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EVENTS:

26 July: Hospitality and Tourism Management International Program Welcome for New MBA Students at Thanyapura, Phuket.



28 July: Eid Al-Fitr Celebrations in Phuket marking the end of the Muslim's Holy Month of Ramadan

As the new moon was sighted on the night of Sunday, 27 July, this signaled the arrival of a new month on the Islamic lunar calendar, marking the end of the Muslim holy month of fasting known as Ramadan, practiced by many local Muslims here in Phuket. To mark this occasion, on 28 July, Eid-al Fitr "Feast of Breaking the Fast" was celebrated.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

28 July: French Ambassador visited PSU Phuket Campus

H.E. Mr. Thierry Viteau, the Ambassador of France, and French Delegates from the Embassy in Bangkok, Consulate in Phuket, and Phuket based French Magazine visited PSU Phuket for a couple of hours to learn about key developments at PSU Phuket since the French Consul visited in November 2013, and ofcourse about future collaborations. Associate Professor Dr. Sombat Khruathong (The Associate Dean of Planning and Development for FIS at PSU Phuket) gave an intriguing and impressive presentation entirely in French, which the Ambassador very much appreciated. The Ambassador stressed the point that there are 77 countries around the world that have French as one of their languages (including Canada, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Belgium, just to name a few). And it is important that PSU Phuket also looks to those countries to expand the scope of cooperation. PSU Phuket's Deans also stressed the interest in collaborating with French universities for Culinary Studies within the Hospitality and Tourism Faculty. The Ambassador was also very grateful that 4 French exchange students currently at PSU Phuket's Department of Computer Engineering were also at the meeting to welcome and chat with the Ambassador.



1 August: PSU Staff Sport Day

This was a very spectacular day full of colors, elaborate costumes, music, dance, cheerleading, and of course sports. Each staff member was part of a team, either blue, yellow, orange, or green. It was a truly fun filled day starting at 8:30am and finishing at around 7pm.



4 August: ISPP Orientation at Outrigger Laguna Phuket Beach Resort

The ISPP (International Study Program, Phuket), AIMS (ASEAN International Mobility for Students Program), and new full time Chinese students attended their first orientation day organized by their Faculty (Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism (FHT)) at the Outrigger Laguna Phuket Beach Resort.

The ISPP and AIMS students will be studying at PSU Phuket for one semester. There were around 70 international students made up of 10 different nationalities. The students all mingled and enjoyed getting to know each other. Welcome and introductory presentations were given, followed by an elaborate Thai buffet lunch at the resort, and team building activities on the beach in the afternoon. Another colorful and truly international event.



5 August: New International Staff and Students Orientation

This day was organized by IAC, offering new staff and new full time students at PSU Phuket an introduction to PSU, Phuket and Thailand, and a chance to get to know each other, as well as Thai local culture. The day started with a welcome speech by Dr. Tatiyaporn Jarumaneerat (Ajarn Oa), the Assistant to the President for International Affairs at PSU Phuket, (introducing PSU, Phuket and Thailand). This was followed by a presentation by an inspector from the Phuket Immigration Office about Visa and Work Permit information. Then a coffee and snack break, followed by Batik Painting, a local craft, where everyone was able to paint their own Batik cloth to take home. The day ended with a Thai lunch at Krua Nakarin Restaurant on campus.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 13 August: University Classes Begin

Let it be a great start of a new academic year.

Wednesday 27 August: Chinese students from Changzhou University arrive for the Thai Cultural Camp (27 August - 4 September)

10 students from China will arrive in Phuket on 27 August for a week long Chinese-Thai Cultural Camp. The students will be staying at PSU Phuket Campus's International Dormitories. The week long program includes various fun activities for the students including a Thai cooking class, Phuket sightseeing, batik painting, technology, environment and tourism seminars, a hotel visit, and Thai music and dramatic art training. This is a great opportunity for both Chinese and Thai students to learn more about each other's cultures.

