



# IAC International Newsletter

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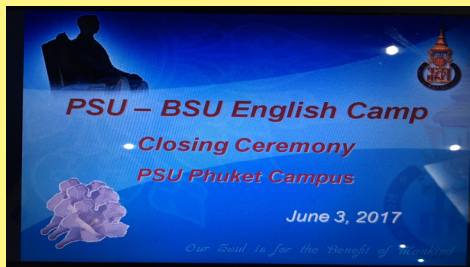
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## RECENT EVENTS:

### JUNE 3: PSU - BSU ENGLISH CAMP FAREWELL PARTY

On June 3rd, 2017 IAC in coordination with IAO Hatyai Campus organized the farewell party to our PSU students and the group of English Teachers from Ball State University (BSU), USA who were participating in the 2 weeks program camp. At the farewell party many PSU students shared their talents with everyone, including a few beautiful live performances of music and songs. In addition, the video presentations of their activities were shown and shared.



### JUNE 20: A VISIT FROM PROF. FUMIHIKO NAKAMURA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND VICE PRESIDENT FROM YOKAHAMA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (YNU)

On June 20th, 2017 Asst. Prof. Apichat Heednacram, Ph.D., Assistant President for Global Relations and other PSU Phuket representatives warmly welcomed Prof. Fumihiko Nakamura, Executive Director and Vice President from Yokohama National University (YNU). The purpose of the visit was to sign the MOU agreement between PSU and YNU (The MOU includes the collaboration for setting YNU International Branch Office at PSU Phuket. Having a branch of YNU here will give our staff and students more opportunities to get the information about YNU and Japan. The branch is now officially opened.)



### JUNE 23: HANKUK UNIVERSITY, KOREA VISIT PSU, PHUKET

On June 23th, 2017 Assoc. Prof. Worawut Wisutmethangoon, Ph.D., Vice President for Phuket Campus and other PSU Phuket representatives warmly welcomed the Minister Counsellor delegates from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFs), Korea to discuss on the possibility about academics collaborations with the Faculty of International Studies.





## JUNE 26: MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS VISIT PSU, PHUKET

On June 26th, 2017 Assoc. Prof. Worawut Wisutmethangoon, Ph.D., Vice President for Phuket Campus and other PSU Phuket representatives warmly welcomed the delegation from “Student Association from School of Business and Economics (SCOPE), Maastricht University, the Netherlands as well as PSU Phuket student representatives to discuss and present their university and general information of a country.



## JUNE 28: HAPPY UNIVERSITY, HAPPY BODY

Responding to the Thai government’s *Workout Wednesday*, PSU Phuket has run its *Happy University Project* since April 26th by organizing an exercise session from 03.30 to 04.00 pm. every Wednesday. Around 20 Thai staff joined the Workout Wednesday on June 28th and some won little prizes from the drawing. Please be reminded that this activity is weekly held on Wednesday on the 1st floor of the President’s Office Building, (Bldg.7).



## JUNE 28: PSU MOVIE’S DAY

On June 28th, 2017 IAC organized a fourth Movie’s Day. Around 30 staff and students including Thai and International enjoyed “*Kong: Skull Island*”. Not only did they learn something new, but they also won little prizes to take home. Please remember there will be one greater movie to enjoy in the upcoming month. Be on the lookout for our next movie ad.



## June 29: EMAIL WRITING FOR COMMUNICATION TRAINING

On June 29th, 2017 IAC organized the first class of group 2 for “*Email Writing for Communication*” under “*Staff Development Project*” which was trained by Ajarn Ongprang Sangsurin, a lecturer from the Faculty of International Studies. Around 20 Thai staff enjoyed their first class “*HOW TO WRITE AN EMAIL IN ENGLISH*” from 13.30 to 15.00 pm at Room 6219. This training will be taught every Thursday between June and July. Please be reminded that there will be three more classes to learn and enjoy.





## IMPORTANT Notice and Information

ALWAYS Obey Traffic Regulations

1. Wear a helmet at all time
2. Never drive/ride drunk
3. Never use your mobile phone while driving/riding
4. Never exceed speed limits
5. Only park at designated areas

**\*\*Smoking is strictly prohibited on university premises**

**If violated, a fine of maximum 2,000 baht will be levied.**



## HOLIDAYS in July

Source: <https://kullibrary.wordpress.com/holidays2017/>

### SATURDAY, JULY 8: 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.

### SUNDAY, JULY 9: BUDDHIST LENT DAY

### MONDAY, JULY 10: SUBSTITUTION FOR ASANHA BUCHA DAY

This public holiday is to commemorate the beginning of the rice growing season. The ceremony is of Hindu origin. In the ceremony, two sacred oxen plough a groove in ceremonial ground while Hindu priests (Brahmins) sow rice seeds. The oxen are then offered plates of food, including rice, corn, green beans, sesame, fresh-cut grass, water and rice whisky. Depending on what the oxen eat, court astrologers and Brahmins make a prediction on whether the coming growing season will be plentiful or not. The ceremony is held to guarantee a good harvest.



## IMMIGRATION MATTERS

### 90 DAY REPORT ONLINE!

Must be done 8 - 15 days **BEFORE** the 90 day due date stamped in your passport.

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

**IMPORTANT: FULL-TIME INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER 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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