



IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

18 December 2015:

IAC's Annual Christmas Party

There was a great turnout to IAC's Annual Christmas party last year. We also had many lucky winners for our game and lucky draws, as well as the best dressed male and female. Santa Claus also made a special appearance!



2 - 9 January: Orientation for New International Exchange Students

PSU Phuket welcomes all new international exchange students!



8 January: Ms. Marta Meszaros from Szechenyi Istvan University, Hungary

Ms. Marta Meszaros, the International Supervisor of the Central International Office at Szechenyi Istvan University in Hungary visited PSU Phuket campus to discuss collaboration and exchange opportunities for both Thai and Hungarian students through the ERASMUS + scholarship program.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

10 February: Safe Sex Campaign @ FHT

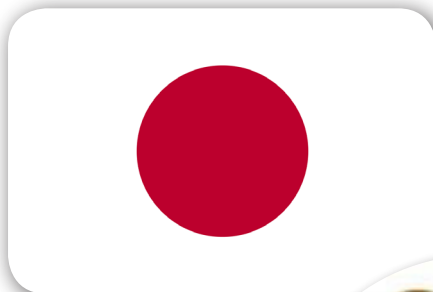
Students are invited to join the “Safe Sex Campaign” organized by Ajarn Colin Gallagher on Wednesday, 10 February 2016, from 13.00 - 16.00 at the Common Room at the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism.

Full time students will get 3 activity hours in the category of “Social Consciousness”.

Students will be asked to help make safe sex packs which will later be distributed in Patong to many of the bars and entertainment venues.

16 February: Orientation for Japanese Students from Bunkyo University

8 students from Bunkyo University, Japan, arrive and will be studying at PSU Phuket Campus from 15 February - 7 May for the yearly Short Course Program organized through a collaboration between PSU Phuket and Bunkyo University Japan.



HOLIDAYS:

22 February: Makha Bucha Day

This month there is a public holiday, and that is *Makha Bucha Day*. This day is a Buddhist holiday, marking the occasion of the third lunar month, to honor Buddha and his teachings. In Thai, the third lunar month is known as “Makha”, and “Bucha” means “to honor”.

It is said that on the day of the full moon of the third lunar month, four special events occurred:

1. There were 1,250 Sangha followers that came to see the Buddha that evening without any schedule.
2. All of them were “Arhantas”, “Enlightened Ones”, and all of them were ordained by the Buddha himself.
3. The Buddha gave those Arhantas the principles of Buddhism, called “The Ovadhapatimokha”. Those principles are: to cease from all evil, to do what is good, and to cleanse one’s mind.
4. It was full moon on that day.

(source: <http://www.dhammathai.org/>)



IAC'S MONTHLY TIPS:

Immigration FAQ:

Please visit the IAC Website's FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) Section. It is very useful as you can find many answers to your common questions regarding visas, work permits, re-entry permits, 90 day reports, etc.
<http://www.iac.phuket.psu.ac.th/>



Safety in Phuket:

Please ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HELMET when riding your motorcycle, we cannot stress this point enough. We know that there are many islanders who do not wear their helmets, but that doesn't mean that you should follow them. It is important to be rational and safe, as the roads in Phuket are hectic, and accidents happen on a daily basis. Please be safe!



USEFUL WEBSITES: <http://www.thephuketnews.com/>

The Phuket News is an English Language Newspaper reporting on daily happenings in Phuket. Their website is good to check out if you want to keep up to date and know what's happening on the island, news, developments, events, visitors, etc.

90 DAY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

This will be a lot more convenient for many fellow international PSU staff and students.

On the IAC website (<http://www.iac.phuket.psu.ac.th/>) under "Useful Information" you can find a link titled "PDF: Online 90 Day Report Instructions" to guide you to doing the online 90 day report.

You can also contact IAC at anytime for further information and if you have any questions.



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.

CHINESE NEW YEAR AND CHALONG TEMPLE FAIR

Chinese New Year is on the 8th of February. During the month of February every year, Chalong Temple, the most famous temple in Phuket, hosts a very fun and exciting fair to coincide with Chinese New Year. This year it will take place from **7 - 13 February (usually open from 5pm until late)**. There is a great deal of food for sale, as well as clothing, bags, jewelry, flowers, and ceramics. There are also entertainment areas with darts and shooting games, ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds and playground areas. Many people will also pay religious respect at the temple during this festival.



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