



# IAC International Newsletter

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## IAC UPDATES:

### IAC WEBSITE UPDATE

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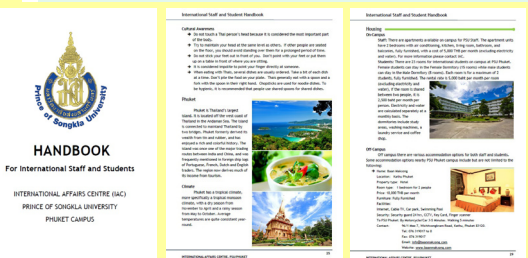
Website Updates Include:

1) Content Update



2) New Handbook for International Staff and Students available:

Please check it out as it contains a lot of useful information, tips, and guidance for your stay in Phuket and Thailand.



3) New Accommodation Information Available: For international staff and students who are interested in living off campus.

## INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

### 18 June: Indonesian Ambassador Visited PSU Phuket Campus

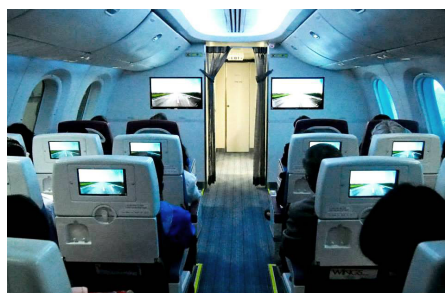
H.E. Lutfi Rauf, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Thailand, visited PSU Phuket campus on the 18th of June. During his visit he gave a very inspiring lecture to PSU staff and students about Indonesia and Thailand relations, as well as ASEAN. He spoke of the ASEAN dream and the "ASEAN way", its transformation over the years, and its exciting future, and especially the role of young people in sustaining ASEAN's progress and strengthening the friendships between ASEAN countries.



## EVENTS:

### 3 July: PSU Terminal Opening

PSU Terminal is a state of the art new facility at PSU Phuket to aid in training PSU students for becoming airline stewards and stewardesses.



### 4 July: ESSAND Opening

<http://www.essand.psu.ac.th/>

The Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Earth System Science and Andaman Natural Disaster Management (ESSAND) had its Grand



Opening, attended by the Governor of Phuket and many other guests from government agencies. ESSAND offers the Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Earth System Science, to develop knowledge and technology for understanding, predicting, and responding to global change with a focus on current problems in the Andaman region.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Friday 1 August: PSU Sport Day

Come join the fun on campus as PSU lecturers and administrative staff compete with their respective teams (Yellow, Blue, Orange, or Green) in various fun sporting activities.



### Wednesday 13 August: University Classes Begin

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



## IAC'S MONTHLY TIPS:

### Rainy Season is Upon Us

For your safety PLEASE:

- 1) Wear your helmet at ALL times and bring a Rain Jacket while riding your motorcycle.
- 2) Don't drive too fast, don't overtake in turns and be alert while driving your car or motorcycle.
- 3) Be careful for landslides.
- 4) Don't swim where there are RED flags on the beach.
- 5) Don't go out on a boat during rough seas and weather.
- 6) Be safe and use common sense.

## HOLIDAYS:

### JULY

### Friday 11 July: Asarnha Bucha Day

The day before full moon: Asarnha Bucha Day - This Buddhist holiday, also a public holiday throughout Thailand, commemorates the first sermon of the Buddha to his five disciples. Of the five, one asked to become a monk. This day is marked with candlelit processions. It deals with Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, the three Gems or Jewels of Buddhism.

### Saturday 12 July: Buddhist Lent Day (Holiday is Substituted on Monday 14 July)

Day after Asarnha Bucha Day: Buddhist Lent Day - Asarnha Bucha Day is a public holiday marking the beginning of the 3 month Buddhist rain retreat when traditionally monks stay in the forest during the duration of the rainy season. Monks living in town are not allowed to sleep outside their temple during this period. Devotees buy big candles to offer to the temples.

### AUGUST

### Tuesday 12 August: Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday

Thais 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.



**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.phuket101.net/>

This is a great website that offers information about all things Phuket - from Food, Beaches, Restaurants, Attractions, Wats, Activities, Events, Festivals, Nightlife, etc.



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