



# IAC International Newsletter

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## **INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:**

### ***10 November: Consulate of Indonesia in Songkla***

*Mr. Triyogo Jatmiko, the Consul/Head of Mission of The Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia in Songkla, Southern Thailand, visited PSU Phuket campus on 10 November 2015, for a meeting to discuss tourism cooperation between Thailand and Indonesia.*

### ***16 November: Delegates from UNISMA and STKIP PGRI, Indonesia***

On Monday, 16 November, 2015, a meeting was held with delegates from the Islamic University of Melang (UNISMA) and the College of Teacher Training and Education in Bangkalan (STKIP PGRI) and the heads of departments and faculties at PSU Phuket campus to discuss future collaborations. The Indonesian delegates were also here for PSU Open week and took part in various activities at PSU Phuket Campus.

### ***25 November: Delegates from Changzhou, China***

PSU Phuket had the pleasure of welcoming delegates from Changzhou, China, including the Deputy Director of the Changzhou Municipal Education Bureau and the Vice President of Changzhou University, amongst 4 others from the Changzhou Municipality, as well as an interpreter/translator from Chinese to English.

There were discussions on future collaborations and the already signed agreements between Changzhou University and PSU Phuket, as many Thai students are now studying for a few months each year at Changzhou University, China, and there are also many Chinese students studying at PSU Phuket as well.





## RECENT EVENTS:

### 15 November: Run 3.5km / 9km for Child Watch Phuket

A running event was organized at PSU Phuket campus to raise funds for local charity Child Watch Phuket. Around 1,000 people participated in the event, running either 3.5 or 9km, with the first 50 finishers receiving medals.



### 17 - 18 November: PSU Open Week

The Opening Ceremony of PSU Open Week took place on Tuesday, 17 November, 2015. Our campus was privileged to have Mr. Chuan Leekpai, the former Prime Minister of Thailand (20th Prime Minister, having served from 1992 - 1995 and 1997 - 2001) give the keynote speech on "The social and economic development of the ASEAN community with reference to the Two Peninsulas of the Andaman & Gulf of Thailand". VIP guests who also attended the ceremony include Former Democrat MP for Phuket Mrs. Anchalee Vanich Thepabutr, as well as the Mayor of Patong Municipality, and the Governor of Phuket. H.E Mr Lutfi Rauf, the Ambassador of Indonesia to Thailand was also present, amongst others.



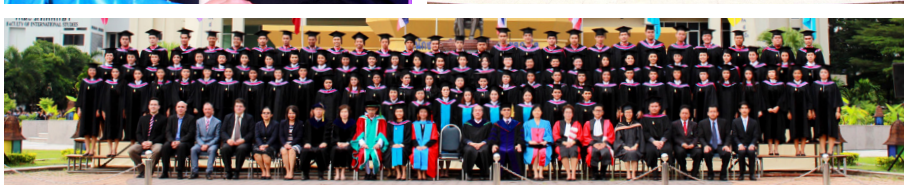
### 19 - 20 November: ACM Asia Contest

The ACM-ICPC 2015 Asia Phuket Regional Programming Contest took place at PSU Phuket Campus from 19 - 20 November 2015, organized by the Department of Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering. 67 teams in total participated, representing 28 institutions, 38 Thai teams and 29 foreign teams. Countries represented included Thailand, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam.



### 23 November: Graduation Photos

Congratulations to all PSU Phuket Graduates!





## UPCOMING EVENTS:

7 - 19 December: Final Exams

Best of luck to all students!

18 December: IAC Christmas Party

Come and join the fun on Friday 18 December as IAC will be hosting our annual Christmas Party from 14:30 - 16:30 pm, with lots of tasty snacks to enjoy and some special prizes.



## HOLIDAYS:

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

**Monday 7 December: Substitution for H.M King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Birthday (5 December) and National Father's Day**

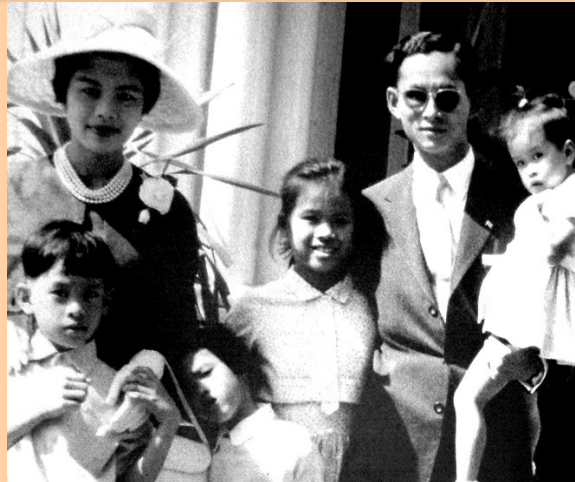
On this day, Thais will wear yellow as this is the color for Monday, the day the King was born. The King usually gives an annual speech on his birthday at Sanam Luang park in Bangkok, where thousands of Thais will gather and often stay until late for the national ceremony. Candles are lit in respect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

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

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

**Thursday 31 December: New Year's Eve**

**Friday 1 January, 2016: New Year's Day**



**IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND 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.**

*Happy New Year!*



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