



IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

26 APRIL: EMBASSY OF GERMANY IN BANGKOK VISIT

On Tuesday, 26 April, 2016 Mr. Jan Blezinger, Counselor for Press and Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, in Bangkok, visited PSU Phuket Campus for a meeting with PSU Phuket administrative and faculty/department representatives to discuss future collaborations between PSU Phuket and Germany. He was accompanied by Dr. Hans-Dieter Draxler, Deputy Director, Goeth-Institute Thailand and Dr. Georg Verweyen, Director of DAAD Information Center.



4 MAY: BUNKYO STUDENTS FAREWELL PARTY

On 4 May, we were very sad to say goodbye to our Bunkyo University students from Japan who were studying at PSU Phuket for a short 3 month course. At the farewell party many of the Bunkyo students shared their talents with everyone, including a few beautiful live performances of music and songs.



10 MAY: MR. LUCAS NEO, EARTH OBSERVATORY OF SINGAPORE, NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY VISIT

On 10 May 2016, Mr. Lucas Neo, Project Manager at the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, and Ms. Kotnara Winter, Project Executive (Phuket based), for EOS and R3ADY Asia Pacific, visited PSU Phuket campus to meet with administrative heads to present their research on “Enhancing Phuket’s Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate Change” and to discuss collaborations with ESSAND. The presentation by Mr. Lucas Neo was very informative, as the topic is an important issue to focus on in Phuket today, as we are experiencing increasing climate change, seismic activity and extreme weather events. The presentation illustrated research about what possible disasters can look like in Phuket, and how we can create safer societies and prevent significant impacts from natural hazards in the future. It is important for all of us that more research is done in this area in order to prepare Phuket residents and tourists for possible future natural disasters.



13 MAY: RMIT UNIVERSITY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, RESEARCH WORKSHOP AND MEETING

On 13 May 2016, Prof. Denise Cuthbert, the Dean of the School of Graduate Research and Mr. Joseph Tuyen Duy Dao, Regional Manager - North Asia, Thailand & Vietnam, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, visited PSU Phuket campus to conduct a research workshop in the morning and meet with faculty representatives in the afternoon to discuss joint PhD and research opportunities between RMIT and PSU Phuket.



ICPC 2016 World Finals - Phuket
acm International Collegiate Programming Contest
hosted by Prince of Songkla University



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MAY 15 - 20, 2016: ACM-ICPC WORLD FINALS (<https://icpc.baylor.edu/>)
Sponsored by IBM, Hosted by Prince of Songkla University, Phuket Campus, Thailand

Prince of Songkla University (PSU), in cooperation with the Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA), and Baylor University, Texas, hosted the global computer programming ACM-ICPC World Finals 2016 in Phuket from 15 - 20 May 2016. 1,500 participants from all over the world (128 teams of students and coaches from 40 universities), from South America, North America, Europe, Middle East, Asia, etc, were in Phuket for the competition. Contestants stayed at Le Meridien, Patong, and Movenpick, Karon Beach. The contestants enjoyed the opening ceremony and show at Phuket Fantasea, and a thrilling competition. PSU Phuket would like to congratulate St. Petersburg State University of Russia for winning the Gold Medal at the competition this year.



20 MAY: MR. PATRICK LEES, UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER, LONDON, UK

On Friday, 20 May, 2016, Mr. Patrick Lees, the Director of International Collaborations, Faculty of Science and Technology, at the University of Westminster, London, UK, visited PSU Phuket campus. His visit was for the purpose of mainly discussing collaboration opportunities with PSU Hat Yai Campus, in terms of student mobility for 3+1 programs for a Bachelor of Science and Masters in the fields of ICT, Digital Media and Computer Engineering. Assistant Professor Pattara Aiyarak, Ph.D., the Vice President for Global Relations and Informatics of PSU Hat Yai Campus, lead the meeting.

25 MAY: ASEAN AMBASSADORS SELECTED FOR CULTURAL CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

16 students from various ASEAN countries have been granted scholarships by PSU Phuket (hosted by IAC), to participate in the 2016 Student Ambassadors for ASEAN Cultural Camp to take place from 14 - 20 June 2016. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the students from universities in the Philippines, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Malaysia.



AIMS STUDENTS' OVERSEAS EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES

From August 2015 - January 2016, 5 Thai students from PSU Phuket spent a semester overseas as part of the ASEAN International Mobility for Students Program (AIMS) at Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI). Here are some of their testimonials.

Ms. Sujintara Krabuansri

"I got this great opportunity and it has changed my life in the way of thinking. People are almost the same as Thai but different. The way of living there are following by religion and that is fascination of this country. During in scholarship time, I visited many places in Indonesia and got third language and new lovely friends in Bandung. They are lovely, friendly and helpful. Indonesian is beautiful and peaceful country, I recommend you to try and you will love it."

Ms. Tawisa Wilailak

"It was an amazing time that I had a great opportunity to join in this program. Indonesia is a wonderful country. Indonesian are very friendly and kindness. I also met a lot of new friends. Some of them came from Malaysia, Korea, Japan and Germany. During that time I am very happy and I gained a lot of new experiences and cultures. I did many activities with my Indonesian friends and went out together too many places such as Bali, Lombok, Yogyakarta and etc. This program is very impressed and excited. If you seek for study abroad, I do recommended for everyone who interested in this program."

Ms. Pimrapas Kantakanit

"Being an exchange student in UPI was amazing! I learnt not only the university subjects but also life experiences that I had never known before. Indonesian friends are incredible! They helped and taught me Bahasa Indonesia. We traveled together, it was a good time ever in my life. Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia is recommended for those who want to study abroad and expend the experience."



STUDENTS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN AIMS FROM AUGUST 2016 - JANUARY 2017

The following PSU Phuket students have been accepted to join the AIMS program from August 2016 - January 2017. We trust that they will have a truly unforgettable experience. Congratulations to you all!

BINUS UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITAS PENDIDIKAN INDONESIA (UPI)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

14 - 20 JUNE: ASEAN AMBASSADORS SUMMER SCHOOL CULTURAL CAMP 2016

For 1 week in June, IAC and PSU faculty representatives have selected 16 students (out of 33 applicants), to receive the ASEAN Ambassadors summer school scholarship. Through this scholarship, 16 students will travel to PSU Phuket for 1 week in June for a cultural camp, working together with Thai students from PSU Phuket, sharing each others culture, and learning about Thai culture while exploring Phuket. The 16 students selected come from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines and Vietnam. This is a yearly project hosted by IAC, and this year we are very lucky to have a diverse group of students from a mixture of ASEAN countries, it will be a great learning experience.

BELOW ARE SOME PICTURES FROM LAST YEAR'S ASEAN AMBASSADORS CULTURAL CAMP (2015)



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 "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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