HOLIDAYS:

AUGUST

Monday 11 August: Extra Holiday for PSU Students and Staff

Don't forget that Monday 11 August is an extra holiday, so you can enjoy another long 4 day weekend!

Tuesday 12 August: Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday

This is to revere the Royal Family and the celebration of the Queen's Birthday, the mother of all mothers. This is a national holiday set aside for Thais to celebrate and express their respect and love for her and for their own mothers. Give your mom a call back home and wish her a Happy Mother's Day, it will be a wonderful surprise.

IAC'S MONTHLY TIPS:

Thai Colors of the Week:

According to Thai traditions, each day of the week is assigned a different color, so you will see many Thai staff at PSU wearing certain colored shirts on different days of the week. For example, King Bhumibol Adulyadej was born on a Monday, so on the King's birthday you will see Yellow colored decorations all over Thailand, and every Monday many Thais wear a yellow shirt to honor the King. The following is a list of the colors assigned to each day of the week in Thailand:

Monday: Yellow

Tuesday: Pink

Wednesday: Green

Thursday: Orange

Friday: Light Blue

Saturday: Purple

Sunday: Red



IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS - DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR PASSPORT TO SEE WHEN YOU MUST GO FOR YOUR 90 DAY REPORT AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN PHUKET TOWN.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

<http://www.hostelworld.com/>

This website is great to help find yourself accommodation for your travels around Thailand, South East Asia, or anywhere in the world. It will really liven up your travel adventures, letting you choose from various hostels, bed and breakfasts, hotels, camp sites, etc. Staying in a hostel while traveling lets you meet so many interesting people and make many new friends.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Khao Phad Kai

(Thai Chicken Fried Rice) with Prik Naam Pla (Spicy Fish Sauce) on the side (2 servings)

Ingredients

Thai Chicken Fried Rice

- 2 table spoons of Thai fish sauce
- 2 spring onions
- 1 bunch of coriander
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 1 carrot
- 2 tomatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup of rice
- 1 lime
- 1 cucumber
- 1 chicken breast

Spicy Fish Sauce

- 2 table spoons of Thai fish sauce
- 1 lime
- 3 chilies
- 1 clove of garlic

Instructions:

Thai Chicken Fried Rice

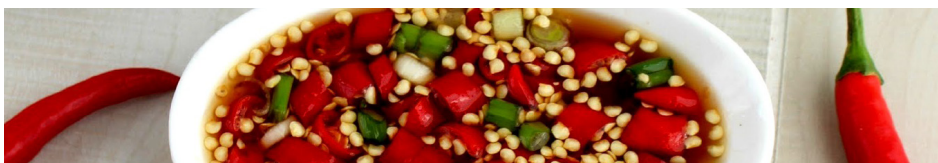
1. Cook the rice
2. Finely chop the garlic, spring onions, coriander, carrot, tomatoes and chicken breast
3. Heat up a wok/frying pan with a tablespoon of oil
4. Add the chopped garlic to the pan and stir until golden brown
5. Add the chopped chicken to the pan and stir fry until cooked
6. Add the carrots until they are slightly soft
7. Add the cooked rice and stir
8. Add the spring onions and tomatoes and stir
9. Then create a donut hole in the middle of the rice in the pan, and then crack the 2 eggs in the center of the hole and stir, creating scrambled eggs
10. Then stir the eggs with the rice
11. Add the Thai fish sauce
12. You can add some black pepper for extra flavor
13. Add the chopped coriander

14. Now chop up the lime and put it on the side (this is to squeeze on top of the rice on your plate)
15. Chop the cucumber and put it on the side of your plate
16. Done!

Spicy Fish Sauce

1. Chop the chilies and garlic
2. Cut the lime
3. Combine the fish sauce, chilies, garlic, and squeeze the lime on top
4. Done!

Enjoy! This recipe can be easily repeated wherever you are in the world.



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