuket is one of Asia's most popular beach destinations. With its beautiful natural scenic spots, tropical rainforests, lush mountains, turquoise colored sea, tropical climate, and lovely people, the island has a lot to offer any student who comes to study here.

Beaches: There are many beaches all along the island's West coast, all with very different styles, from busy Patong Beach, to the more quiet Nai Yang Beach. You can also take a boat trip to any of the nearby islands, or go scuba diving in the Andaman Sea.

Phuket Town: Full of boutique shops, cafes, bars and old Sino-Portuguese architecture. You can also join the locals in watching a live football match at the local team Phuket FC.

Waterfalls, mountains, wildlife sanctuaries, temples, mosques.

Just north of Phuket is Phang Nga Province, with its spectacular bay of limestone cliffs, and Ao Nang National Park.

Phuket has a very relaxed island lifestyle, allowing you to enjoy the scenery, people, and watch the sunsets on a beach upon the palm trees.

Phuket Facts and Figures

Province and Island.

Phuket has been the capital of Thailand since 1946.

1,521,000. Phuket is Thailand's largest island.

The standard time zone (UTC+7 hours).

Climate: Tropical monsoon climate. There is little change in temperature throughout the year, with an average high of 32°C, the season is from December to March, and the rest of the time it is wet season.



RECENT EVENTS:

September 2014 - January 2015: AIMS Students' Overseas Exchange Experiences

From September 2014 - January 2015, 10 students from PSU Phuket spent a semester overseas as part of the ASEAN International Mobility for Students Program (AIMS), and here are some of their personal testimonials:

MALAYSIA

University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Serdang, Malaysia

Ms. Onnicha Wongwaipanich:

“It was first time for me to go study abroad and this is one of the best chance in my life. I learnt so many things from Malaysia. Malaysia is the beautiful country with multi-cultural so, I have to adapted myself with their culture but it's not the difficult thing. I also made new friends, gained new experiences, and improve my English communication skill.”

Ms. Chutima Khongchangwat:

“It was amazing times of my life to live and study in Malaysia, UPM is the biggest university in Malaysia which is international program. I had so much fun and good times here, I love all peoples and all my friends here, I love their multi-culture here, I love to travel and shearing my life in Thailand with my classmates here. And finally I LOVE MALAYSIA. Thank you so much to give me a chance to know Malaysia.”

Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysia

Mr. Anawin Ulamai:

“Malaysia is amazing country which has diverse cultures and people. I learned and saw new things which I'd never met before. I made a lot of friends with local students and we have kept in touch until now. I really hope one day I will fly to meet them again.”

INDONESIA

Binus International University, Jakarta, Indonesia

Ms. Sriprapha Nguanson (Mook):

“Binus University provided me a good system of education, nice dormitory and good environment like Binus Square, nice help/service form International office staff and the class in Binus University taught by effective lecturer.”

Mr. Jate Thanongsakchaiyakul (Ice):

“Great place to live with very useful facilities and also very good lecturers who I can talk with them anytime when I have problems and they made me feel like we are not teacher and student but we are friend just different ages. Big thanks to International office who always give us information and make me feel like I'm not alone when I was there.”



Universitas Pendidikan, Bandung, Indonesia

Mr. Phuwanat Tonnon (Ronny):

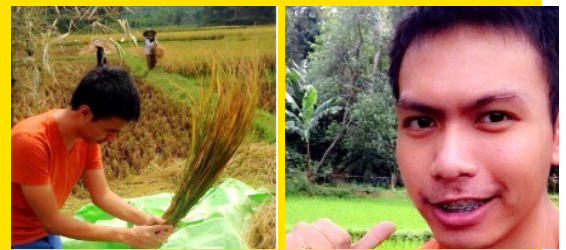
"I got an opportunity to study abroad in Bandung a small city in Indonesia. It was the best choice I had ever made. It opened my eyes to a new world and a place with a strong culture that made this place so wonderful and sacred."

Ms. Kruawan Janthai (Elle):

"I gained a lot of experiences and friendship. I learned new cultures, new language and new lifestyle. This program made me love being in foreign countries."

Ms. Kewalyn Prapansin (Eyre):

"It was a mentionable 4 months experience that I would never forget the great time there. It was my first time out of Thailand, I got to learn a lot of new stuff like new culture, new language, try new foods, learn to meet new people and make some new friends."



18 March: ICASP Lunch Party and Intro / Q & A

On Wednesday, 18 March, the International College of Arts and Science Phuket (ICASP) held a lunch party in order to introduce the new College and provide a chance for PSU members to ask questions and learn more about ICASP. Fresh Pad-Thai was served, with chips, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Many PSU staff members attended the get-together and got the chance to listen to Dr. Chantinee Boonchai (Deputy Director), Nuwan Thapthiang, Ph.D (Program Director), and Timothy Angus (International Relations Officer) introduce ICASP and its various objectives.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOLIDAYS:

1 April: International Day @ PSU Phuket Monday 6 April: Chakri Memorial Day

On Wednesday, 1 April, the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism will be hosting International Day. It will take place on the first floor of Building 7 from 12:30 - 16:30pm. Full-time students who attend can gain 3 activity hours. It promises to be a lively afternoon of cultural exchange with Europe, America, Asia and Australia represented, and free snacks!

Commemorates the establishment of the Chakri Dynasty and the founding of Bangkok by King Buddha Yodfa Chulaloke in 1782. The Chakri dynasty of Thailand was founded by Phra Buddha Yodfa Chulaloke or King Rama I, who came to the throne on April 6, 1782. During his reign of 28 years, he united the kingdom and established Bangkok as its capital. He died on September 7, 1809 at the age of 72.

Monday - Wednesday 13-15 April: Songkran Festival
Songkran is celebrated as Thai New Year. It is celebrated by the pouring of water, to symbolize the washing away of sins. Respect is shown to the elderly by pouring water over their hands. This was the traditional way, but you will see today that the festival has evolved into an all out water festival. You will see people with water guns, in pick up trucks with big tubs filled with water, splashing it on everyone in their sights. It is really great fun to join in with your Thai friends to celebrate this fun festival.



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