



IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

1 MARCH:

ASEAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK (AUN) PREPARATION MEETING

On 1 March 2016, PSU Phuket hosted a preparation meeting for the 8th AUN Rectors' Meeting and 32nd AUN Board of Trustees Meeting which will be held in Phuket from 1 - 3 August 2016. Attendees included Associate Professor Nantana Gajasen, PhD, the Executive Director of the ASEAN University Network as well as other AUN office delegates from Bangkok, together with the Assistants to the President for International Affairs in PSU Phuket and PSU Hat Yai, and other PSU administrative staff. IAC staff joined the AUN representatives the following day for hotel inspections around Phuket in preparation for the AUN Meeting in August.



6 MARCH:

THALANG ROAD "LARD YAI" STREET MARKET VISIT WITH PSU PHUKET LECTURERS AND STUDENTS



14 MARCH: PSU PRIDE CEREMONY

On behalf of PSU Phuket lecturers, administrators and students, IAC would like to congratulate three of PSU Phuket's international lecturers who received research awards at the PSU Pride Ceremony based on recent publications in international journals.



CONGRATULATIONS TO
(pictured from left to right)
Dr. Raymond James Ritchie
Faculty of Technology and Environment
Dr. Steven Martin
Faculty of International Studies
Dr. Ilian Assenov
Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism

AT THE IAC OFFICE YOU CAN NOW FIND A GIANT WORLD MAP INDICATING THE COUNTRIES WHERE ALL OF OUR INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS COME FROM, AS WELL AS THE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH OUR CAMPUS HAS ACADEMIC AGREEMENTS WITH.



IAC LAUNCHED ITS NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!
Check it out @ <http://www.iac.phuket.psu.ac.th/>



27 MARCH: PHUKET HALF-DAY SIGHTSEEING TRIP W/ IAC

On Sunday, 27 March 2016 (12.00 - 6.00 pm) IAC took 12 PSU Phuket members, including lecturers, students, and their family members from China, Korea, Thailand, Myanmar and Finland, on a half day trip around our island of Phuket. We traveled to Phuket Old Town where we had a traditional Phuketian lunch at Lok Tian Restaurant, then we went to Chalong Temple to learn more about Buddhist culture, and then to Ya Nui Beach, with crystal clear waters, and we ended the day at Phrom Thep Cape with amazing views. It was a very hot day, but luckily there was a good breeze to keep us cool. Thank you to all PSU Phuket members who joined the trip.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



ICPC 2016 World Finals - Phuket
acm International Collegiate Programming Contest
hosted by Prince of Songkla University



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MAY 15 - 20, 2016: ACM-ICPC WORLD FINALS (<https://icpc.baylor.edu/>)
Sponsored by IBM, Hosted by Prince of Songkla University, Phuket Campus, Thailand

Prince of Songkla University (PSU), in cooperation with the Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA) will host the global computer programming ACM-ICPC World Finals 2016 in Phuket between 15 - 20 May 2016, to develop the skills of IT professionals and inspire the young generations. There are expected to be around 1,500 participants from all over the world, including South America, North America, Europe, Middle East, Asia, etc. This is an international competition event involving higher education in computer programming. Attendees will be coming from leading universities around the world.

AIMS STUDENTS' OVERSEAS EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES

From August 2015 - January 2016, 8 Thai students from PSU Phuket spent a semester overseas as part of the ASEAN International Mobility for Students Program (AIMS). Here are some of the personal testimonials from the students who did their exchange at **BINUS UNIVERSITY, INDONESIA**.

Mr. Tassapon Kwaengsopa

“It was so much fun. I met a lot of new friends and also improved a lot about my English skill. I learned a new culture and in traveling part, it was so interesting to see the new place that you never been to before, met a lot of people, eat something different, even how beautiful that place is. By the way all an I-buddy from Indonesia, they were so nice since picked up us at the airport, helped us during the period until farewell dinner and say good bye us at the airport. I’m so proud of us because we had a chance to share about our culture to all of them, and actually they were really interested in our culture since food until language and of course about travel in Thailand as well. I like all of the things there and I would love to go back again if I have a chance. I could say I gained a lot of experience, friends, cultures, even up to relationship. I would say Thank you for an awesome this experience.”

Ms. Kenika Wichaidit

“Indonesian people are friendly, kind and helpful. I did a lot of activities with local students during staying in Jakarta. I also traveled to several parts of Indonesia to learn and see new cultures. Their cultures are various and unique. It was one of awesome memories of my life. If I could give one word to this experience, I would give “AMAZING” and really recommend you to join this program”

Ms. Atipa Chaichaum

“This Scholarship gives me more than knowledge. It gives me experiences that cannot be found anywhere else and it gives me “friends”. I have many new friends both Indonesian friends and exchange friends from other country such as Philippine, Japan, Malaysia, Korea, etc. Which these friends even when we are apart, we are always in touch with each other. It is a memory that will never be forgotten”

Ms. Runglavan Injan

“It was a great chance in my life, I gained a lot of new things, new knowledge, new friends from several country and local friends, and made me know more about new culture. I also get new experience that’s I had never had before from this scholarship while I was living there and travelling to many place in Indonesia. This country is so incredible people is so nice and has many things that different from our country such as food, culture, and people. Thank you for great opportunity and awesome experience”

Mr. Chirawat Chongsatitham

“I had a great opportunity to study aboard in Jakarta, Indonesia. It was a good time and experience for me, because the Indonesia people are so kind and friendly. Moreover, they will help you anytime when you have a problem. If you join in this program, I surely guarantee you will meet a lot of friends who comes from many different countries. In addition, I think it is good for many students who are seeking to study about their language and culture, because the local people can’t speak English and they will speak Bahasa language with you. It will make you can learn to speak Bahasa language in a short time “



IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

ROAD SAFETY: "BEWARE CAMPAIGN"

Students from the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism are currently running the "Beware Campaign" Project, to create awareness about road safety in Phuket. This is a very important campaign and is beneficial to all of us who drive cars or motorcycles on the Phuket roads. You may visit the International Affairs Centre (IAC) to pick up a Beware sticker to stick onto your motorcycle or car, as well as a brochure. Drive Safely!

(Announcement on behalf of FHT student
Warut Suwannasai, Head of the Beware Project)



HOLIDAYS IN APRIL

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL: CHAKRI MEMORIAL DAY

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.

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 13,14 AND 15 APRIL: SONGKRAN FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS

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, and in pick up trucks with big tubs filled with water, splashing water on everyone that passes. It is really great fun to join in with your Thai friends to celebrate this fantastic festival.



IMMIGRATION MATTERS

90 DAY REPORT ONLINE!

Must be done 8 - 15 days **BEFORE** the 90 day due date stamped in your passport.

On the IAC website (<http://www.iac.phuket.psu.ac.th/>) under "MEDIA" you can find a link titled "Online 90 Day Report Instructions" to guide you to doing the online 90 day report. You can also contact IAC for further information and if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND FULL TIME STUDENTS, DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR PASSPORT TO SEE WHEN YOU MUST DO YOUR 90 DAY REPORT EITHER ONLINE (8-15 DAYS BEFORE DUE DATE) OR AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN PHUKET TOWN.



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