



IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

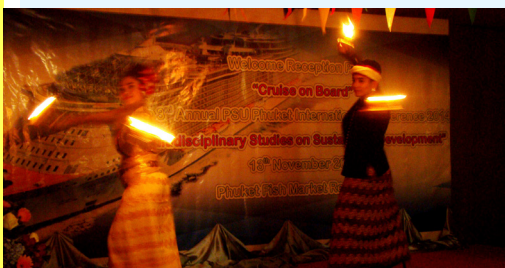


13 - 14 November: The 3rd Annual PSU Phuket International Conference

This year the conference was focused on “Multidisciplinary Studies on Sustainable Development” in research areas of Environmental Technology and Management, Computer Science and Engineering, Hospitality and Tourism and Social Sciences and Humanities. Scholars, researchers, and graduates from various educational institutions from around the world were at PSU Phuket for 2 days to present their research and exchange knowledge and experiences.



The Opening Ceremony began with Conference Remarks by Associate Professor Dr. Prathana Kannaovakul, Dean of the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism at PSU Phuket, and Welcoming / Opening Remarks by Associate Professor Dr. Perapong Tekasakul, Vice President for Research Systems and Graduate Studies at PSU Hat Yai campus. A beautiful traditional Thai performance preceded the presentation of the Best Paper Awards and the gifts for the Conference Hosts. PSU Phuket was honored to welcome Thailand’s most famous doctor of Forensic Science to the Opening Ceremony: Khunying Pornthip Rojanasunand, M.D. Director-General of the Central Institute of Forensic Science, Ministry of Justice, Thailand, who gave the Keynote Speech on “Forensic Science for Sustainable Development of Thai Society”. It was very intriguing, offering a multitude of insights into the procedures of forensic science. A diverse Thai buffet lunch was served for all Conference delegates and distinguished guests at Krua Nakarin Restaurant.



In the evening, the Welcome Reception took place at the Fish Market Restaurant in the Chalong Area of Phuket. The evening was filled with 3 spectacular traditional Thai performances and many great lucky draw activities with prizes offered by various faculties and departments of PSU Phuket. Associate Professor Dr. Perapong Tekasakul gave the warm welcoming remarks for the reception dinner. There was a delicious Thai Buffet with a wide variety of choices from soups, to rice dishes, curries, salads, BBQ, fruit, etc.



On Friday afternoon, IAC brought Conference Delegates on a sight-seeing excursion around Phuket, to charming Phuket Old Town, Wat Chalong Temple, Nai Harn Beach, and the magnificent Phrom Thep Cape.



14 November: PSU Phuket Campus Founding Day

This day marked PSU Phuket Campus Founding Day, Happy Birthday PSU Phuket! This year you are 37 year’s old (PSU Phuket Campus was founded in 1977). In the morning PSU Phuket staff marked this special occasion with a traditional Buddhist Ceremony. There was also a book placed in front of the King’s photograph at the main entrance to the President’s Office Building, for any members of the public to wish H.M King Bhumibol Adulyadej well. Anyone is welcome to write a note in the book.

14 - 23 November: 4th Asian Beach Games, Phuket, Thailand



UPCOMING EVENTS:

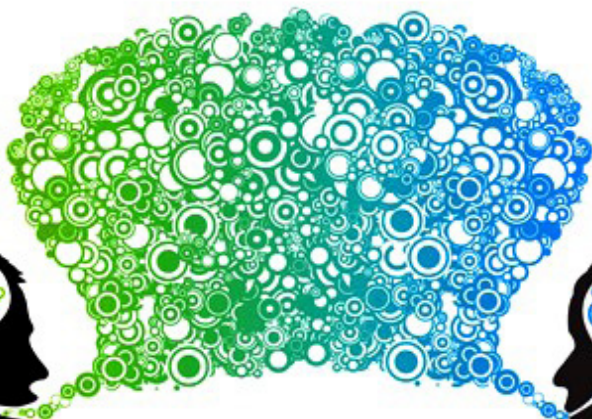
Wednesday 3 December 13:00 - 16:00 pm
in the Foyer of Building 3: AICAS English Fair

