



IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

14 - 20 JUNE: 2016 ASEAN STUDENT AMBASSADORS CULTURAL CAMP

From 14 - 20 June, 2016, IAC, PSU Phuket hosted another ASEAN Student Ambassadors Cultural Camp. On 15 June 2016, we welcomed 16 ASEAN students from universities in Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines and Vietnam. During orientation, they were introduced to PSU Phuket, introduced themselves, met some of their teachers for the project, and also met some Thai students who joined them throughout the week of cultural activities. IAC also organized some fun team building activities.

The week involved Intercultural Communication Class with Ajarn Colin Gallagher, "Learning from your ASEAN Friends", where food, games, and music was shared from the various countries represented amongst the students, visits to local markets, training in traditional Thai music, environment and sustainable management at Phuket Aquarium, CSR activity setting up an ASEAN Library Corner at a local Thai school, sightseeing around Phuket, shopping, and finally the Farewell Party at Nai Yang Beach Resort. The farewell party was a lot of fun, with singing, dancing, and acting performances. Overall it was a great week of cultural exchange, and IAC would like to once again thank all of the ASEAN participants, Thai student participants, and all of the lecturers for joining in the program.



IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

ROAD SAFETY: "BEWARE CAMPAIGN"

Students from the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism are currently running the "Beware Campaign" Project, to create awareness about road safety in Phuket. This is a very important campaign and is beneficial to all of us who drive cars or motorcycles on the Phuket roads. You may visit the International Affairs Centre (IAC) to pick up a Beware sticker to stick onto your motorcycle or car, as well as a brochure. Drive Safely!

(Announcement on behalf of FHT student Warut Suwannasai, Head of the Beware Project)



HOLIDAYS IN JULY

MONDAY 18 JULY: EXTRA HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 19 JULY: ASARNHA BUCHA DAY

Also known as Dharma Day, this day celebrates the Buddha's first sermon where he shared the doctrine that he received following his enlightenment. This first sermon includes the teachings of the four noble truths: there is suffering, suffering is caused by craving, there is a state beyond suffering and craving; and finally, the way to nirvana is via the eightfold path. On this day Buddhists donate offerings to temples and listen to sermons.



WEDNESDAY 20 JULY: BUDDHIST LENT DAY

Buddhist Lent Day, or Wan Khao Phansa is the day that starts the period of three lunar months during the rainy season when monks are required to remain in one particular place or temple. The Buddha used to stay in temples during the rainy season to avoid killing insects or harming the growing seeds. During this time, monks will study, meditate and teach new monks. Buddhists will also make merit on this day, and they will specifically offer candles and garments to the monks.



IMMIGRATION MATTERS

90 DAY REPORT

Must be done 8 - 15 days **BEFORE** the 90 day due date stamped in your passport. Please note that the online system can often be 'down' so if that is the case you must go to Phuket Immigration Office and report your 90 days there (the process is much quicker now).

On the IAC website (<http://www.iac.phuket.psu.ac.th/>) under "MEDIA" you can find a link titled "Online 90 Day Report Instructions" to guide you to doing the online 90 day report. You can also contact IAC for further information and if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND FULL TIME 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.



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