AICAS will be hosting an English Fair on Wednesday, and Timothy Angus (International AICAS staff member) says the following:

“The English fair is a fun filled day where you can practice your English pronunciation, your listening skills, and expand your understanding of the English speaking community. Learn about the vastly different cultures that all share the English language. Get a taste of America, the UK, Canada, New Zealand and Australia at the international stalls! Try the local food and drinks, meet real citizens from these countries, and listen to their experiences. Discover more about the English speaking community and win fabulous prizes by having a go at the English Raffle Tree. Answer questions about English speaking countries from various categories including Geography, Sports, History, Popular Culture and General Knowledge. What do you think you know? Improve your English speaking pronunciation by taking part in the Karaoke Competition and try singing your favorite English songs! Use your command of English to lead your friend to safety in the Blindfolded Obstacle Course. Will you lead your friend to safety or humiliation?”

We look forward to this fun filled fair.

English Communication



Thursday 4 December:
Last day of Classes at PSU Phuket

Monday 8 December: Final Exams Start

Best of luck to all students, you will be great!

Thursday 18 December:
IAC's Annual Christmas Party

Sunday 21 December: End of 1st Semester at PSU Phuket

Let the holidays begin.

Thursday 25 December:
Christmas Day



Merry Christmas Everyone!



NEW YEAR 2015

Monday 5 January: Beginning of International Student Orientation Week at PSU Phuket

Monday 12 January:
2nd Semester at PSU Phuket Begins

HOLIDAYS:

The holiday season is upon us, and there are many public holidays coming up this month as you can see:

Friday 5 December: H.M King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Birthday and National Father's Day

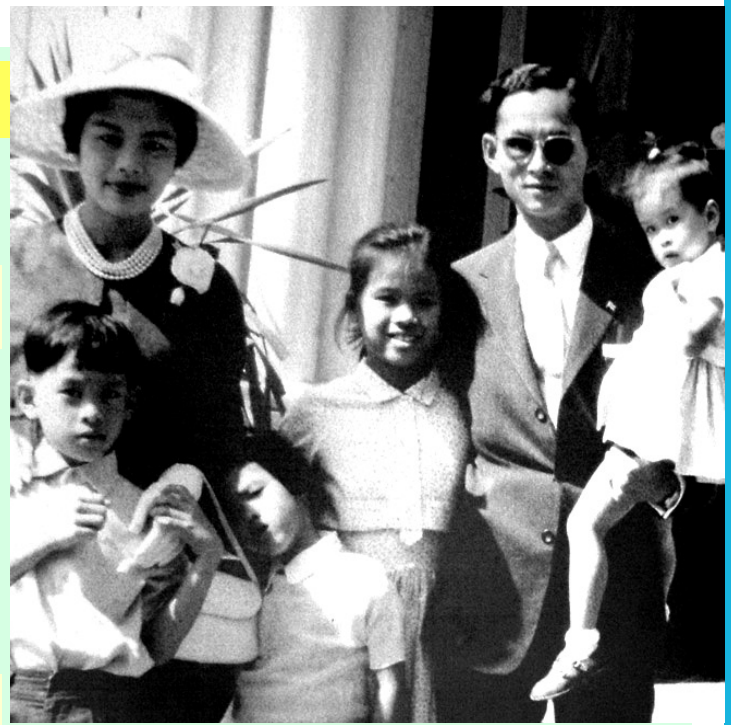
On this day, Thais will wear yellow as this is the color for Monday, the day the King was born. The King usually gives an annual speech on his birthday at Sanam Luang park in Bangkok, where thousands of Thais will gather and often stay until late for the national ceremony. Candles are lit in respect for the King, and ceremonies are held in villages throughout Thailand.

Wednesday 10 December: Constitution Day (Thai: วันรัฐธรรมนูญ Wan Rattha Thammanun)

Commemorates the declaration of the first permanent constitution in Thailand in 1932.

Wednesday 31 December: New Year's Eve

Thursday 1 January, 2015: New Year's Day



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015!

IAC'S MONTHLY TIPS

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

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